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Name of CLG

City of Santa Clara

Report Prepared by: Rebecca Bustos, Principal Planner and Liaison to the Historical and Landmarks Commission

Date of commission/board review: March 6, 2025

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?

No.

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

<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/SantaClara/html/pdfs/SantaClara18.pdf>

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

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1. During the reporting period, October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, what properties/districts have been locally designated?

Property Name/Address	Date Designated	If a district, number of contributors	Date Recorded by County Recorder
None	Type here.	Type here.	Type here.

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.

Property Name/Address	Date Removed	Reason
None	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

<http://www.santaclaraca.gov/home/showdocument?id=13934>

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?

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Authority to conduct architectural review of an application for the issuance of a permit for any sign, building, and structure or for alteration to the exterior of a structure in any zone district is vested in the Development Review Hearing by the City Council of the City of Santa Clara. Chapter 18.76 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Santa Clara delineates the powers and duties of the Development Review Hearing and outlines the process of architectural review. It is the practice of the City Council to grant limited authority of architectural review to the Director of Community Development. This authority is granted with the stipulation that the Director may, at his or her discretion, refer any item allowed for his or her review to the Development Review Hearing for resolution. Under direction from the Director of Community Development, staff, including the Liaison to the Historical & Landmarks Commission, review those projects within the Old Quad as well as all potentially historic properties over 50 years of age, and any proposed changes to properties within 200 feet of historic resources on the City's Historic Resources Inventory, for potential impacts to the City's historic resources. Any project that may have an identifiable impact on a historic resource or potentially eligible historic resource, and any development application within 200 feet of an identified historic resource, is forwarded with a staff report and recommendation to the Historical and Landmarks Commission for review and recommendation as required per the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

2. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Explain the historic preservation staff and commission role in *providing input* to CEQA documents prepared for or by the local government.
Environmental review is a part of the normal project review and requires no separate application. Proposals are evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to determine the appropriate level of CEQA analysis required. Per Historic Preservation Ordinance when City's Historical and Landmarks Commission review is required, the Commission is provided with opportunity to review and comment on the CEQA documents by agendaizing the item for a Commission meeting.
- Explain the staff and commission role in *reviewing* CEQA documents for projects that are proposed within the jurisdiction of the local government.
Environmental review is a part of the normal project review and requires no separate application. Per Historic Preservation Ordinance, when City's Historical and Landmarks Commission review is required, the Commission is provided with opportunity to review and comment on the CEQA documents. Planning staff reviews the Section 106 requests, the Commission on occasion will review requests when the proposal directly impacts a historically designated resource.

3. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

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- Explain the staff and commission role in *providing input* to Section 106 documents prepared for, or by, the local government.
- Explain the staff and commission role in *reviewing* Section 106 documents for projects that are proposed within the jurisdiction of the local government?

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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
Patricia Leung		August 21, 2018	June 30, 2027	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Michael Celso		August 21, 2018	June 30, 2026	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Ana Vargas-Smith		August 21, 2018	June 30, 2026	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Kathleen Romano		August 26, 2019	June 30, 2025	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Amy Kirby	Public History	August 26, 2019	June 30, 2025	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Ed Stocks		October 5, 2021	June 30, 2025	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov
Yvonne Inciarte		June 13, 2023	June 30, 2027	HistoricalLandmarksCommission@santaclaraca.gov

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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.

Currently some qualifications are met through City staff and volunteer advisors to the Commission.

2. If all positions are not currently filled, why is there a vacancy, and when will the position be filled? *No vacancies.*

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.
3. If the position(s) is not currently filled, why is there a vacancy?

Attach resumes and Statement of Professional Qualifications forms for staff.

Name/Title	Discipline	Dept. Affiliation	Email Address
Rebecca Bustos, Principal Planner	Urban Planning	Community Development	rbustos@santaclaraca.gov
Lesley Xavier, Planning Manager	Urban Planning	Community Development	lxavier@santaclaraca.gov
Sheldon Ah Sing	Urban Planning	Community Development	sahsing@santaclaraca.gov

C. Attendance Record

Please complete the commission meeting attendance chart for each commissioner and staff member. Commissions are required to meet a minimum of four times a year. If you haven't met at least four times, explain why not.

Commissioner/Staff	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Patricia Leung	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Celso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Ana Vargas-Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Romano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Kirby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Stocks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yvonne Inciarte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sheldon Ah Sing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D. Training Received

Please indicate the specific training each commissioner received last year.

Reminder: It is a CLG requirement that all commissioners and staff to the commission attend at least one training program relevant to your commission each year. It is up to the CLG to determine the relevancy of the training.

Commissioner/Staff Name	Training Title & Description (including method presentation, e.g., webinar, workshop)	Duration of Training	Training Provider	Date
Michael Celso	California Architecture: One State, Divisible or I YouTube video	1.25 hours	CPF	10/1/23
Michael Celso	A History of Historic Preservation YouTube Video	1.25 hours	CPF	10/1/23
Michael Celso	Why Save Historic Windows YouTube Video	1.25 hours	CPF	10/3/23
Michael Celso	CHBC 2: Accessibility & Historic Buildings	1 hour	CPF	10/4/23

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Michael Celso	Public Participation & Outreach for Historic Preservation YouTube Video	1.5 hours	CPF	10/4/23
Michael Celso	Basics of the Secretary of Interior's Standards 1-10 YouTube	1 hour	CPF	10/9/23
Amy Kirby	2024 California Preservation Conference	3 days	CPF	05/29/2024 - 06/01/2024
Yvonne Inciarte	2024 California Preservation Conference	3 days	CPF	05/29/2024 - 06/01/2024
Ana Vargas-Smith	2024 California Preservation Conference	3 days	CPF	05/29/2024 - 06/01/2024

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
None.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

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Survey Area	Context Based-yes/no	Level: Reconnaissance or Intensive	Acreage	# of Properties Surveyed	Date Completed	Date Submitted to the OHP
None.	Type here.	Type here.	Type here.	Type here.	Type here.	Type here.

Explain how you are using the survey data: Type here.

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
2024 Historical and Landmarks Commission Art Meets History Banner Project	Streetlight banner project “Art Meets History” posted on El Camino Real included 10 banners showcasing historic properties within the City. More info: 2024 Historical and Landmarks Commission Art Meets History Banner Project City of Santa Clara	April -May 2024

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ANNUAL PRODUCTS REPORTS FOR CLGS

During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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.

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Program area	Number of Properties added
None	Type here.

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

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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

2. If yes, how many properties have been added to your register or designated during the reporting period?

None.

C. Local Property Tax Incentive Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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 2023-2024	Total Number of Properties Benefiting From Program
Historical Preservation Contract (Mills Act)	3	172

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

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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	Type here.

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E. Design Review/Local Regulatory Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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?

The City staff review of local government projects or impacts on historic properties are not collected. It is the function of the Permit Center staff to review properties that are flagged in the system as resources that are over 50 years old and/or are within 200 feet of a listed resource. Projects flagged are referred to the Planning Division staff to provide guidance on the permit application. The Commission reviewed two (2) projects within 200 feet of a historic resource as referenced in the Agendas and Minutes.

F. Local Property Acquisition Program

1. During the reporting period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) 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
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	Type here.

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

In years past, the OHP sponsored a series of free CAMP trainings from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). Would you be interested in attending future CAMP trainings funded by the OHP?

Yes.

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The OHP has also hosted training workshops and webinars of our own, and we plan to do so again in the coming year and beyond. What are some topics you would like to see covered in these trainings?

SIS Standards

Implementing historic districts

Energy efficiency in historic homes

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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