# STAFF REPORT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DATES: January 4, 2023 COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**REQUEST** Recommendation for Designation as a Historic and

**Cultural Landmark** 

APPLICANT/AGENT Elouise Burrell

**LOCATION** 4601-4607 Horne St

ZONING/ USE (S)

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Individual

**REQUEST** 

The owner requests a recommendation to City Council to consider designating the property located at 4601-4607 Horne Street as a Historic & Cultural Landmark (HC).

#### APPLICABLE CITY OF FORT WORTH ZONING ORINANCE PROVISIONS

# 4.401 Historic Preservation Overlay Districts

- (c) Identification and Designation of Cultural Resources
  - 3. Eligibility for Designation
    - a. Eligibility for HC and HC District Designations.
      - i. <u>Individual Property</u>. An individual property may be designation as HC if it meets the following qualifications:
        - 1. Two or more of the criteria for significance; and
        - 2. The necessary criteria for assessing integrity.

### Criteria for Historic Significance

- 1. Is distinctive in character, interest or value, and exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of the City of Fort Worth, State of Texas or the United States.
- 4. Has been identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City of Fort Worth, State of Texas, or the United States.

#### **EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Constructed circa 1965, the structure at 4601-4607 Horne St is significant for its association with the development of the historic African American community of Lake Como in southwest Fort Worth after World War II (<u>Criterion 1</u>); and for its association with the Burrell family of Fort Worth, a self-made business family and leaders in the Lake Como Community (<u>Criterion 4</u>).

In regards to <u>Criterion 1</u>, the property at 4601 Horne St, known as a Chamberlain Plaza Business Mall of 4 office suites – 4601, 4603, 4605, 4607 Horne, is significant for its association with development southwest Fort Worth after World War II in the Lake Como Community. The property is still in its original location from when it was constructed circa 1965. This places it within the area of earliest development of an African American community around the lake in the early decades of the twentieth century with Minimal-Traditional-style residences and businesses constructed after World War II, particularly to the south and west of Lake Como.

Originally, Como was located outside the boundaries and jurisdiction of the City of Fort Worth (the city limits stopped approximately six blocks to the north on Helmick Avenue); the city's annexation of the suburb occurred in 1922, rendering this area an important historical African American neighborhood of the City. This neighborhood is marked by historic & cultural landmarks, such as the Lake Como Cemetery, established in 1925 and designated as historical and cultural landmark in 2019 by the Texas Historical Commission. Significance of Chamberlain Plaza is also distinctive in interest, representing a major complex of Como Resident Black Small Business entrepreneurs, providing services within 1-mile square neighborhood.

In regards to <u>Criterion 4</u>, the property at 4601 Horne St is significant for its association with the Burrell family of Fort Worth (Roosevelt Burrell Jr and Pearlie Beatrice Gardner Burrell), who contributed to local business over several generations. The property is also known as the Burrell Building. In 1967, Roosevelt Burrell Jr established his own family owned and operated (Father, Son and Daughter) residential and commercial building construction company: Roosevelt Burrell, Jr. & Son Construction Company Inc. (RBJ&Son), building homes for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to statewide highway construction projects and based right out of Como on Horne Street where he built Chamberlain Plaza.

The foundation of their entrepreneurial venture was based on the building where Pearlie established her own salon House of Beauty in commercial lots they had purchased in Chamberlain Heights Addition at 4601 – 4607 Horne street. In addition, Roosevelt conducted his business at the same location. The Burrell family significantly contributed to the culture (health, beauty and hair and nails of the women of the Como community and regional African American females) and development (developing residential and commercial housing, road and bridges highway construction throughout the North Texas Region) of the City of Fort Worth.

Also, the Chamberlain Plaza Business Mall was one of the first contemporary business-buildings in Como that provided a shopping center variety space for Beauty and Barber shop. Elements of Chamberlain Plaza and its owners and builders exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of the Lake Como Community and the City of Fort Worth.

#### **EVALUATION OF INTEGRITY**

Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance. The designation of a property must not only be shown to have significance under Zoning Ordinance, but it also must have integrity. Within the concept of integrity for example, the National Park Service criteria recognizes seven aspects that define integrity.

### **Seven Aspects of Integrity**

- 1. Location.
- 2. Design.
- 3. Setting.
- 4. Materials.
- 5. Workmanship
- 6. Feeling.
- 7. Association.

