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2024-2025 Certified Local Government Program Annual Report Draft (M26-006)

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Draft 2024-2025 Certified Local Government Program Annual Report

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The City of Sacramento has been designated as Certified Local Government (CLG). As part of this designation, the city is required to submit an annual report to the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). The Preservation Commission is tasked with reviewing the CLG annual report (Attachment 2) and providing comments. Any relevant comments will be integrated into the final version of the document and submitted to the OHP by its April 1, 2026, CLG annual report deadline. The annual report covers the period from October , 2024, to September 30, 2025.

Public/Neighborhood Outreach and Comments: At the writing of this report, there have been no public comments regarding this subject.

Policy Considerations: Proposed action implements 2040 General Plan Historic and Cultural Resources Goals and Policies, including the following:

- Certified Local Government - The City shall maintain its federal status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) and make full use of its authority to designate local landmarks and historic districts and apply for state and federal historic preservation grants (HCR-2.2)

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: This report is informational in nature only, and its content is not defined as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not involve any commitment to a specific course of action which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment per CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: There has been no official action to date on this item.

Background: The 1980 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 provided for the establishment of the CLG program. The goal of the CLG Program is to facilitate state and local government to cooperation with federal partners to promote nationwide preservation initiatives. Through the certification process, local communities make a commitment to national historic preservation standards. The CLG regulations encourage the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties within their jurisdictions and promote the integration of local preservation interests and concerns into local planning and decision-making processes. The City of Sacramento has been a Certified Local Government since 1996. In order to maintain this status, the City must meet the following minimum goals:

- Establish a qualified historic preservation commission.
- Enforce appropriate State or local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties. In most cases this is done in the form of a local ordinance.
- Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of local historic resources.
- Facilitate public participation in the local preservation, including participation in the National Register listing process.
- Follow additional requirements outlined in the State's CLG Procedures. Each state has Procedures for Certification that may establish additional requirements for becoming a CLG in that State.

By maintaining the City's CLG status, the City gains access to the following benefits of the program:

- **Funding:** States receive annual appropriations from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund. States are required to give at least 10% of their funding to CLGs as subgrants. These grants can fund a wide variety of projects including: surveys, National Register nominations, rehabilitation work, design guidelines, educational programs, training, structural assessments,

and feasibility studies, to name a few.

- **Technical Assistance:** As a CLG, communities have direct access to OHP staff for assistance with their commission, building assessments, surveys and nominations, and general preservation assistance. State staff and NPS offer regular training for CLGs as well, an added benefit of the partnership.
- **Sustainability:** Historic preservation has proven economic, environmental, and social benefits. Studies show that historic districts maintain higher property values, less population decline, more walkability and greater sense of community.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

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Report Prepared by: Sean de Courcy

Date of commission/board review: March 18, 2026

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

I. Enforce Appropriate State or Local Legislation for the Designation and Protection of Historic Properties.

A. Preservation Laws

1. Are you considering amending or revising your certified ordinance this year? Yes, possibly.

REMINDER: Pursuant to the *CLG Agreement*, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) must have the opportunity to review and comment on ordinance changes prior to adoption. Please communicate directly with the OHP Local Government Unit staff to coordinate the review. Changes that do not meet the CLG requirements could affect certification status.

2. Provide an electronic link to your ordinance or appropriate section(s) of the municipal/zoning code.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/sacramentoca/latest/sacramento_ca/0-0-0-39009

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B. New Local Landmark Designations (Comprehensive list of properties/districts designated during the reporting.

1. During the reporting period, October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, what properties/districts have been locally designated?

| Property Name/Address | Date Designated | If a district, number of contributors | Date Recorded by County Recorder |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1112 40 th Street | May 20, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 5850 Freeport Blvd. | July 22, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 2014 10 th Street | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 6390 South Land Park Drive | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 4991 Warwick Avenue | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 4322 4 th Avenue | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 4214-4216 Lotus Avenue | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 4200 Broadway | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 3948 33 rd Street | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 3639 4 th Avenue | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 3555 3 rd Avenue | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 2710 X Street | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 2685 26 th Street | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| 2404 21 st Street | August 26, 2025 | N/A | In Progress |
| New Helvetia Historic District | August 26, 2025 | 64 | In Progress |

Reminder: Pursuant to California Government Code § 27288.2, “the county recorder shall record a certified resolution establishing an historical resources designation issued by the State Historical Resources Commission or a local agency, or unit thereof.”

2. What properties/districts have been de-designated this past year? For districts, include the total number of resource contributors.

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| Property Name/Address | Date Removed | Reason |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

C. Historic Preservation Element/Plan

1. Do you address historic preservation in your general plan? No
 Yes, in a separate historic preservation element. Yes, it is included in another element.

Provide an electronic link to the historic preservation section(s) of the General Plan or to the separate historic preservation element.

https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/content/dam/portal/cdd/Planning/adopted-2040-general-plan/2040%20GP_2-04_Historic%20and%20Cultural%20Resources_Adopted.pdf

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D. Review Responsibilities

1. Who takes responsibility for design review or Certificates of Appropriateness?

- All projects subject to design review go the commission.
- Some projects are reviewed at the staff level without commission review.

What is the threshold between staff-only review and full-commission review?

As discussed in detail in prior CLG annual reports, Title 17 of the City Code defines the roles of the Preservation Commission, Preservation or Design Director, and staff in having authority to perform staff-only review. The parameters for those levels of reviews can be found in sections 17.604.100 (Findings and Declaration of Purposes), section 17.808.130 (Preservation Commission Review), section 17.808.140 (Director- Level Review) and section 17.808.150 (Staff-Level Review).

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- Explain the staff and commission role in *reviewing* CEQA documents for projects that are proposed within the jurisdiction of the local government.

