

# Agenda Report

July 22, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Planning & Community Development Department

**SUBJECT: COMMENT TO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER ON THE NOMINATION OF 1111 AND 1121 NORTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transmittal of the attached letter (Attachment B) from the Mayor to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in support of the nomination of 1111 and 1121 North Los Robles Avenue for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

On Monday, July 1, 2013, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve staff's recommendation.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The State Historic Preservation Officer has sent notification that the State Historical Resources Commission will review the nomination of 1111 and 1121 North Los Robles Avenue for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at its August 2, 2013 meeting in Sacramento and has requested comments from the City's Chief Elected Official on the nominations.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City recently received notification from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) about the review by the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) of nominations of the properties at 1111 and 1121 North Los Robles Avenue for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with the requirements of the National Park Service, the SHPO routinely notifies local officials and property owners about nominations to the National Register. The purpose of the notification is to allow time for public comment before the SHRC holds a public hearing on the nomination and the SHPO forwards a recommendation to the National Park Service.

SHPO also notifies historic preservation commissions in local jurisdictions—such as Pasadena—which participate in the Certified Local Government program. Letters from the SHPO (dated June 3, 2013) ask the City to provide comments on the nominations through the City's Chief Elected Official and City Council no later than 15 days before the meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) where the nominations will be considered (scheduled for August 2, 2013 at the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento).

The property owners submitted the nominations, which were prepared by Galvin Preservation Associates on the owners' behalf. The nominations reference the City's 1998 Multiple Property Documentation Form "The Residential Architecture of Pasadena, CA: 1895-1918: The Influence of the Arts & Crafts Movement," by Lauren Bricker, Robert Winter and Janet Tearmen.

### **Results of National Register Listing**

Properties that are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places require submittal of an application for Certificate of Appropriateness for major or minor projects affecting the listed historic resource. These properties are also eligible for incentives including the Historic Property Contract (Mills Act) program and, for income-producing properties, Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

### **Comments on the Nominations**

Staff has reviewed the nomination forms and recommends no comments, other than an indication of City support, be submitted to the SHRC.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

Advisory recommendations on National Register nominations are exempt from environmental review. The listing of properties and districts in the National Register is categorically exempt from CEQA under class 8, actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment.

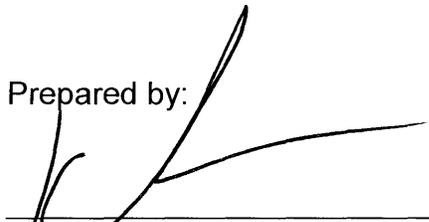
### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The General Plan – Objective 6: Promote preservation of historically and architecturally significant buildings and revitalization of traditional neighborhoods and commercial areas. In total, this action will support preservation of two individual properties.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

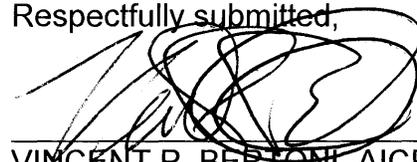
Designation of these properties does not affect revenues to the City. In some instances, though, owners of designated historic properties may apply to the City for Historic Property Contract, which allows an alternative and often lower property tax assessment. The City Council reviewed the projected loss of property tax revenue from this program in 2002 when it adopted a local Historic Property Contract (Mills Act) ordinance.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. SHPO Request for Comments & Meeting Notice
- B. Draft Comment Letter
- C. National Register Nomination Forms