In relation to the Seven Aspects of Integrity:

- 1. The structure is still in its original **location** from when it was constructed circa 1965.
- 2. The **design** of the structure is still intact and identifiable.
- 3. The property's original **setting** is somewhat extant.
- 4. The property's original materials are not extant due to several changes. The original windows and doors appear to be modified/replaced; it also appears that bars were added to the windows. The original cement block siding was painted, additional signage was also added to the façade along the roofline, which adversely affects the overall integrity of the structure. It appears that accessibility ramps were added to the front entrances as well.
- 5. The property still displays the physical evidence of **workmanship** from the 1960s, commercial block with solid row of block in the façade and one large window and front door per store. The decorative diamond decoration in the masonry is also extant.
- 6. The property somewhat retains its **feeling** as a vernacular Minimal-Traditional-style building form for commercial buildings constructed after World War II. False parapet front enhances the upper wall with this vernacular storefront type which typically features a large, plate glass display window on either side of a deeply recessed entryway.
- 7. The property still somewhat retains its **association** with the Burrell family and Lake Como area.

#### FINDINGS / RECOMMENDATIONS

# **Eligibility for Designation**

The structure meets the following City of Fort Worth criteria for historic designation:

- Criterion 1: Is distinctive in character, interest or value, and exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of the City of Fort Worth, State of Texas or the United States.
- Criterion 4: Has been identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City of Fort Worth, State of Texas or the United States.

#### Integrity

Based on the evidence still extant at the property, the property at 4601-4607 Horne St sufficiently retains six aspects of integrity (location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association).

#### Summary

Staff have found evidence that the property meets 2 of the 8 Criteria for Designation. The property also retains its original integrity and the identity for which it is significant. This is consistent with the requirements of the ordinance for Historic & Cultural Landmark properties.

Therefore, staff recommends the following motion:

That the HCLC recommend that City Council consider designating the property at 4601 Horne St as a Historic & Cultural Landmark (HC) and that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties be used when evaluating anyproposed future change to the property.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS



Fig. 1 – Location of 4601-4607 Horne St in southwest Fort Worth.

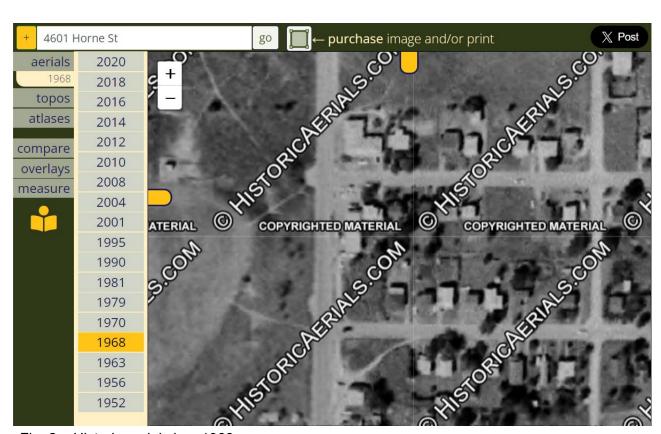


Fig. 2 – Historic aerial circa 1968



Fig. 3 – Showing primary structure. The original windows and doors appear to be modified/replaced; it also appears that bars were added to the windows. The original brick siding was painted, additional signage was also added to the façade along the roofline

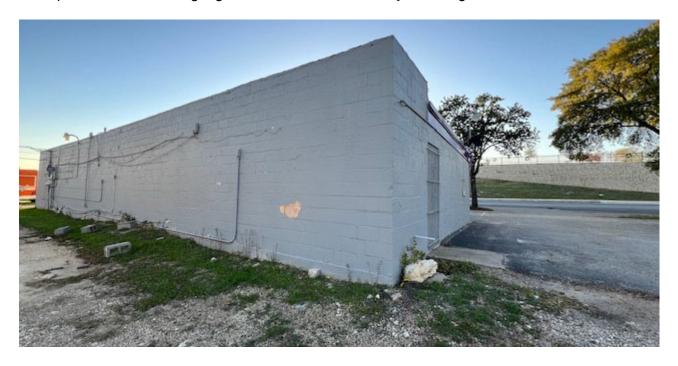


Fig. 4 – Street view of subject property showing the east elevation (rear). Note the windows at the rear are not original windows.



Fig. 5 – Street view of the structures north elevation (side).



Fig. 6 – Street view of subject property showing the south elevation (side).



Fig. 7 – Aerial view of the property (2008).