The Preservation Director/preservation staff always have some role in the preparation of and administrative review of the City's environmental documents related to historical and cultural resources. This includes providing input on technical background reports for long-range planning efforts. For City development projects efforts, preservation staff assists in the evaluation of project impacts, project alternatives analysis, and mitigation measures to lessen or avoid impacts. The Preservation Commission generally has a review and comment role on initial studies/mitigated negative declarations or draft environmental impact reports for major projects involving listed historic/cultural resources.

2. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- Explain the staff and commission role in *providing input* to Section 106 documents prepared for, or by, the local government.

Preservation staff often reviews administrative drafts of the Section 106 documents, and there has been an instance where the Preservation Commission has reviewed a draft programmatic agreement and provided comment

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- Explain the staff and commission role in *reviewing* Section 106 documents for projects that are proposed within the jurisdiction of the local government:

Unless the City is a party to the document or project, the review by staff or the Commission may be limited, except in circumstances where the lead agency contacts the Preservation Director for input – the Director being the CLG contact for Section 106 (and Section 110) projects within the city.

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II. Establish an Adequate and Qualified Historic Preservation Review Commission by State or Local Legislation.

A. Commission Membership

| Name | Professional Discipline | Date Appointed | Date Term Ends | Email Address |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Patrica Ambacher | Architectural Historian | February 2025 | December 2027 | patriciaambacher@outlook.co |
| Max Slavkin | Public Relations CEO | February 2025 | December 2027 | msslavkin@gmail.com |
| Salvatore Ricca | Contractor | February 2025 | December 2027 | salricca@gmail.com |
| Ian Lee Merker, AIA | Architect | February 2026 | December 2028 | imerker@cannondesign.com |
| Ella Cross | Architectural Historian | February 2025 | December 2027 | ella@ella-cross.com |
| Vacant | At Large Member | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Vacant | Structural Engineer | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Attach resumes and Statement of Professional Qualifications forms for all members.

1. If you do not have two qualified professionals on your commission, explain why the professional qualifications have not been met and how professional expertise is otherwise being provided.

N/A

2. If all positions are not currently filled, why is there a vacancy, and when will the position be filled?

Currently recruiting for two vacant positions. Positions should be filled by mid-year.

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B. Staff to the Commission/CLG staff

1. Is the staff to your commission the same as your CLG coordinator? Yes No
2. If not, please provide the Commission staff member’s contact information. N/A
3. If the position(s) is not currently filled, why is there a vacancy? N/A

Attach resumes and Statement of Professional Qualifications forms for staff.

| Name/Title | Discipline | Dept. Affiliation | Email Address |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sean de Courcy | Preservation Director | Planning | sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org |
| Henry Fuess | Preservation Planner | Planning | hfuess@cityofsacramento.org |
| Hannah Taube | Preservation Intern | Planning | htaube@cityofsacramento.org |
| Hazel Bess | Preservation Intern | Planning | hbess@cityofsacramento.org |

C. Attendance Record

Commissions are required to meet a minimum of four times a year. If you haven’t met at least four times, explain why.

N/A

D. Training Received

It is a CLG requirement that all commissioners and staff to the commission attend at least one training program. It is up to the CLG to determine the relevancy of the training. Please indicate the specific training each commissioner received last year.

| Commissioner/Staff Name | Training Title & Description (including method presentation, e.g., webinar, workshop) | Duration of Training | Training Provider | Date |
|---|---|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| Sean de Courcy, Henry Feuss, Hannah Taube, Hazel Bess | Historic Preservation in the Era of Housing Reform | 9AM to Noon | California Preservation Foundation | November 13, 2025 |
| Sean de Courcy, Henry Feuss, Hannah Taube, Hazel Bess | Standard #6 in Praticce | 9AM to Noon | California Preservation Foundation | November 6, 2025 |
| Sean de Courcy, Henry Feuss, Hannah Taube, | Defending the National Historic Preservation Act and Section | 9AM to 11AM | National Trust for Historic Preservation | November 19, 2025 |

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| Hazel Bess | 106 | | | |
| Sean de Courcy & Henry Feuss | 2025 California Preservation Foundation Confrence | 3-days | California Preservation Foundation | May 2025 |
| Ian Merker | 2025 California Preservation Foundation Conference | 1 day | California Preservation Foundation | May 2025 |
| Ian Merker | Preservation Sacramento Historic Home Tour | 4 hours | Preservation Sacramento | September 21, 2025 |
| Ian Merker | Revitalizing a Pioneer: The Gregory Bateson Building Renovation | 1 hour | Green Technology - Sustainable Facilities Forum | May 15, 2025 |

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III. Maintain a System for the Survey and Inventory of Properties that Furthers the Purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act

A. Historical Contexts: initiated, researched, or developed in the reporting year (excluding those funded by the OHP)

Reminder: California CLG procedures require CLGs to submit survey results, including historic contexts, to the OHP. If you have not done so, submit an electronic copy or link if available online with this report.

| Context Name | Description | How it is Being Used | Date Submitted to the OHP |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

B. New Surveys or Survey Updates (excluding those funded by the OHP)

Note: The evaluation of a single property is not a survey. Also, material changes to a property that is included in a survey, is not a change to the survey and should not be reported here.

| Survey Area | Context Based-yes/no | Level: Reconnaissance or Intensive | Acreage | # of Properties Surveyed | Date Completed | Date Submitted to the OHP |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Old Sacramento National Register Historic District | Yes | Intensive | 28 | 100 | Ongoing | N/A |

Explain how you are using the survey data: Staff will use the context and survey to update the National Register listing and to initiate a local historic district nomination in 2027.

