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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution designating the Born-Lindstrom House as a City Landmark and placing said
property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places – July 28, 2015
DATE: July 7, 2015

SUMMARY:

This memorandum provides background information on a request for council resolution to place the following property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places:

- Born-Lindstrom House (224 N Yakima Avenue)

On May 27, 2015, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to recommend inclusion of the above properties on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, based upon written and oral comments received and the eligibility criteria listed in Tacoma Municipal Code 13.07.040.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.

By designating this property as a City Landmark, the City is promoting the preservation of our civic identity and encouraging sustainable development through the reuse of existing structures.

BACKGROUND:

The Born-Lindstrom House was nominated by its owner. Designed by Tacoma architect Rollin Roath and originally constructed in 1889, the Born-Lindstrom House is significant for its association with the Ricksecker and Lindstrom families, as an example of a modified Queen Anne style home, and as a contributing structure within the Stadium Seminary National Register Historic District. Eugene Ricksecker was an engineer known for his work to reclaim the Tacoma tideflats as well as construction of the road to Paradise Valley at Mount Rainier. Emil Lindstrom, an immigrant from Sweden, was influential in Tacoma's timber and milling business.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission considered this nomination at its meeting of March 25, 2015, and held a Public Hearing on May 27.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the building is not added to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, future changes to the structure that negatively alter architectural character, including demolition, could take place without the discretionary review of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, provided that all land use and building code requirements were met.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff concurs with the recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate the above property as a City Landmark, which will help to preserve this important structure for future generations.