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MEMORANDUM

TO: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Commission

FROM: Domenika Lynch, General Manager, El Pueblo de Los Angeles

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve the Design and Installation of Wrought Iron Entrance Security Gates at Olvera Street

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PURPOSE

To request Commission approval of the design and installation of permanent security gates at the north and south entrances of Olvera Street to improve perimeter security, control after-hours access, and help prevent vandalism and other unwanted activity within the historic district.

BACKGROUND

El Pueblo has experienced ongoing security challenges, particularly during overnight hours when the Monument is closed. Temporary fencing has been used at the north and south entrances of Olvera Street to limit after-hours access; however, a permanent solution is needed to provide greater security while maintaining the character of the historic district.

The proposed project would replace the temporary fencing with permanent wrought iron bifold gates at both entrances. Funding in the amount of **$71,850** was requested for the project under Item K of the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Fifth Construction Projects Report (CPR), Council File 25-0874-S4.

The Bureau of Engineering and the General Services Department (GSD) Construction Forces Division have coordinated with Quality Fence Co., Inc. on the proposed design and installation specifications. See Appendix A for design.

The proposed improvements include:

- **Gate Design:** Six-foot-high, black powder-coated wrought iron Regal-style bifold gates and frames, with 1½-inch square panel rails and ¾-inch square pickets with spacing not to exceed four inches, with modified top designed complimentary of El Pueblo/Olvera Street designs.
- **North Entrance:** Gate posts will be surface-mounted to the concrete slabs on either side of the stone pilasters and adjacent to the Italian Hall.
- **South Entrance:** The gate and fence configuration will be modified as necessary to accommodate existing site conditions, including the cross base located near the south entrance.
- **Protection of Historic Resources:** The installation has been designed to be reversible and will not physically attach the gates, posts, or frames to the historic stone pilasters, Italian Hall masonry, or adjacent drinking fountain.

GSD and the Bureau of Engineering also consulted with the Los Angeles City Planning Office of Historic Resources regarding the proposed installation. The Office of Historic Resources indicated that the affected existing metalwork is not historic and deferred to the El Pueblo Commission regarding the proposed design.

BENEFITS TO EL PUEBLO

Enhanced Safety and Security: The gates will provide a more secure perimeter during hours when Olvera Street is closed, helping deter unauthorized access, vandalism, debris accumulation, and other unwanted activity.

Historic Preservation: The proposed installation uses reversible mounting methods and avoids attachment to historic masonry, stone, and other significant architectural features.

Improved Operations and Appearance: Permanent gates will eliminate the need for temporary fencing at two of the primary entrances to Olvera Street, improving both daily operations and the appearance of the historic district.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated project cost is **$71,850**. Funding for the project was requested through the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Fifth Construction Projects Report under Council File 25-0874-S4.

There is no additional General Fund impact associated with the Commission's approval of the proposed design.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve one of the proposed design and installation of wrought iron security gates at the north and south entrances of Olvera Street.

The permanent gates will provide an important security improvement while protecting the historic character and physical integrity of El Pueblo.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move that the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Commission approve the design and installation plan for permanent wrought-iron security gates at the north and south entrances of Olvera Street. The gates shall feature a design substantially similar to the entrance gates at the Chinese American Museum, or another design approved by the Commission. The gateposts and related security fencing shall be constructed in accordance with the plans prepared by Quality Fence Co., Inc., subject to final technical and operational coordination with the General Services Department, Bureau of Engineering, and other applicable City departments.

The Board further delegates authority to the General Manager to execute the agreement. Pursuant to Department policy, both the General Manager and the Senior Accountant shall sign all contracts, and the Assistant General Manager may sign in the absence of either party.