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IV. Provide for Adequate Public Participation in the Local Historic Preservation Program

A. Public Education

Has your CLG undertaken any public outreach, training, or publications programs this year? How were the commissioners and staff involved? Please provide an electronic link to all publications or other products not previously provided to the OHP.

| Item or Event | Description | Date |
|---|--|------------------|
| Old Sacramento Special Sign District Update Property/Business Owner Meeting | Meeting with property and business owners to discuss updates to the Special Sign District in Old Sacramento National Register Historic District. | February 4, 2026 |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ANNUAL PRODUCTS REPORTS FOR CLGS

During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) how many historic properties did your local government **add** to the CLG inventory? This is the total number of historic properties and contributors to districts (or your best estimate of the number) added to your inventory **from all programs**, local, state, and Federal, during the reporting year. This includes the National Register, California Register, California Historical Landmarks, locally funded surveys, CLG surveys, and local designations.

| Program area | Number of Properties added |
|---|----------------------------|
| National Register of Historic Places | 3 |
| California Register of Historical Resources | 5 |
| Historic Resources Survey | 20 |

A. Local Register (i.e., Local Landmarks and Historic Districts) Program

- During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did you have a local register program to create local landmarks and/or local districts (or a similar list of designations) created by local law? Yes No
- If yes, how many properties have been added to your register or designated during the reporting period? 17

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C. Local Property Tax Incentive Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did you have a Mills Act program? Yes No
2. If yes, how many properties entered into a contract during the reporting period?

| Name of Program | Number of Properties Added During 2024-2025 | Total Number of Properties Benefiting From Program |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Mills Act Program | 19 | 57 |

D. Local “bricks and mortar” grants/loan program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did you have a local government historic preservation grant and/or loan program for rehabilitating/restoring historic properties? Yes No
2. If yes, how many properties have been assisted under the program(s) during the reporting period?

| Name of Program | Number of Properties that have Benefited |
|-----------------|--|
| N/A | N/A |

E. Design Review/Local Regulatory Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did your local government have a historic preservation regulatory law(s) (e.g., an ordinance) authorizing Commission and/or staff review of local government projects or impacts on historic properties? Yes No
2. If yes, how many historic properties did your local government review for compliance with your local government’s historic preservation regulatory law(s) during the reporting period? 45

F. Local Property Acquisition Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did you have a local program to acquire (or help to acquire) historic properties in whole or in part through purchase, donation, or other means? Yes No

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2. If the answer is yes, then how many properties have been assisted under the program(s) during the reporting period?

| Name of Program | Number of Properties that have Benefited |
|-----------------|--|
| N/A | N/A |

IN ADDITION TO THE MINIMUM CLG REQUIREMENT THE OHP IS INTERESTED IN YOUR TRAINING NEEDS

If the OHP was able to sponsor free CAMP trainings from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), would you be interested in attending?

Yes

The OHP has also hosted training workshops and webinars of our own, and we plan to begin doing so again in the future. What topics you would like to see covered in these trainings?

New State housing streamlining laws and objective design standards

XII Attachments (electronic)

- Resumes and Statement of Qualifications forms for **all** commission members/alternatives and staff
- Minutes from commission meetings
- Drafts of proposed changes to the ordinance
- Drafts of proposed changes to the General Plan
- Public outreach publications

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sacramento, CA: July 2021 – Present

Preservation Director overseeing Sacramento's Preservation Design Review Department responsible for managing preservation staff planners. Provide project oversight for complex projects such as the Historic District Plans and the 2040 General Plan update (cultural resources section); advise environmental staff on complex historic environmental review projects to ensure compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, Section 106); and serve as staff to the Preservation Commission and the Sacramento Heritage, Inc. Committee.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sacramento, CA: December 2017 – July 2022

Associate Preservation Planner for Sacramento's Preservation Design Review Department working under general direction from the Urban Design Manager and Preservation Director to review projects involving Sacramento Register-listed, and potentially eligible, properties; prepare periodic updates to the Sacramento Register; prepare presentations and briefings for key stakeholders including neighborhood groups, various commissions, and City Council. Manage complex projects such as the Historic District Plans and the 2040 General Plan update (cultural resources section); advise environmental staff on complex historic environmental review projects to ensure compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, Section 106); and provide support to the Preservation Director in his role managing the Preservation Commission and the Sacramento Heritage, Inc. Committee.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION, ENVIRONMENTAL SITING OFFICE

Sacramento, CA: June 2016-December 2017

Cultural Resources Planner responsible for complex technical analyses for energy facility siting cases and planning studies involving historic and cultural resources. Provide technical expertise and serve as cultural resources project lead for proposed energy facilities, internal policy development, and plans for energy development pursuant to the Warren-Alquist Act, compliance with CEQA/NEPA. Act as project manager on complex cultural resource ArcGIS inventory project to create a GIS database of thousands of cultural resource records dating back to the 1970s. Supervise team of 3 interns and act as project coordinator between multidisciplinary environmental division.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Sacramento, CA: October 2014-June 2016

Local Government Preservation Planner (Historian II) responsible assisting local governments and the public throughout California with identification and treatment of historic properties under CEQA, including determination of eligibility pursuant to the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and various local historic registers. Responsible for planning and conducting the SHPO's Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation outreach and training program; and periodically working with local planning representatives as a CLG grant manager.

ARNTZ BUILDERS INC.

Novato, CA: January 2011-October 2014

Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building Renovation (California Department of General Services) Historic Preservation Program Manager on-site responsible for implementation of Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) during construction. Develop and implement detailed work plans to ensure compliance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Assist with construction management responsibilities on an as-needed basis along with project superintendent and project foreman.

JACKSON RESEARCH PROJECTS (JRP) HISTORIC CONSULTING, LLC.