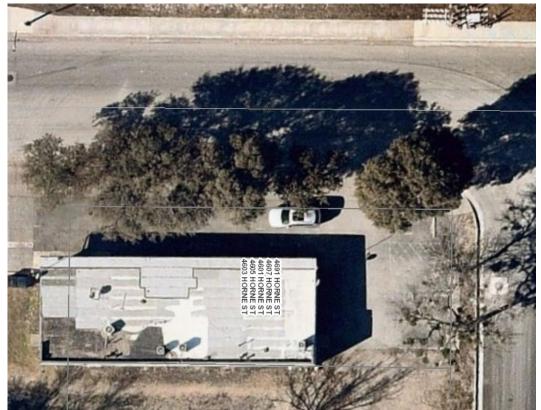


Fig. 8 – Aerial view of the property (2023).



Fig. 9 – Historic photographs of the property.



Fig. 10 - Multicultural Fitness in 4601-4707 Parking Lot.

A list of a few of the businesses operated mostly by entrepreneurs who were residents or grew up in the Como neighborhood and benefited from the opportunity provided by the Chamberlain Plaza - Horne building between 1970 through 2023

- 1-Nutra Soul Nail Salon Young African American Nail, Cuticle and Beauty Services;
- 2-City of Fort Worth Police Department-Community Policing Command Center Beginning of Citizens on Patrol;
- 3-Legacy Cuts Barbershop African American Mother and Sons Barber Team;
- 4-Lake Como House of Fades New Barbers Team with Young Men's Styles;
- 5-Various other barber shops;
- 6-Small Music Recording Studio;
- 7-Thrift Shop Single African American Family vending new and used fashion;
- 8-Uplifting the Son Baptist Church Family Led Small Community Congregation;
- 9-Cox Lawn Mower Shop -Historic Como Lawn Service;
- 10-House of Beauty Salon Hair and Makeup Services for young and old African Americans;
- 11-Terrance Reed Insurance Income Tax Preparation and Family Insurance;
- 12-(Pearlie) Burrell and (Mary) Williams Hair Salon African American Sisters Cosmetologist;
- 13-Roosevelt Burrell Jr. & Son Construction African American Family Business built many of Como's HUB homes;
- 14-Luna Styx Botanical & Body Works Alternative Healing and Massage;
- 15-B.O.Y.S. Outreach Training Program Training for young boys 3-5 years;
- 16-T-Mobile Boost Cellular Orlando Quezare African American Young Male;
- 17-360 Fit & Nutrition Club Hispanic Women's Zumba and Herbal Life Health Firm.
- 18-Cowtown Traffic Control African American Highway Road Signs and Traffic Equipment

Fig. 11 – List of businesses operated at Chamberlain Plaza 1970-2023 provided by the applicant



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Fig. 12 – Stationary of Roosevelt Burrell Jr & Sons Construction Firm Operating at 4603-4607 Horne.



May 16, 2001

Roosevelt Burrell 5537 Helmick Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76107

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Police Lease at 4603 Horne Street

Dear Mr. Burrell:

This letter will serve as notice of the City of Fort Worth's intent to exercise the second option to renew the lease for the Police Department at 4603 Horne Street for one year, commencing August 1, 2001.

Please return the signed copy of this correspondence to Kathy Hinz at the address listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact either Kathy Hinz at 817-877-8311 or Gene Rollins at 817-871-8386.

Sincerely,

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Senior Administrative Services Manager

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cc: Gene Rollins, Land Agent

By signing below I acknowledge the receipt of this document and acceptance of the content on behalf of Roosevelt Burrell.

RALPH MENDOZA, CHIEF OF POLICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY OF FORT WORTH \* 350 W. BELKNAP STREET \* FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-2004 (817) 877-8385 \* FAX (817) 877-8270

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Fig. 13 – City of Fort Worth Chief of Police Letter to Renew Sub Station Rental of 4603 Horne.

