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**REYES HELPS RESIDENTS PRESERVE HISTORIC PICO-  
UNION NEIGHBORHOOD** – *Council approves nearly \$56,000  
for Los Angeles Conservancy to launch Spanish-language  
preservation training and outreach*

The Los Angeles Conservancy will launch a Spanish-language program to train residents on how to preserve the historic Pico-Union neighborhood, thanks to funds approved today through Councilmember Ed P. Reyes.

“The Conservancy’s preservation outreach program will give Pico-Union residents the tools to preserve one of the City’s first residential suburbs,” Reyes said.

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a one-year, \$55,900 contract for the Los Angeles Conservancy to develop and launch the Pico-Union Historic Preservation Educational Training and Community Outreach Program.

The Pico-Union community, just west of the convention center, includes Queen Anne, late Victorian, Bungalow Craftsman and other houses dating from 1875 to 1924. Two national historic districts, Alvarado Terrace and South Bonnie Brae, are also part of the Pico-Union neighborhood.

The Conservancy’s program will focus on two redevelopment project areas, totaling 382 acres, that were adopted in the 1970s to assist in neighborhood revitalization. The program will introduce residents to the value of historic preservation, and offer training, guidance and assistance to owners on how to rehabilitate their properties in a low-cost, effective and historically appropriate manner. All services and publications will be translated into Spanish.

The Conservancy, the nation’s largest membership-based, local historic preservation organization, was chosen from among five proposals based on, among other things, their extensive experience in historic preservation. Established in 1978, the Conservancy grew out of a community-based effort to prevent the demolition of the Los Angeles Central Library.

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