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Davis, CA: September 2010 – January 2011

Cultural Resource Research Assistant responsible for conducting research and evaluation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and historic-environmental review under CEQA.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sacramento, CA: August 2008 – June 2010

Graduate Student Planning Intern for Sacramento's Preservation Design Review Division under direction from the Preservation Director. Responsible for implementing a range of cultural/environmental resource programs, policies, and project reviews.

EDUCATION

Masters of Arts Degree, Graduate Program in Public History, focus on Cultural Resource Management and Preservation Planning

Sacramento State University, December 2010

Thesis: McKinley Boulevard Tract I and II Historic District Survey completed in partnership with the City of Sacramento, Planning Division

Bachelor of Arts Degrees in History and Organizational Communication

Sacramento State University, May 2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND TRAINING

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, Member (2017-Present)

CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (CPF), Member (2010 – Present)

ANNUAL PANNELIST: CEQA SESSION AT CPF CONFERENCE (2015-Present)

ANNUAL PANNELIST: SOI STANDARDS AND INFILL DEVELOPMENT SESSION AT CPF CONFERENCE (2016-Present)

PRESERVATION SACRAMENTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2010-2017)

LAND USE PLANNING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, University of California, Davis Extension (2014-2017)

SECTION 106: CULTURAL RESOURCE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING, National Preservation Institute (2014)

UNDERSTANDING CEQA/NEPA COMPLIANCE COURSE, Sacramento State University (2010)

Meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards Professional Qualification Standards for History and Architectural History.

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PUBLIC HISTORIAN

Graduate student with experience conducting research and performing architectural assessments.

SKILLS

- Archival and online research
 - Experience conducting oral history interviews
 - Written and oral communication, English and French
 - Grant writing
 - Volunteer management
 - Book and paper repair
 - Forklift certified
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EDUCATION

California State University, Sacramento (2025-2026)

Pursuing Master of Arts in Public History

GPA: 4.0

Relevant coursework: Cultural Resource Management, Historic Preservation, American Design, Oral History, Interpreting U.S. History

Franklin & Marshall College (2016-2019)

Bachelor of Arts in History with minor in French

GPA: 3.65

Graduated Cum Laude, Member Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

Reed College (2015-2016)

Coursework toward B.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Sacramento

October 2025 - Present

Preservation Planning Intern

- Nominates notable local buildings to the Sacramento Register of Historic & Cultural Resources. Performs assessment and background research, completes paperwork, presents at public hearings.
- Collaborated on the creation of a Historic District Plan for a proposed historic district.
- Reviews plans for proposed projects in historic districts, provides comments and guidance to homeowners and architects.
- Coordinates with business owners regarding updates to local ordinances.
- Attends trainings on subjects including: the application of Standard 6, California housing laws and preservation, Section 106.

Folsom History Museum

May 2025 - October 2025

Public Programs Coordinator

- Oversaw site operations of outdoor museum space.
- Coordinated volunteers, assigning schedules and tasks.
- Led hands-on educational programming for school groups.
- Devised and taught historical craftsmanship-themed activities.
- Coordinated with local artisans to facilitate the creation of a full-time makerspace within the museum.
- Wrote grants in support of makerspace project.
- Assisted in outdoor artifact preservation, maintenance, and exhibit rotation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

Indian Grinding Rock State Historical Park

July 2025 - August 2025

American Conservation Experience Collections Intern

- Scanned, organized, summarized, and integrated metadata for park records and photographs 1950-2015.
- Performed research to create a park timeline.

California State Library

March 2025 - April 2025

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Performed research on California governors, writing short bios and compiling bibliographies intended to replace the library's existing "Governors' Gallery" online exhibit; highlighted historical themes; incorporated multimedia.
- Completed project in volunteer capacity after loss of project funding, working through September 2025.

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

June 2020 - December 2024

Museum Technician, Preservation

- Cleaned, stabilized, purchased and fabricated mounts for, and installed artifacts in new exhibits; completed condition assessments and treatment reports for each item.
- Assisted Historical Architect and Head Curator in evaluating bids for contracted preservation work on the museum building (a National Historic Landmark) and artifacts.
- Conducted yearlong survey of UV and visible light levels throughout museum building containing historic murals. Compiled a tailored report on best light protection practices for the space.
- Assisted in the creation of a Resource Protection Plan, outlining guidelines for use of the museum building as a party venue.
- Served as the park's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, submitting federal applications for pesticide use, tracking and recording pesticide use throughout the park, and acting as liaison to pest management contractor. Updated Housekeeping Plan and Integrated Pest Management Plan.
- Repaired and stabilized clothbound library books for circulation. Work included rebackings, recasings, paper repairs, surface cleanings, and fabricating custom boxes and wrappers.
- Performed routine monitoring of environmental conditions in exhibits, storage spaces, and historic structures. Spearheaded project to update the Park's dataloggers to Bluetooth system.
- Completed forklift training and received certification.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

October 2019 - March 2020

National Council for Preservation Education Curatorial Intern

- Conducted complete collection inventory, resolved cataloging discrepancies.
- Generated outgoing loan paperwork for preexisting, minimally recorded loans.
- Cataloged collection in Interior Collections Management System, performing historical research in support.
- Packaged delicate artifacts including historic guns and duck decoys for transportation to the National Conservation Training Center, where they are currently displayed.
- Assisted in development of a Scope of Collections Statement, Housekeeping Plan, and Integrated Pest Management Plan.

Gateway National Recreation Area

June 2019 - October 2019

Seasonal Museum Technician

- Performed annual collections inventory, reporting discrepancies in location and condition of materials.
- Corresponded with and assisted visiting researchers, providing safe access to and legal reproduction of photographs, blueprints, and audio recordings.
- Cataloged materials from archeological backlog, entering data into Interior Collections Management System.
- Restructured organizational system for reports library, created inventory and finding aid.