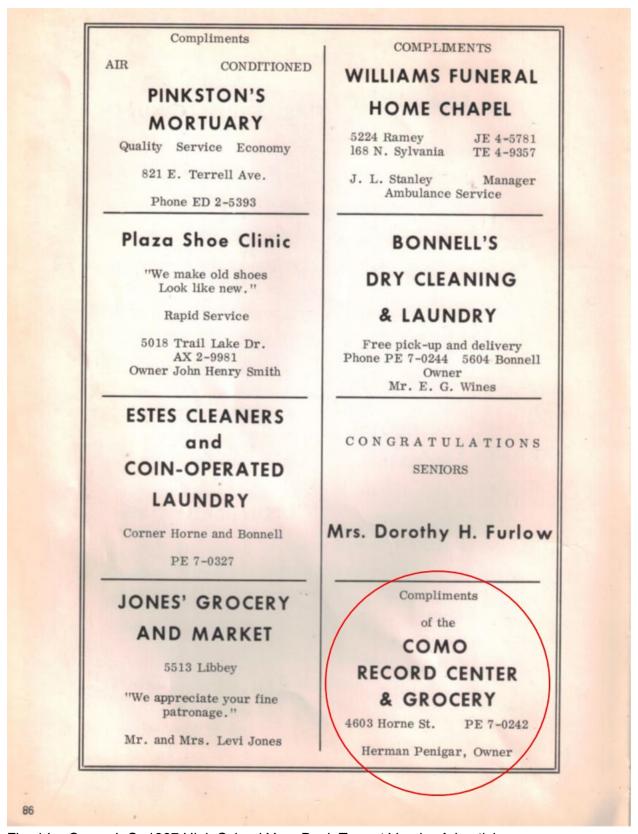


Fig. 14 - Como Jr Sr 1967 High School Year Book Tenant Vendor Advertising.

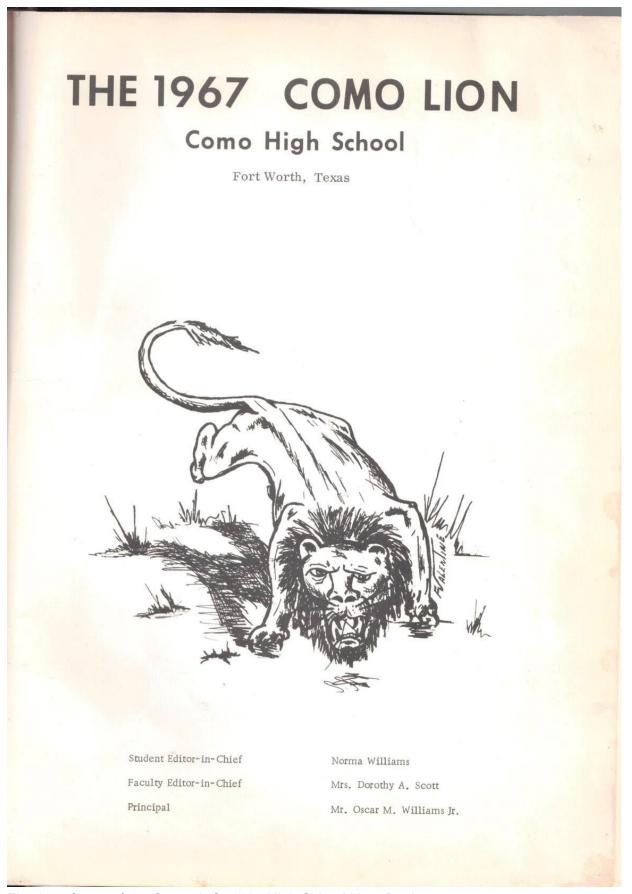


Fig. 15 – Cover of the Como Jr Sr 1967 High School Year Book.



Fig. 16 – Receiving the Lake Como Planning Committee 2019 Community Service Award.



Fig. 17 – Roosevelt Burrell, Jr. Plaques Accomplishments – Neighborhood, City, Tarrant, State, National.



Fig. 18 – Downtown Fort Worth Inc Powerwash Crew After Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. 1983 Planning Meeting (Roosevelt Burrell, Jr. in the middle)



Fig. 19 – Potluck Gathering Spanish Flyer (2023) – promoting the upcoming event with International Flags and Banners – In the Plaza Parking Lot in Front of 4601 Horne.



# Toolbox Grant ~Multicultural Potluck Dinner

Sunday, February 23, 2020 2:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Hosted by 360 Fit & NUTRITION CLUB 4601 Horne Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

A "Campaign for Hospitality" Event
(Community Engagement~ Residents, Stakeholders, and Sponsors)

2:30-3:00 P.M. Introductions	Elouise Burrell
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4:15-4:45 P.M. Testimonials/Sharing Como NAC Well	
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4:45-5:00 PM Closing Remarks	
Co	mo NAC President, Ella Burton
Remember to join us at our next Lake Como Neighborhood	Advisory Council Meeting,

Fig. 20 – Potluck Gathering Flyer (2023) – promoting the upcoming event with International Flags and Banners – In the Plaza Parking Lot in Front of 4601 Horne.

