

DATE: October 4, 2019

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF SUBSEQUENT PROJECT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN: HISTORIC DISTRICT PLANS, UPDATE TO THE SACRAMENTO REGISTER OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND OTHER PRESERVATION-RELATED ACTIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION: **Citywide**

COMMENT PERIOD: **30 days beginning October 7, 2019 and ending November 6, 2019**

The City of Sacramento, Department of Community Development, Environmental Planning Services has determined, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15177, that the Historic District Plans, Update to the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources and Other Preservation-Relations Actions is a subsequent project within the scope of the Master EIR for the City of Sacramento 2035 General Plan, certified by the City as lead agency on March 3, 2015, and that no additional environmental review for the project is required. The City has prepared an Initial Study for the project and has determined that the project would not result in any additional significant environmental effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR. No new additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

The Project consists of the following:

Pursuant to—

- (1) the 2035 General Plan historic and cultural resources element, particularly policies HCR 2.1.13 and HCR 2.1.1;
- (2) the 2035 General Plan implementation provisions for the historic and cultural resources; and
- (3) section 17.604.300 of the City's Planning and Development Code—

the City undertook research and used existing information regarding the historic districts to formulate an historic context, period of significance, statement of significance, and the character-defining features for each historic district in the City.

The City also conducted an intensive property-by-property historic survey for districts that had out-of-date surveys (completed prior to 2004). For those districts with the most up-to-date information (completed after 2004), a reconnaissance-level survey was conducted to confirm contributors and non-contributors and boundaries via windshield survey based on the historic context statement. For those districts with the most up-to-date information (completed after 2011) no formal survey work was conducted.

The 2035 General Plan implementation provisions for the historic and cultural resources element specify other City actions such as updating design guidelines and improving existing programs.

Under this rubric, the City proposes the following action items:

1. Adopt the Sacramento Historic District Plans, which includes district plans for 27 of the City's 32 historic districts. Consistent with section 17.604.300, the plans contain—
 - A. A statement of the goals for review of development projects within the historic district;

- B. A representation of the historical development of land uses, existing land uses, and any adopted plans for future land uses; and
 - C. A statement of findings, including the following:
 - i. The historical or pre-historical period to which the area is significant;
 - ii. The predominant periods or styles of the structures or features therein;
 - iii. The significant features and characteristics of such periods or styles, as represented in the historic district, including, but not limited to, structure height, bulk, distinctive architectural details, materials, textures, archeological and landscape features and fixtures; and
 - iv. A statement, consistent with article II, of the standards and criteria to be utilized in determining the appropriateness of any development project involving a landmark, contributing resource or noncontributing resource within the historic district.
2. Amend various historic districts on the Sacramento Register, as shown in Exhibit A. Generally, these amendments consist of boundary adjustments to various historic districts to remove noncontributors from the district and list contributing resources. Additionally, the City proposes to remove the Memorial Auditorium Historic District and the 12th Street Commercial Historic District from the Sacramento Register as both districts are fragmented, do not represent a cohesive historic district, and do not meet the criteria for listing as historic districts on the Sacramento Register.
 3. Rescind the following resolutions that will no longer be needed following the adoption of the Sacramento Historic District Plans:
 - a. Preservation Area Plan (1978)
 - b. Residential Listed Structures Plan (1976)
 - c. Non-residential Listed Structures Plan (1976)
 4. Amend city code section 17.808.130, relating to director-level site plan and design review, to lower the level of review for projects involving noncontributing resources in historic districts from director level to staff level.

A copy of the Initial Study is attached to this Notice. The Master EIR is available for review on the City's web site at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports>. The document is also available for review at the offices of the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, California during public counter hours and at the offices of the Sacramento County Clerk Recorder and on the Community Development Department web site at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports>.

Comments regarding the project and CEQA review may be submitted to:

Contact City planning staff at HDPs@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-8123

Comments must be submitted no later than November 6, 2019.