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EDUCATION

Roger Williams University
2020 - Bristol, RI
Bachelor of Science
Historic Preservation

AWARDS

2020 Roger Williams University
Preservation Studies
Community Service Award

SKILLS

Adobe Suite, Archival Research,
Building Codes, Building
Conservation and Analysis,
Carpentry, Construction
Management, Data Analysis,
Event Organization,
Development Review, Facility
Maintenance, Film and Digital
Photography, Graphic Design,
Habitat Protection, Landscape
Maintenance, Microsoft Office,
Project Coordination,
Preservation Economics, Public
Speaking, Staff and Facility
Management, Zoning and
Buildout Analysis

VOLUNTEER

Barrington, RI Preservation
Society Board Member and
Committee Chair
(January 2020- January 2022)
*Historic Marker Location
Selection, Plaquing Committee*

Roger Williams University
Historic Preservation Society
President
(September 2017-May 2019)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Preservation Planner January 2022-Present
City of Sacramento, Community Development Dept.

- Works under general direction of Urban Design Manager and Preservation Director to review projects involving Sacramento Register-listed, and potentially eligible properties
- Prepares periodic updates to the Sacramento Register
- Drafts presentations and briefings for key stakeholders including neighborhood groups, various commissions, and City Council
- Advises environmental staff on complex historic environmental review projects to ensure compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, Section 106)
- Provides support to the Preservation Director in their role managing the Preservation Commission

Preservation Consultant and Carpenter June 2020-Present
Self-employed

- Performs building analysis reports, analyzes existing conditions, and recommends correction methods
- Authored a Green Development Site Review Checklist and a presentation on the importance of building conservation

Public Facilities Manager August 2017 to May 2021
Borough of Glen Rock Municipal Pool - Glen Rock, NJ

- Collected and actively referred to pertinent staff and patron data
- Ensured compliance with state bathing, fire, and building codes
- Organized facility operations, public events, and facility repairs
- Developed annual budget reports
- Communicated with borough officials in public meetings regarding facility finances and safety measures
- Created content for social media sites and updated signage, displaying relevant information in an easy-to-understand manner
- Corresponded with town residents via email, phone, and in-person

Apprentice/Intern January 2018 to December 2018
Heritage Restoration Inc. - Providence, RI

- Formulated building analysis reports and assisted in historic site reviews for both public and private developments
- Assessed, photographed, and documented historic buildings
- Performed finish carpentry in historic houses
- Removed, documented, restored, and reinstalled windows
- Trained in woodworking, window/door restoration, and roof repair

Max McSlavkin

CA Public Policy & Creative Communications

Sacramento, CA

msslavkin@gmail.com

310.740.0097

x: @maxslavkin

Professional Experience

Fiona Hutton & Associates (2022-2024)

Senior Account Executive (2023- 2024)

Account Executive (2022-2023)

- Communications specialist for state government clients in the water and natural resources space with a focus on community engagement & local partnerships.

Co-Founder & CEO

Creative Action Network (2013 - Present)

- Co-Founded multimillion dollar e-commerce platform & global community of artists.
- Partners included Patagonia, National Parks Conservation Association, Old Navy, Yankee Candle, Target, Earthjustice & more.

Partner, Chief Operations Officer

Big New Ideas (2010 - 2012)

- Led boutique digital media & design agency, business development, and operations.
- Clients included The Mayo Clinic, Nike Foundation, and Upworthy.

Manager, Graphics Department

Upworthy (2012)

- Created internal design department, hired and managed team of designers.
- Daily coverage of politics, rapid response, and in depth coverage of the 2012 Presidential Election

Education Experience

University of Southern California

B.A., Political Science, magna cum laude (2009)

Coro New York Leadership Center

Fellows Program in Public Affairs (2010)

Matter.vc

Social impact start-up accelerator (2013)

Awards

Robin W. Winks Award for Enhancing Public Understanding of our National Parks, National Parks Conservation Association

30 National Park Leaders To Watch Under 30, National Geographic

Corporate Stewardship Award, Association of Partners For Public Lands

A Bit More About Me

Chair, City of Sacramento Historic Preservation Commission (2022-Present)

Author, See America, A Celebration of Our National Parks & Treasured Sites (Chronicle Books, 2016), What REALLY Makes America Great (Universal Publishing, 2018), and Posters For A Green New Deal: 50 Removable Posters To Inspire Change (Workman Publishing, 2020)

Amateur naturalist. 782 species observations and counting.

Ella Cross
1826 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
916-599-2017
ella@ella-cross.com

I meet the Secretary of the Interior Professional Qualification Standards as an Architectural Historian and Historian. During my internship at the City of Sacramento as a Preservation Planning intern, I had the pleasure of learning how local governments manage cultural resources and how preservation can be beneficial to redevelopment projects. I was trained on a variety of platforms such as Accela and Granicus and became familiar with the city building code. I enjoyed the fast-paced environment and the opportunity to research and write about historic structures in our city. As a fifth generation Sacramentan, I have a deep love for our area and would like to spend my professional career working in historic preservation.

Experience

-City of Sacramento Preservation Planning Intern. African American Experience Project, architectural history research, design review for preservation projects including writing records of decision and specifying conditions of approval, assisted with staff reports, presented architectural research at director's hearings and preservation commission meetings, assisted with special projects. April 2023-January 31, 2024.

-The Society of California Pioneers Museum and Archive – Summer 2022 – Collections management, collections research, photography, and archival special projects.

-Assistant to the President/CEO, and Vice President; Compliance - 2004 to 2014, Richard Ney & Associates, Asset Management, Inc., Pasadena, CA.

