

Nixon Office May Be Landmark, After All

Sacramento

The one-room law office where Richard Nixon launched his career may merit special landmark status after all, the executive secretary of the state historical landmark advisory committee said yesterday.

The seven-man committee next month will reconsider its decision against granting the office landmark status and "there is a good chance" it will win the special designation, Secretary John Michael said in an interview.

An Orange county group, called "Nixon Law Office Preservation Inc., was turned down in its first bid

last July on grounds the La Habra office did not meet the requirements of "state-wide impact and importance."

"We wanted to know what Nixon did in that office that was important Michael said. "They (members of the group) thought just because it dealt with the President it would breeze right through, but this is a very independent committee."

Since the denial, the group has filed a new application which Michael said "looks a lot better than the first one.

"The first one was more of an emotional appeal, whereas the second one is more factual," he added.

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