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Como Community Center.



Fig. 21 – Photos of the Potluck Gathering (2023) – promoting the upcoming event with International Flags and Banners – In the Plaza Parking Lot in Front of 4601 Horne.



Fig. 22 – Photos of the Potluck Gathering (2023) – promoting the upcoming event with International Flags and Banners – In the Plaza Parking Lot in Front of 4601 Horne.



Fig. 23 – RESOLUTION February 23, 2020 delivered and read by Ramon Romero, Jr., State Representative District 90.

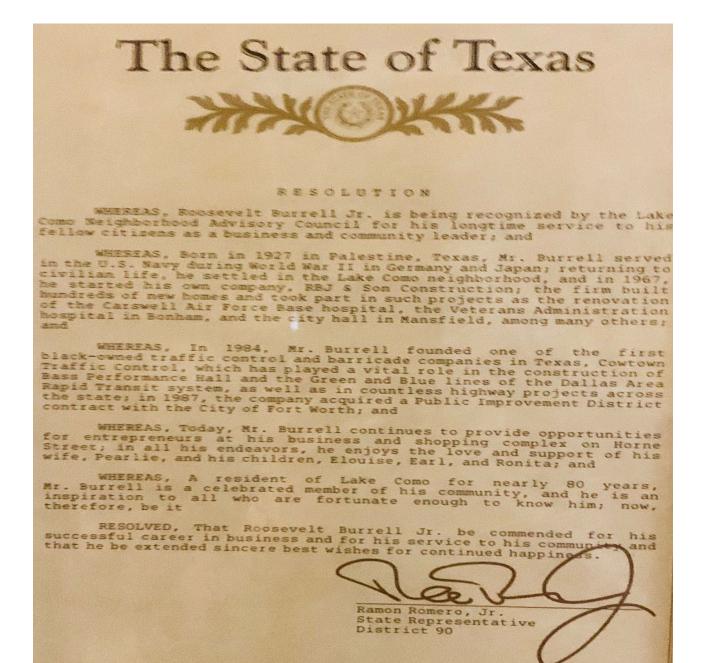


Fig. 24 – RESOLUTION February 23, 2020 Neighborhood Advisory Council RECOGNIZING ROOSEVELT BURRELL for his longtime service to his fellow citizens as a business and community leader, etc. delivered and read by Ramon Romero, Jr., State Representative District on

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Fig. 25 – Historic Designation Signature.

October 18, 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Brenda Williams Jackson. I was born in 1958, and from an early age, I remember my mom, Mary Gardner Williams, working at the beauty shop on Horne St, with her sister Pearly B Burrell. I remember the shop had a rotary dial pay phone located inside. My uncle Roosevelt was a successful contractor and ran his business out of the office next door in the same building for years.

The building has been a cultural fixture and landmark in the Lake Como community for at least 60 years. The two sisters were hair stylists for many of the prominent church ladies and businesswomen in the area. On the weekends before school and before Easter the ladies were remarkably busy. One of their sisters, Louise, would come to help them with all of the young girls getting their hair done for the first time.

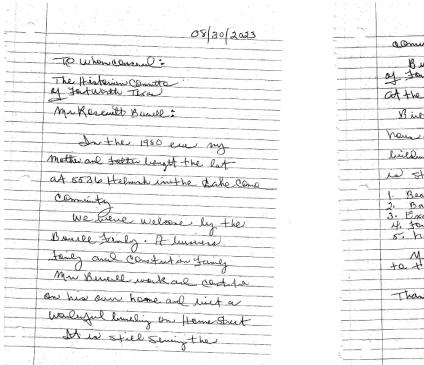
The shop operated on Tuesday through Saturday. The ladies gathered, mostly in the evenings and all-day on Saturdays, getting their hair styled and catching up on the latest happenings in the community. The building was well-known as the home of two extraordinarily successful African-American owned businesses.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Brenda Jackson 616 Creekview Dr Azle, TX

Email: brenda.jackson@mavs.uta.edu

Fig. 26 – Letter of support by Brenda Williams Jackson.



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Fig. 27 - Letter of support by Brenda Williams Jackson.

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#### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - Extensions of Remarks

February 14, 2023

HONORING ROOSEVELT BURRELL, JR. LIFE AND LEGACY

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{OF TEXAS} \\ \text{IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES} \end{array}$ 

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Roosevelt Burrell, Jr. commemorate the life of Hoosevert Burrell, Jr. of Fort Worth. Roosevelit was born on April 18, 1927, and used his life to become a pillar of his family and our community. He was the partiarch of a family of six brothers and one sister, and in 1948 he and his beloved wife, Pearlie, moved to Fort Worths' "Northside"

Pearlie, moved to Fort Worth's "Northside" and then shortly thereafter grounded their family in the Lake Como Community.