Education

-California State University, Sacramento, M.A. History, Fall 2023, with significant coursework in Public History. Areas of study: American architectural history, cultural resource management, historic preservation. Editor: Clio, CSUS History Journal. Author of essay included in Clio: "Sacramento's Leland Stanford Mansion; Progress Through Technology."

-UC Davis, B.A. Art History with an emphasis in Architectural History, 2021.
Coursework in urban planning, landscape architecture and design.

-Penland School of Crafts – Goldsmithing program 2003.

Organizations

-Preservation Sacramento, Board Member, 2023-present.
-Society of Architectural Historians, Member, 2022-present.

References

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, City of Sacramento. sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org

Lauren Menzies, Collections Manager, The Society of California Pioneers, San Francisco, CA.
415-957-1849 or lauren@californiapioneers.org

Mei-Lee Ney, President/CEO, Richard Ney & Associates, Asset Management, Inc., Pasadena, CA. meilee@richardney.com or 626-441-2222

Patricia E. Ambacher, MA
Senior Architectural Historian

Patricia Ambacher (pa-TRISH-uh am-bah-ker; she/her) is a senior architectural historian with 22 years' experience specializing in historic preservation, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act, and California Public Resources Code 5024 and 5024.5. Ms. Ambacher evaluates properties for their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, California Historical Landmarks (CHL), and local registration programs. She has evaluated a variety of resources including residence, commercial buildings, historic districts, water infrastructure resources, levees, bridges, dams, railroad corridors, and roads. She has worked on projects in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Yap Island.

Ms. Ambacher has prepared a range of technical documents including historic resources evaluation reports, finding of effects, built environment treatment plans, historic property management plans, historic property treatment plans, citywide historic context statements, as well as Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic American Landscapes Survey documentation. Her clients include public and private entities seeking expertise in cultural resources and historic preservation. Her work has been recognized by the California Preservation Foundation, the California Office of Historic Preservation and Office of the California Governor.

Ms. Ambacher is currently employed by Dudek, a full-service employee-owned multidisciplinary environmental consulting firm founded in 1980. Dudek assists public and private clients on a broad range of projects that improve our clients' communities, infrastructure, and natural environment. From planning, design, and permitting through construction, we help move projects forward through the complexities of regulatory compliance, budgetary and schedule constraints, and conflicting stakeholder interests. She is part of a team of 12 architectural historians and more than 20 archaeologists working in California and the Pacific Northwest region.

Prior to joining Dudek, Ms. Ambacher worked at various engineering and environmental firms including Jacobs, GEI Consultants, Inc., AECOM and ICF. She also worked at the California Office of Historic Preservation.

Ms. Ambacher holds an MA from California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) in History with an emphasis in Public History. She has a BA in History also from CSUS.

IAN MERKER

AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA

Sacramento, California
California Licensed Architect #32964
Cal OES Safety Assessment Program Evaluator
LEED AP Building Design + Construction designation, accredited since 2004

EXPERIENCE

CannonDesign

Associate Vice President 2022 - present

Lionakis

Senior Architect 2020 - 2021

Rainforth Grau Architects

Architect 2013 - 2020

MFDB Architects, Inc.

Architect 2006 - 2013

Mogavero Architects

Designer 2003 - 2006

Michael Folonis Architects

Intern 2001 - 2002

Capitol Area Development Authority

Intern Summer 1999

Bevan + Associates

Visualization Consultant 2006 - 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

AIA California Young Architect Award

AIA California Presidential Citation

**AIA Central Valley Chapter
Commendation**

John S. Bolles Fellow

ACADEMIC COURSEWORK

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Bachelor of Architecture

Minor in Regenerative Studies

Outstanding Architecture Student Award

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow UK

Dip. Hons. Architecture and Building
Science

- Thesis Project: A High Speed Rail Terminus in Sacramento.
- Courses: Topic Studios in Historic Preservation, Urban Design and New Urbanism, Regenerative Principles and Practices, The 20th Century House

NOTABLE PROJECTS

- Gregory Bateson Building | Renovation of historic state office building from 1981 significant as the largest energy efficient infrastructure project, LEED Platinum
- New Capitol Annex Building | Replacement annex state government offices and hearing rooms at the historic California State Capitol
- California State Teachers' Retirement System Headquarters Expansion | 500,000 square foot office tower and parking structure addition for a growing financial institution and leasable prime office space, ZNE building
- Folsom Cordova USD Mangini Ranch Elementary School and Folsom Ranch High School | 60,000 and 300,000 square foot single-building new District prototypes increasing collaboration, community engagement and building performance, bringing next generation learning outcomes with a long life facility
- Roseville High School Auxiliary Gymnasium | Infill on a 100 year old campus to expand the athletic program, reinforce campus community pride, and ensure equity.
- Cordova High School Measure N Modifications | A 7-year effort to adapt a large Mid-Century Modern high school campus for the 21st century, including a new Science building, Performing Arts Center and Auxiliary Gymnasium.
- University of California, Davis Student Community Center | Design-Build collaboration on gathering spaces and offices promoting campus diversity, LEED Platinum
- Student Services Gateway Building, San Joaquin Delta College | 50,000 sf administrative/office building for admissions, financial aid and counseling, a landmark anchor for a technical campus.
- Cosumnes River College Light Rail Station | Station platform area and pedestrian bridge advancing an efficient, comfortable, user-friendly transit center
- Customs and Border Protection Housing | Residential prototype housing in remote Arizona location encouraging employee families to live in their service community with high quality affordable homes, LEED for Homes Platinum
- Privatization of Army Lodging | Renovation, hotel branding and historic preservation of Army barracks and Distinguished Visitors Quarters at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Fort Rucker, AL, Fort. Gordon, GA, and Tripler Army Medical Center, HI, improving living with hospitality away from home base
- Sacramento Metro Fire District | Administrative office improvements, FEMA/CalEMA/PGE funded Emergency Operations Center Simulator, and Fire Stations 129 and 111
- Roseville Fire Station #9 | 10,000 sq.ft. 3 bay state of the art fire protection facility celebrating city history
- Del Mar Arena | Roof addition and Mission Revival style architectural additions to a 70,000 sq.ft. horse show, competitive sports and concert arena, adding millions to annual income with diverse, year-round events

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

American Institute of Architects – Member since 2004

AIA California

Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs 2019 – 2020

Climate Action Network Communications group

Planning and Finance Committee

Academy for Emerging Professionals Committee of Advisors

Mentorship commitment- AXP Mentor for two candidates

Event volunteer for Monterey Design Conference

AIA Central Valley

Film Curator

Organized film screenings related to architecture and design.

