



## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 6.2**

**DATE:** October 2, 2025

**TO:** Chairperson and Members of the Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Turhan Sonmez, Associate Planner

**SUBJECT:** Historically significant properties for City to prioritize for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and/or California Register of Historical Resources

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Commission review and approve a list of five (5) historically significant properties an ad hoc subcommittee of the Historic Preservation Commission has chosen to prioritize for nominating to the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and/or the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register).

### **DECISION TYPE**

Administrative

### **SUMMARY**

The Historic Preservation Commission is in the process of executing work products for Projects contained within the 2024-2025 Work Plan.

An ad-hoc subcommittee comprised of former Chair Setchell, former Commissioner Cullum, and the former City Historian, Alan Frank, has worked with Planning Division staff regarding 2024-2025 Work Plan - Project #2: Historically significant properties for City to prioritize for inclusion in the National Register and/or California Register.

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Commission review the five (5) attached State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms (Attachment 1-5) and approve the respective properties as those for the City to prioritize for nominating to the National Register and/or California Register.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Background**

The National Register is "an authoritative guide to be used by federal, state, and local governments,

private groups and citizens to identify the nation's cultural resources and to indicate what properties should be considered for protection from destruction or impairment." (Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations § 60.2)

The California Register is a program for state and local agencies as well as private groups and citizens to identify, evaluate, and protect historical resources throughout the state of California. Like the National Register, the California Register includes properties of historical, cultural, architectural, and archeological significance.

At the March 7, 2024 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, a proposal to establish a condensed list of properties for the City to prioritize for inclusion in the National Register and/or California Register was added to the 2024-2025 Work Plan as Project #2. The Commission determined the process for nominating a local resource for listing in the National Register and/or California Register is a significant undertaking, and the first step should be to determine which locally significant resources are most eligible. The Commission determined this first step could be completed through a subcommittee of the Commission working with the City Historian and staff.

### Analysis

The process for determining which locally significant resources should be prioritized for nomination began with staff compiling a list of 44 properties identified in the City's Historical Resources Inventory as appearing eligible for listing in the National Register/California Register, based on the most recent Historic Resource Survey Update (2020). Of the 44 properties, 14 were properties comprising the Trevarno Road Historic District, which were analyzed as a single resource.

Each of the two (2) subcommittee members, the City Historian, and staff liaison performed independent reviews of the 31 individual resources (including Trevarno Road Historic District) and selected the ten (10) resources they each found most eligible, based on criteria including location, year of construction, architectural style and features, overall appearance, known alterations, historic uses, associations with known historic activities, events, groups, and/or individuals, and other information contained in the DPR forms.

After each of the four (4) reviewers selected their top ten (10) resources, staff compiled a list of the twelve (12) resources selected more than once and instructed the reviewers to individually select the five (5) resources they found most eligible, based on the same criteria previously used as well as in-person field visits to observe each of the resources' present surrounding setting, use, condition, and unique factors observed. Staff also instructed the reviewers to analyze and consider the City's resources already listed in the National Register/California Register as examples of what to look for when making their selections.

Finally, staff advised the reviewers that nominating any resource to the National Register/California Register would ultimately require the voluntary cooperation of the resource's property owner(s); therefore, they may consider prioritizing government owned (particularly City-owned) civic resources in their selections.

After each of the four (4) reviewers selected their top five (5) resources, staff compiled the below list of the resources selected multiple times:

- 2247 First Street (Masonic Building)
- 2235 First Street (Schenone Building)
- 2500 Railroad Avenue (Railroad Depot; owned by City of Livermore)
- 522 S. L Street (Veterans Memorial Building; owned by Alameda County)
- 2016 Pine Street (Duarte Garage; owned by City of Livermore)

The DPR form for each of the above properties is attached to this staff report for the Commission's review.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **1. DPR Forms**

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