

2030 Sacramento General Plan DRAFT POLICIES

HISTORIC and CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT (HCR)

The City of Sacramento recognizes the importance of its historic and cultural resources, which create a distinct sense of place for residents and visitors, as well as provide the story that uniquely differentiates Sacramento from all other cities. These resources acknowledge the earliest days of pre-historic and historic settlement along the Sacramento and American Rivers, the City's role as a catalyst for the Gold Rush and as a key center of the western expansion of the United States, and establishment of the City as California's State Capitol. Preservation of historic and cultural resources is important because cities with distinctly identifiable places and history are generally more livable for residents and more attractive to new businesses that sustain the economy. Preservation and adaptive reuse of historic structures also promote sustainability by reducing the need for new construction materials.

Historic and Cultural Resource (HCR.1) policies provide for the expansion of a comprehensive data base documenting Sacramento's important resources. Strategies are provided for the recognition of historic and cultural resources and the preservation or adaptive-reuse of historic buildings in accordance with state policy and regulations. Expansion of programs for the education of residents and visitors about Sacramento's history and historical and cultural resources is encouraged.

Roberta's Suggested Paragraph to Replace the Above

Historic and Cultural Resource (HCR.1) policies and strategies are provided for the identification, protection and assistance in the preservation of historic and cultural resources. The policies are intended to maintain a city-wide program consistent with the State and Federal Certified Local Government program and with State laws and regulations related to cultural resources.

HISTORIC and CULTURAL RESOURCES (HCR.1)

Goal

HCR.1-1 Maintain City Preservation Program. Maintain a comprehensive, citywide preservation program to identify, protect and assist in the preservation of Sacramento's historic and cultural resources .

Policies

HCR.1-1.1 Certified Local Government Elements. The City shall establish and support Certified Local Government (CLG) elements as the key components of the City's preservation program, while maintaining the City's status as a CLG to make full use of its authority to designate local landmarks, historic districts, and contributing buildings, as well as to designate additional sites that may not meet the established criteria. *[1998 GP Policy A.4 and C.2 with modifications per City Department; Preservation Department, August 2007]*

HCR.1-1.2 Best Practices. The City shall develop and implement best practices in the City's preservation program that will ensure it will be a model for other cities.

HCR.1-1.3 Integration with Other Policies. The City shall ensure that the City's preservation program is integrated and collaborates with the City's Sustainability, Economic Development, Urban Design and Livability Policies.

HCR.1-1.4 Integration of Cultural Resources into Program. The City shall fully integrate cultural (archeological) resource elements into the City's preservation program.

HCR.1-1.5 Preservation Office, Commission, and Program. The City shall maintain a Preservation Office, Commission, and program to administer the City's governmental preservation functions and programs, carry out an Implementation Plan, and report annually on its status to the City Council. *[1998 GP Policy A.3, GPAC]*

[Note to City: this policy was combined with H.1-1.1]

historic and cultural resources that are consistent with federal and state Standards and criteria.

New Policy (separated out from HAR.1-2.7. Needs to be with incentives.) The City shall also support, encourage, and ease the process for historic preservation and rehabilitation. *[1998 GP, Policies C.2 and F.5 modified]*

HCR.1-2.8 National and California Register. The City shall pursue national and California register eligibility and listing for qualified resources including historic districts and individual resources. *[New – EIP/PBS&J]*

HCR.1-2.9 Historic and Cultural Resource Property Maintenance. The City shall encourage maintenance and upkeep of historic and cultural resources to avoid the need for major rehabilitation and to reduce the risks of demolition, loss through fire or neglect, or impacts from natural disasters. The City shall set the example by maintaining all publicly owned historic and cultural resources in a manner that is consistent with the *U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. *[1998 GP Policies A.5, A.8 and B.7 with modifications per City Department]*

HCR.1-2.10 Early Intervention. The City shall consider historic and cultural resources early in the development review process, perform early consultation with homeowners, land developers, and the building industry, and maintain historic and cultural resources through code enforcement and other efforts. *[1998 GP Policy B.7 modified per City Department]*

HCR.1-2.11 Compatibility of New Development. The City shall review new development, alterations, rehabilitation/remodels in design review areas, historic districts, and other areas of historic resources for compatibility with the surrounding qualified historic context. The City shall pay special attention to the scale, massing, and relationship of new development to surrounding historic resources. *[1998 GP Policy B.2 with modifications per City Department]*

HCR.1-2.12 Preservation of Contributing Elements. The City shall promote the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and/or reconstruction, as appropriate, of buildings and other contributing elements (e.g. historic landscapes, street lamps, signs) to the area as defined by the historic context. *[1998 GP Policy B.6 with modifications per City Department]*

HCR.1-2.13 Adaptive Reuse. The City shall encourage the adaptive reuse of historic resources where appropriate (i.e. when the original use of the resource is no longer feasible). *[1998 GP Policy F.4 with modifications per City Department]*

HCR.1-2.14 Demolition. The City shall regard demolition of historic resources as a last resort, to be permitted only after the City determines that rehabilitation of the resource is not feasible and/or that demolition is necessary to protect health, safety, and welfare, or the benefits of the new project outweigh the