Associate Director, 2010 - 2012

AIA National

AIA-AGC (Association of General Contractors) Joint Committee **2025 -**

Committee on the Environment Communications Group

Young Architects Forum

Regional Director, Northern California 2012-2014, 2017-2018

Senior Editor, YAF Connection 2012-2018

Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship Jury, 2013

ACSA Practice + Leadership Award Jury, 2017

AIA Practice Innovation Lab, Inaugural Participant 2017

AIA Center for Civic Leadership, Citizen Architect working group 2016

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Experience Advisory Committee 2016

ARE 5.0 Cut Score Task Force 2017

ARE 5.0 Item Development 2024

City of Sacramento

Preservation Commission 2023 – present

Design Advisory Group 2021 - present

Sacramento Heritage, Inc. | *Vice Chair*, Board of Directors 2006 - 2014

- Appointed by the Mayor of Sacramento in 2006 and reappointed for consecutive terms
- Drafted the qualifying criteria for a citywide Historic Places Rehabilitation Grant Program
- Designed the official Historic Places Plaque for the City of Sacramento
- Provides continuing graphic design work for walking tours including a mobile app

Sacramento Transportation Management Association

2015 President, Board of Directors

- Directing an association serving 25,000 commuters in the Central City
- Board initiatives reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and improve the health, safety and living standards in the Region by administering emergency ride home program for alternative commuters, organizing carpools, and promoting bicycle commuting and bike safety

California Architects Board

- CSE Exam Development consultant, 2015-present

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5:30 PM**

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair McSlavkin at 5:29 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Nayyar / Commissioner Merker.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2024-00080

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2024.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Presiding Officer at the discretion of the legislative bodies.

2. R Street Historic District Ordinance Amendment and R Street Historic District Plan Amendment (M24-007) [Noticed 09/06/2024]

File ID: 2024-01566

Location: R Street Historic District, District 4, Represented by Councilmember Valenzuela

Action: Moved/Seconded: Chair McSlavkin / Commissioner Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Held a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending the city council: 1) determine that the proposed amendments to Ordinances 2019-0051 and 2019-0052, including a boundary revision to R Street Historic District, are exempt from review under CEQA Guidelines sections 15308 (actions taken to protect the environment) and 15061(b)(3) (the common-sense exemption); 2) adopt an Ordinance amending and restating Exhibits 17.A and 17.B of Ordinance 2019-0052, relating to the R Street Historic District, including a boundary revision to the District; and 3) adopt an Ordinance amending and restating the map of the R Street Historic District in figure 293 of Ordinance 2019-0051.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

3. Ordinance Listing 1100 46th Street and 1341 45th Street, as Landmarks on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M24-009) [Noticed 10/04/2024]

File ID: 2024-01761

Location: 1100 46th Street (APN: 008-0152-008-0000) and 1341 45th Street (APN: 008-0272-019-0000), District 4, Represented by Mayor Steinberg

Action: Moved/Seconded: Chair McSlavkin / Commissioner Ambacher.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending the city council: 1) pass a Motion determining the listing of 1100 46th Street and 1341 45th Street as landmarks on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) adopt an Ordinance listing 1100 46th Street and 1341 45th Street as landmarks on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar

4. Preservation Commission Draft 2024 Annual Report

File ID: 2024-01488

Location: Citywide

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

5. Sacramento LGBTQ+ Historic Experience Project Second Draft Historic Context Statement (M23-005)

File ID: 2024-01762

Location: Citywide

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 6:27 p.m.

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair McSlavkin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, and Chair McSlavkin.

Commissioners Absent: Ricca.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Recognition of Dedication and Service to the Preservation Commission- Commissioner Ambacher, Commissioner Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Nayyar / Chair McSlavkin.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioner Ricca.

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1. **Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

File ID: 2024-00081

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Discussion Calendar

2. **Preservation Commission Draft 2024 Annual Report**

File ID: 2024-01791

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Chair McSlavkin / Commissioner Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioner Ricca.

Passed a **Motion** forwarding the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan for the Preservation Commission to the Personnel & Public Employees (P&PE) Committee for consideration and approval.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

3. **LGBTQ+ Historic Experience Project Final Draft Historic Context and the Historic Building Survey Findings (M24-005)**

File ID: 2024-01877

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Chair McSlavkin / Commissioner Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Merker, Nayyar, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioner Ricca.

Members of the public provided public comments.

Passed a **Motion** recommending the City Council accept the LGBTQ+ Historic Experience Project's Historic Context Statement and Historic Building Survey Findings concerning potentially historically significant resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 5:55 p.m.

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025
5:30 PM**

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair McSlavkin at 5:35 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Commissioners Present: Burns, Cross, Merker, Nayyar (at 5:48 p.m.), Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Commissioners Absent: Ambacher.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair McSlavkin.

Welcome New Commissioner - Ella Cross

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Merker.

Yes: Commissioners Burns, Cross, Merker, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioners Ambacher and Nayyar.