Roosevelt was passionate about his family, church, and our community. He was a self-made business legend and leader in the Lake Como community. As a businessman, he ran successful ventures from Roosevelt Burrell Jr. and Son Construction Company Inc., building homes for HID to statewiste highway conhomes for HUD to statewide highway construction projects and Metroplexwide mecha-nized power washing contracts through Cowtown Traffic Control, Inc. Roosevelt's entrepreneurial spirit helped contribute to the growth and development of the state of Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. His busi-ness ventures evoked a sense of pride in the Black community when everyone would ad-mire the success he had achieved when they saw his company employees operate their vehicles in downtown and other key areas in Fort Worth. Even with his massive successes, Roosevelt stayed grounded and respected on Helmick Ave in the venerable Lake Como neighborhood. His business ventures evoked a sense of pride in the Black community when everyone would admire the success he had abbit achieved when they saw his company employ-ees operate their vehicles in downtown and other key areas in Fort Worth. Even with his massive successes, Roosevelt stayed ground-ed and respected on Helmick Ave in the venerable Lake Como neighborhood.

Roosevelt also bravely served our country as a WWII Navy Veteran and was a man of faith, serving as a deacon and finance manager at his church for over 50 years. My con-dolences are with the 1 sibling, his 3 children, 5 grandkids, and 14 greatgrandchildren that he is survived by. ferred to the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District ferred to the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District as a Firefighter and was promoted to Fire Engineer 5 years later. Throughout his many years of service with the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, Miguel was a member of the Honor Guard, Technical Rescue Team, Rejonal FEMA USAR Team. Additionally, he served as the Executive Board Vice President of the Rancho Cucamonga Firefighters' Association. As an experienced Firefighter, Miguel served his community as a Fire Academy In-structor, Peer Support Member, and Para-

medic.
Sadly, our community is now in mourning.
On Wednesday, February 8th, Miguel tragically passed away due to work-related nonhodgkin's Follicular Lymphoma (NHL), a cancer of the lymphatic system. He is survived by his wife, their 3 children, and his family. I offer

nis wire, their 3 children, and his tamily. I offer my deepest condolences on their loss. For his outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Fireflighter and Fire Engineer Miguel Cervantes. His years of civic service and commitment to the city and the people of Rancho Cucamonga are worthy of the highest commendation. He will be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JANET ABELSON

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, alongside Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize the life and service of former Mayor of El Cerrito, Janet Abelson. Throughout her life, Janet was a fierce advocate for marginalized communities. Janet was a resident of El Cerrito beginning in 1970 and was first elected to the El Cerrito City Council in 1999. She served as mayor in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2017, a record five times. during her tenure with the city. Driv-2002, 2006, 2011, 2014, and 2017, a record five times, during her tenure with the city. Driven by a genuine passion for service, Janet spearheaded many efforts to advance transportation equity, disability rights, and to improve the lives of seniors within the city. She was a strong supporter of El Certifo's Student was a strong supporter of El Certifo's Student Bus Pass Program, advocating for improved accessibility for all. Janet was also instru-mental in modernizing El Certifo's infrastruc-ture and advocating for the interests of her feature community members. Among her many

have a lasting impact on the West County Community. She will be remembered for her determination, compassion, and for her many contributions to our community. Please join me and Congressman GARAMEROI in honoring Janet Abelson for her outstanding 23 years of public service to the City of El Cerrito and the Bay Area.

CONGRATULATING RAY DAVILA ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish Reginaldo "Ray" Davila a very happy rethere are the state of the stat

young couple in 1954 with \$20 to their name and three children to support. After eventually settling in Port Lavaca, Ray opened a cobbler shop—a trade he learned from his father in Mexico as a teenager.

Though initially a small operation, the Davilas eventually saved up enough to purchase neighboring real estate on the block as an investment. This extra revenue allowed the shop to continue to operate as other cobblers went out of thusiness. As time went on Bax's went out of business. As time went on, Ray's cobbler shop evolved into a place for locals to stop by and get to know one another, becoming a hallmark of Port Lavaca.

