



Planning Commission

January 14, 2026

**Item 2:
General Plan Amendment
to Update the Historic
Resource Inventory**

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Request

Provide a recommendation on a General Plan Amendment to Update Appendix 8.9 - Historic Resource Inventory (HRI) in the General Plan as required by Santa Clara City Code (SCCC) Section 18.142.040, amendments to the City's General Plan to the City Council for final consideration.



General Plan Amendment Scope

- Update the Historic Resource Inventory (Table 8.9-1 in Appendix 8.9) of the City's General Plan.
 - Include 27 properties to the HRI, added after the adoption of the General Plan in 2010.
 - Update existing HRI property information with any changes to the property address, assessor property number, and addition of a Mills Act Contract or a Historic Plaque.
- An update to the HRI is considered an amendment to the General Plan.
- Amendments to the City's General Plan require consideration during a public hearing at the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the City Council for final consideration.



Consistency with General Plan

- The proposed General Plan Amendment to update the HRI is consistent with the following General Plan policies:
 - 5.6.1-P2: Protect the historic integrity of designated historic properties and encourage adaptive reuse when necessary to promote preservation.
 - 5.6.1-P10: Update and maintain the City's list of Architecturally or Historically Significant Properties, and associated State Department of Parks and Recreation forms, as an Appendix to the General Plan.



Public Outreach

- On September 16, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 65352(a), the City mailed referral letters to Native American tribes. No comments were received from the tribes.
- On December 24, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 65353 and 65355, a notice of public hearing was published in *The Weekly*, a local newspaper.



CEQA Evaluation

- The City prepared the 2010-2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which was certified on November 10, 2010 (Resolution No. 10-7797).
- The General Plan Policy 5.6.1-P10 to update and maintain the Historic Resource Inventory was discussed in the 2010-2035 General Plan EIR.
- Pursuant to Section 15168(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, the update to the Historic Resource Inventory falls within the scope of the 2010-2035 General Plan EIR
- The proposed General Plan Amendment does not involve new significant effects beyond those analyzed in the 2010-2035 General Plan EIR.



Recommendation

Staff recommends the Planning Commission provide a recommendation of approval to the City Council to:

- 1) Determine that the project falls within the scope of the 2010-2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2).
- 2) Adopt a resolution recommending the City Council amend the General Plan to update the Historic Resource Inventory list in Appendix 8.9 of the General Plan.



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