Members of the public provided public comments.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. **Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

File ID: 2025-00085

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Discussion Calendar

2. **Water+ Treatment Plants Resiliency and Improvements Project (M25-001)**

File ID: 2025-00365

Location: Citywide

Members of the public provided public comments.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

3. **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2025**

File ID: 2025-00333

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Ricca.

Yes: Commissioners Burns, Cross, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioner Ambacher.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Commissioner Nayyar as Chair for calendar year 2025.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Burns / Commissioner Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Burns, Cross, Merker, Nayyar, Ricca, and Chair McSlavkin.

Absent: Commissioner Ambacher.

Passed a **Motion** selecting Commissioner Merker as Vice Chair for calendar year 2025.

Contact: Mindy Cuppy, MMC, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

Members of the commission provided comments.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 6:18 p.m.

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Nayyar at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Merker / Commissioner Cross.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2025-00088

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Presiding Officer at the discretion of the legislative bodies.

2. Ordinance Listing 1112 40th Street as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M24-013) [Noticed 02/07/2025]

File ID: 2025-00346

Location: 1112 40th Street, APN: 008-0134-016-0000, District 4, Represented by Councilmember Pluckebaum

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Chair Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending to the city council the Ordinance listing 1112 40th Street as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Chair Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed an amended **Motion** recommending that the city council: 1) pass a Motion determining the listing of 1112 40th Street as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) adopt an Ordinance listing 1112 40th Street as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

3. **Ordinance Listing San Francisco Boulevard as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M24-006) [Noticed 02/07/2025]**

File ID: 2025-00347

Location: San Francisco Boulevard, between Stockton Boulevard and 55th Street, District 6, Represented by Mayor Pro Tem Guerra

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Merker / Commissioner Cross.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Members of the public provided public comments.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending that the city council: 1) pass a Motion determining the listing of San Francisco Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) adopt an Ordinance listing San Francisco Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar

4. 2023-2024 Certified Local Government Program Annual Report Draft (M25-002)

File ID: 2025-00470

Location: Citywide

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796,
sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

Members of the commission provided comments.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 6:00 p.m.

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Nayyar at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker (at 5:32 p.m.), Ricca, and Nayyar.

Commissioners Absent: Burns.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Cross / Chair Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Ricca, and Chair Nayyar.

Absent: Commissioner Burns and Merker.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2025-00090

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

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2. Ordinance Listing 5850 Freeport Boulevard on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M24-014) [Noticed 02/07/2025]

File ID: 2025-00477

Location: 5850 Freeport Boulevard, APN: 035-0034-016-0000, District 5

Action: Item continued to May 21, 2025.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar

3. Draft New Helvetia Historic District Plan (M23-003)

File ID: 2025-00588

Location: New Helvetia Historic District, District 4

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Members of the public provided public comments.

Adjourned – 5:41 p.m.

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**Regular Meeting DRAFT Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
5:30 PM**

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Nayyar at 5:31 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Commissioners Absent: Burns.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Merker / Commissioner McSlavkin.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Absent: Commissioner Burns.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2025-00094

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org; Sapphire Xiong, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-7098, sxiong@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

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2. Ordinance Listing 5850 Freeport Boulevard on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M24-014) [Noticed 02/07/2025]

File ID: 2025-00477

Location: 5850 Freeport Boulevard, APN: 035-0034-016-0000, District 5

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Ambacher / Commissioner Ricca.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Absent: Commissioner Burns.

Members of the public provided public comments.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion passed a **Motion** recommending the City Council: 1) pass a **Motion** determining the listing of 5850 Freeport Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) adopt an **Ordinance** listing 5850 Freeport Boulevard as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments – Matters Not on the Agenda

Members of the public provided public comments.

Adjourned – 6:39 p.m.

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Nayyar at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Chair Nayyar.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Nayyar.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Ambacher / Commissioner Chair Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Chair Nayyar.

Abstain: Commissioners Burns.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2025-00095

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025.

Contact: Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5442, harata@cityofsacramento.org; Sapphire Xiong, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-7098, sxiong@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

Public Hearings

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2. Ordinance Listing 12 Landmark Properties and the New Helvetia Historic District on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources and adopting the Historic District Plan for the New Helvetia Historic District (M23-003) [Published 06/13/2025; Noticed 06/06/2025]

File ID: 2025-01122

Location: Citywide

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner McSlavkin / Commissioner Chair Nayyar.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Recused: Commissioner Cross.

Members of the public provided public comments.

Conducted a public hearing and upon conclusion, passed a **Motion** recommending the City Council: 1) determine the proposed project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308; 2) adopt an ordinance listing 12 properties as landmarks and the New Helvetia Historic District as a historic district on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources (M23-003); and 3) adopt an ordinance adopting the Historic District Plan for the New Helvetia Historic District.

Contact: Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director, (916) 808-2796, sdecourcy@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar

3. Railyards Special Planning District - Static Digital Signs for Large Entertainment Venues within Sacramento Shops Historic District (M25-009)

File ID: 2025-01060

Location: Sacramento Railyards Special Planning District, Sacramento Shops Historic District, District 4

Action: Moved/Seconded: Chair Nayyar / Commissioner McSlavkin.

Yes: Commissioners Ambacher, Burns, Cross, McSlavkin, Merker, Ricca, and Nayyar.

Passed a **Motion** forwarding a recommendation to City Council to adopt an ordinance amending section 15.148.193 of the Sacramento City Code (Railyards Special Planning District) to allow static digital signage for large entertainment venues within the Sacramento Shops Historic District.

Contact: Matthew Sites, Senior Architect, AIA, LEED AP, (916) 808-7646, msites@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Director's Report

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments – Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Members of the public provided public comments.

Adjourned – 5:58 p.m.