After passing day-to-day operations along to

his son, Ray is now fully retiring at the age of 96. I join the community of Port Lavaca in thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and wishing him a happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING HOMETOWN HERO BOB HARRIS

### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Bob Harris, Co-founder of Level Path-

Fig. 28 – Article from the Congressional Record honoring Roosevelt Burrell Jr



Applicant: Elouise Burrel Address: 4601 Horne Street

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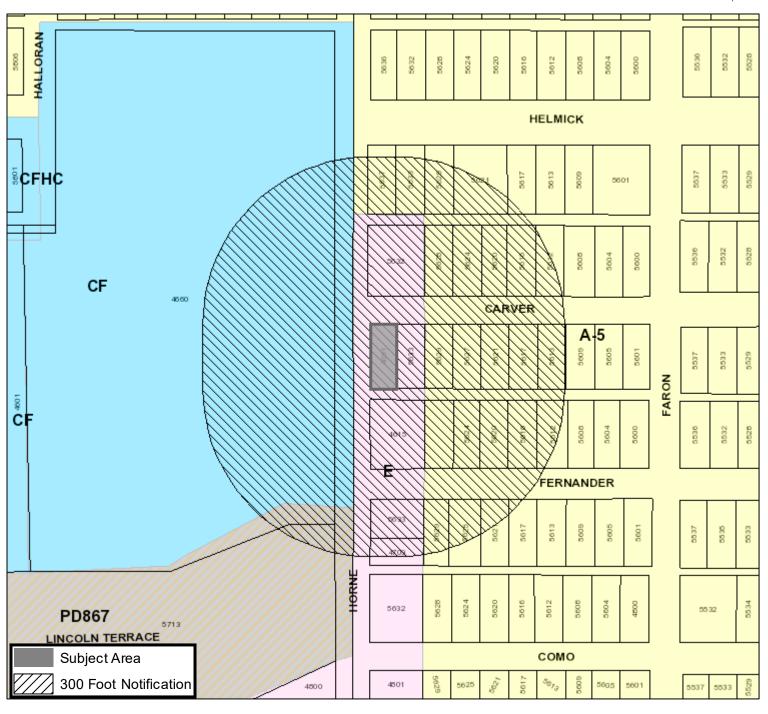
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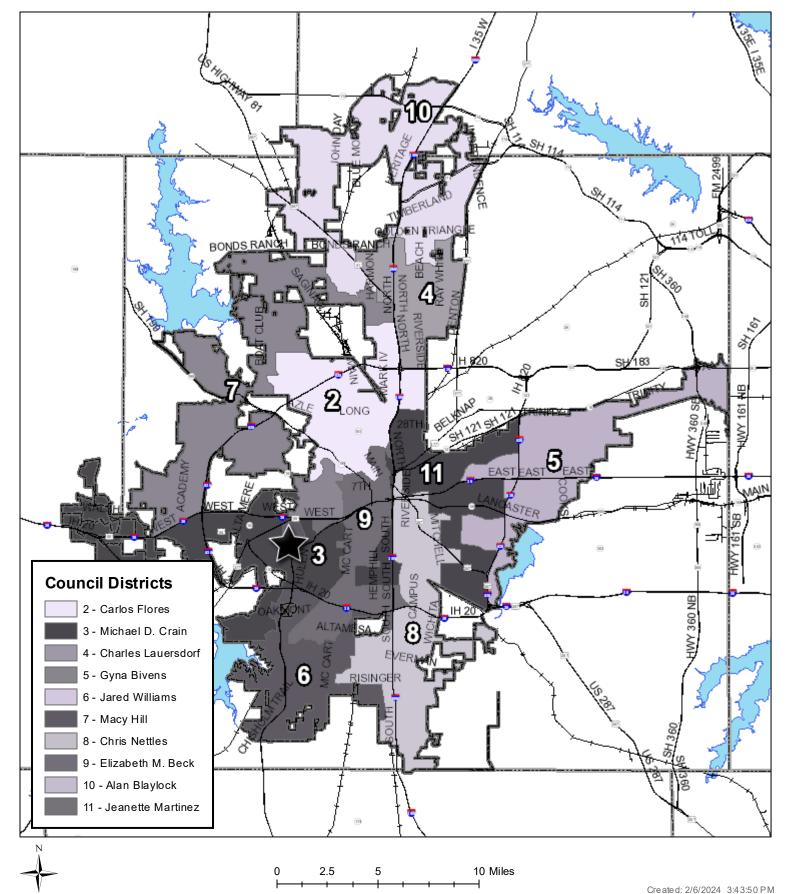
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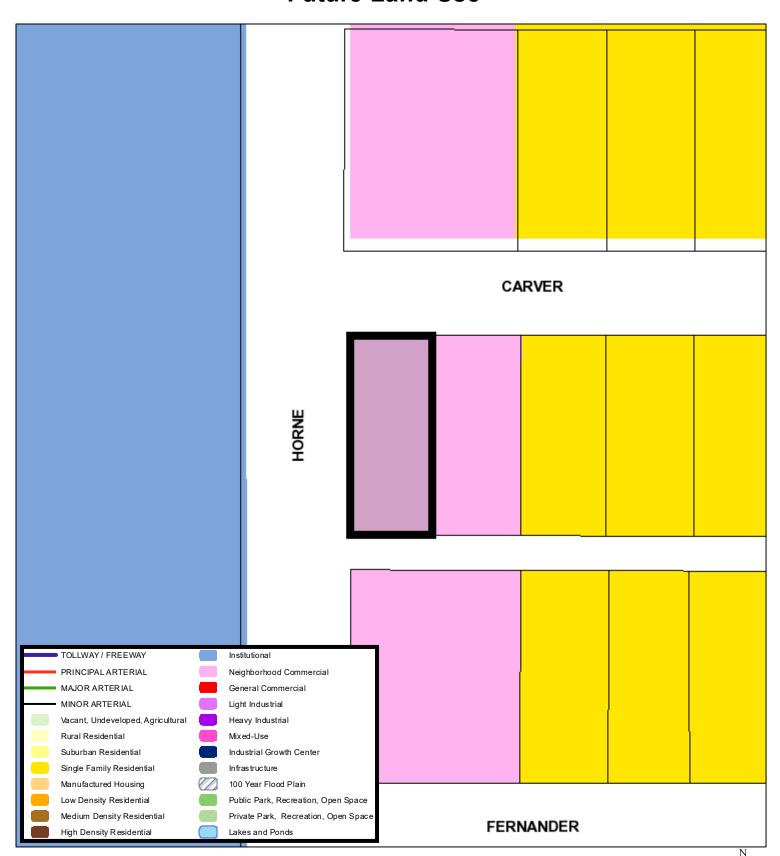
# **Aerial Photo Map**





