

Assembly Bill No. 368

CHAPTER 659

An act relating to public capital facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 368, Cedillo. Breed Street Shul.

Under existing law, the annual Budget Act provides various items of appropriation of funds for local public capital facilities.

This bill would make findings and declarations regarding the need for renovations and improvements at the Breed Street Shul in Los Angeles.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(a) The Breed Street Shul, which opened in 1915 in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, was the home of the Congregation Talmud Torah, once the largest orthodox synagogue in Los Angeles.

(b) The Breed Street Shul is currently in disrepair and requires significant renovation and capital improvements in order to bring it into compliance with seismic and building standards, thereby making it available as a museum and community cultural and educational center for children and adults.

(c) Jewish and Latino groups throughout the community are working together to redevelop the Breed Street Shul, preserve its historical legacy and architectural integrity, and create a multipurpose center that responds to the needs of the dynamic area. These groups include the Jewish Historical Society of Southern California, which has acquired the shul, the Boyle Heights Neighbors Organization, the East Los Angeles Community Corporation, Impacto/El Proyecto de Pastoral, Self-Help Graphics, the University of California at Los Angeles School of Public Policy, the University of Southern California School of Architecture, the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Hebrew Union College, and the Los Angeles Conservancy.

(d) Partial funding for the restoration effort has been made available through the California Endowment, the J. Paul Getty Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation-Save America's Treasures Planning Fund, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. The Federal



Emergency Management Agency has also awarded partial funding to the Breed Street Shul for seismic retrofitting of the shul's unreinforced masonry building, but requires that matching funds be obtained.

(e) The Breed Street Shul is designated City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument Number 359, is designated as an Official Site of Save America's Treasures, and has been deemed eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(f) An appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) has been made to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the Budget Act of 2001 for a grant to the Breed Street Shul Project, Inc. to be used for renovation and capital improvements.

