

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL April 12, 1999
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1221 (Schiff)
Support of Historic Property Maintenance Fund

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the appropriate officials *supporting* Senate Bill 1221 (Schiff) to establish the Historic Property Maintenance Fund.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1221 introduced by Senator Schiff would establish the Historic Property Maintenance Fund. The fund would consist of the revenue the Department of Transportation collects from rents on historic homes located in a freeway right-of-way corridor and be used solely for the maintenance of these homes.

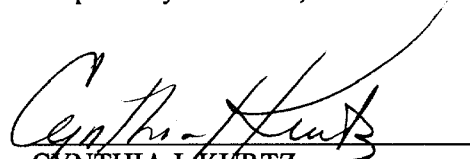
Senator Schiff proposed this bill to help ensure that the historic homes along the proposed 710 Freeway corridor would not fall into disrepair, and instead will be preserved to standards of properties eligible for state and federal designation as historic properties. Caltrans recently launched a project to rehabilitate the 81 neglected homes along the 710 Freeway corridor at a cost of \$16 million. Among the properties are several rare Victorian homes from the 1890s, craftsman style bungalows, and revival styles of the 1910s and 1920s.

Staff recommends supporting Senate Bill 1221. This legislation would ensure the historic perseverance of the homes in Pasadena, South Pasadena and El Sereno along the proposed 710 corridor.

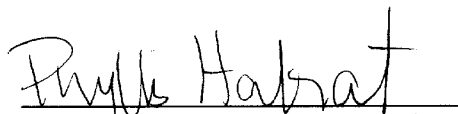
FISCAL IMPACT

Passage of Senate Bill 1221 would provide a maintenance fund for the historical properties, protecting the state's investment in rehabilitating them. There would be no direct fiscal impact on the City of Pasadena.

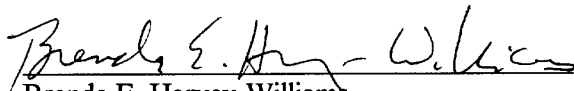
Respectfully submitted,


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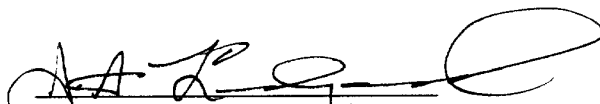
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