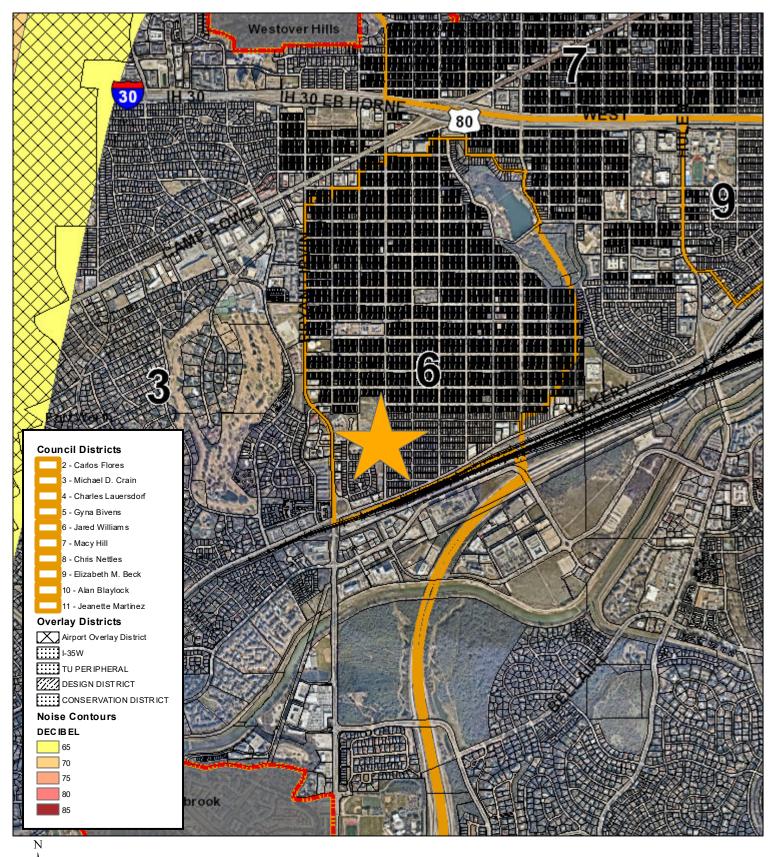


# **Future Land Use**



50 Feet





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4,000 Feet