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ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB26-0056
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Community Planning and Housing

ABILL

For an ordinance designating 1555 North Grant Street as a structure for preservation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-4, Denver Revised Municipal Code, the Landmark Preservation Commission has transmitted to the Council a proposed designation of a structure for preservation; and

WHEREAS, based upon evidence received by the Landmark Preservation Commission at a hearing on January 6, 2026, the staff report, and evidence received at the hearing before City Council on February 9, 2026, the structures at 1555 North Grant Street meets the criteria for designation as a structure for preservation as set out in Section 30-3, Denver Revised Municipal Code, as amended, by maintaining its integrity, being more than 30 years old, and meeting the criteria in the following four categories from Section 30-3(3):

b. Having direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;

The two event halls, one constructed in 1928 (the “1928 Event Hall”) and one constructed in 1963 (the “1963 Event Hall”) (together, the “Event Halls”), at 1555 North Grant Street are associated with Knights of Columbus District 539, which served both Denver’s Catholic community as well as the greater community at-large. The location one block from the State Capitol and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, as well as proximity to downtown, provided a central location for use by the Catholic community, community groups, and general members of the public. To accommodate the mid-20th Century growth in membership and the community’s changing needs, the Knights of Columbus reconfigured the property in the early 1960s adding the second event hall and creating an onsite parking lot.

c. Embodying distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;

The 1963 Event Hall embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of the Mid-century Modern architectural style. This is seen in the building’s clean, simple lines, flat roof, lack of ornamentation, mixing of concrete and brick, vertical bands of windows, and exploitation of modern technology.

d. Being a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder;

The 1963 Event Hall is a significant example of the work of recognized architect John F. Milan, due to its inventive incorporation of its structural form (prestressed double tee concrete) as a

1 design element. The 1963 Event Hall is likely Denver’s earliest example of the use of prestressed
2 slabs in this way and, as such, is a unique example of Milan’s work.

3 *e. Containing elements of architectural design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship,*
4 *or artistic merit which represent a significant innovation or technical achievement;*

5 John F. Milan designed the 1963 Event Hall with prestressed concrete double tee framing members,
6 a new concrete structural form developed by engineers for Prestressed Concrete of Colorado, Inc.,
7 a firm, owned and operated by the Perlmutter Family. It is an example of the building industry looking
8 to develop new materials after World War II due to the ongoing shortage of traditional building
9 materials . While ubiquitous today, at this time, the use of prestressed concrete double tee framing
10 members was a unique and innovative design approach.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
12 **DENVER:**

13 **Section 1.** That based upon the analysis referenced above, and the evidence received at the
14 public hearings, certain property at 1555 North Grant Street, and legally described as follows, together
15 with all improvements situated and located thereon, be and the same is hereby designated as a
16 structure for preservation:

17 Lots 31 through 40, Block 37,
18 H.C. Brown’s Addition to Denver, Colorado,
19 City and County of Denver,
20 State of Colorado.

21 **Section 2.** The period of significance for the property at 1555 North Grant Street, legally
22 described above, is 1928 to 1982.

23 **Section 3.** The Event Halls situated and located on 1555 North Grant Street, legally
24 described above, are contributing structures; all other structures and features on 1555 North Grant
25 Street, legally described above, are noncontributing.

26 **Section 4.** The effect of this designation may enhance the value of the property and of the
27 structure, but may delay or require denial of building permits found unacceptable by the Landmark
28 Preservation Commission under the criteria contained in the Design Guidelines for Historic Structures
29 and Districts and Section 30-6 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

30 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall be recorded among the records of the Clerk and Recorder of
31 the City and County of Denver.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 20, 2026

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: January 27, 2026

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: 2/9/2026

4 Signed by: Amanda P. Sandoval - PRESIDENT
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5 APPROVED: Michael Johnston - MAYOR 2/11/2026
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6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____; _____

10 PREPARED BY: Adam C. Hernandez, Assistant City Attorney DATE: January 29, 2026

11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
14 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

16 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: 1/28/2026 | 3:58 PM MST
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