Respectfully submitted,

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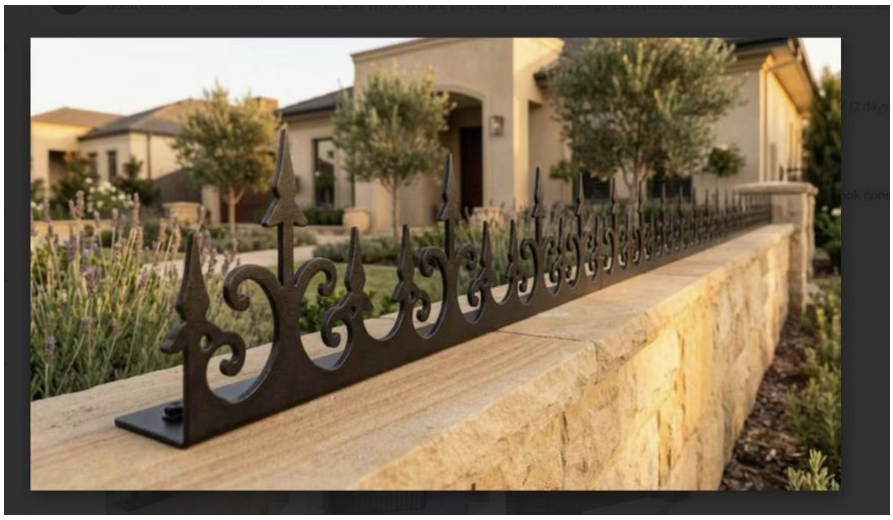
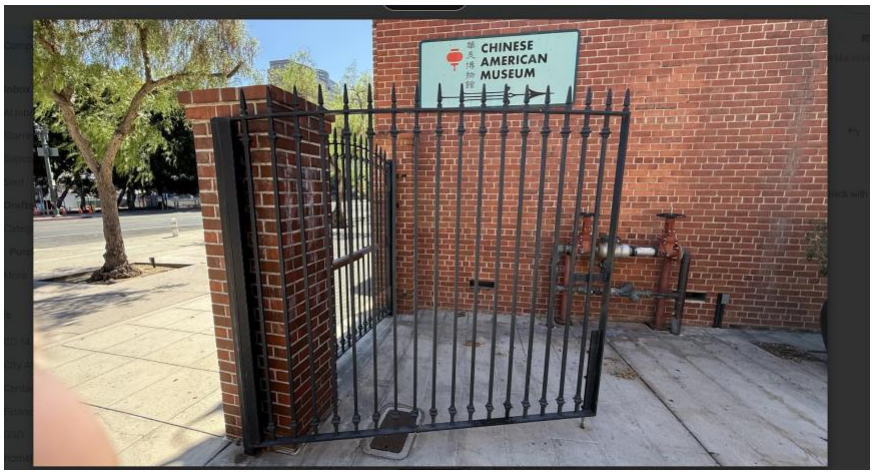
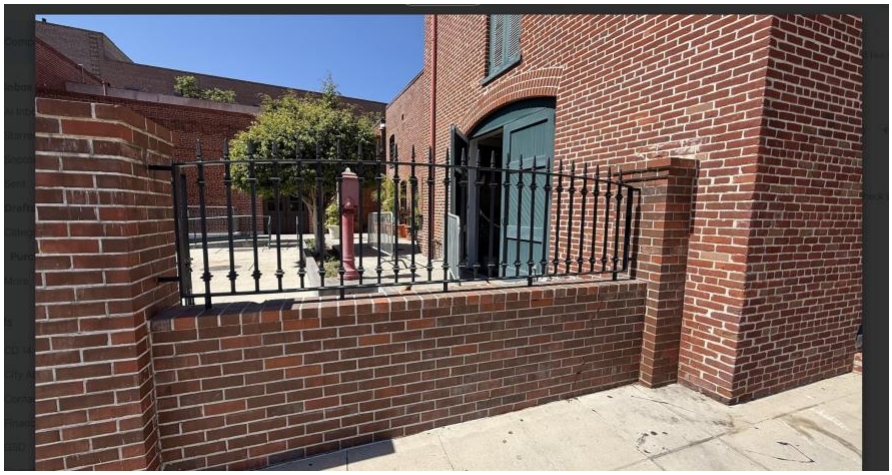
Appendix A







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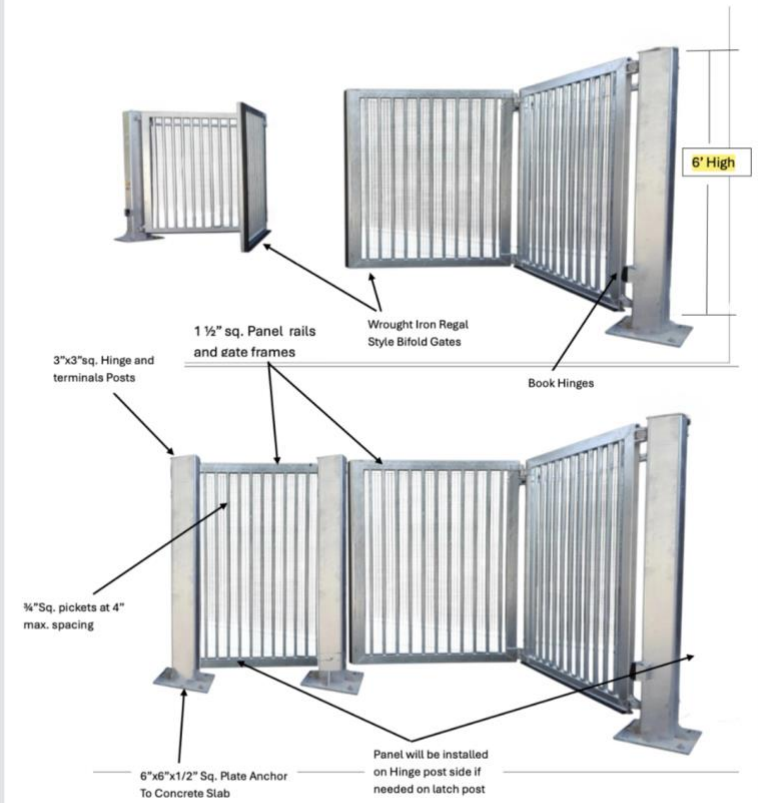

Note: Detail showing 2 gates per hinge post for reference only actual gates quantity will be determine on field opening dimensions. Gates will be powder-coated black color.

*Stone pilasters, drinking fountain, and Italian hall will not be attached for the installation of the wrought iron gates.

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