



City Council
February 24, 2026

**Item #4 RTC 26-25
General Plan Amendment
to Update the Historic
Resource Inventory**

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Request

Action on a General Plan Amendment to Update the Historic Resource Inventory (HRI) in Appendix 8.9 of 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.

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General Plan Amendment Scope

- The Historic Resource Inventory (HRI) is a list of architecturally or historically significant resources maintained as Table 8.9-1 in Appendix 8.9 of the City's General Plan.
- Since 2010, 27 properties have been approved by City Council to be added to the Historic Resource Inventory.
- This is a minor text update in Table 8.9-1 in Appendix 8.9 to add the **previously approved 27 properties** as a clean-up to be consistent with the General Plan.

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General Plan Amendment

- An update to the HRI table 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.

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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.

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CEQA Evaluation

- Pursuant to Section 15168(c)(2) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed General Plan Amendment is in furtherance of and within the scope of the 2010-2035 General Plan EIR adopted by City Council Resolution 10-7797, in that:
 - 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.
 - The proposed General Plan Amendment does not involve new significant effects beyond those analyzed in the 2010-2035 General Plan EIR.

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Recommendation

Consistent with the General Plan, staff recommends that City Council:

- 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 to amend the General Plan to update the Historic Resource Inventory list in Appendix 8.9 of the General Plan.

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