



Report to  
**PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
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Staff Report  
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Members of the Preservation Commission:

**Subject:** Preservation Development Standards Public Review Draft  
M07-026

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

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### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The City has adopted the Secretary of the Interior's Standards as its' standard for preservation review of development projects involving historic properties. While the Secretary of the Interior's Standards are relatively straightforward, there is a great deal that may be seen as either vague or open to interpretation, and especially so relative to new infill construction in residential historic districts.

The Development Services Department, Preservation Office, has contracted with Winter & Company to prepare a Preservation Development Standards document for historic residential and neighborhood commercial projects. The document is designed to help interpret the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, particularly the Rehabilitation Standards, as applied to preservation development projects in the City of Sacramento, and particularly relative to infill new construction projects in residential historic districts.

This new document is intended to help customers – property owners, their architects, contractors, the public, and Preservation staff and commissioners – have a more predictable and clear understanding of the City's preservation project review process and especially how the Secretary of the Interior's Standards are interpreted for Sacramento's historic residential and neighborhood commercial development projects. The document is intended to provide a clear and more predictable understanding of preservation project review expectations for the design of alterations, adaptive reuse, additions, treatment of historic







