



Staff Report and Recommendations Agenda of November 27, 2023, Item 6a

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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I. REQUEST:

Receive a presentation and provide feedback on the draft Ventura County Cultural Heritage Program goals and priorities for 2023-2024 to be included in the Certified Local Government Annual Report that will be prepared in Spring 2024 for submittal to the California Office of Historic Preservation.

II. BACKGROUND:

The County of Ventura has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) for the purpose of cultural and historic resource preservation review since 1991. Each year, the County of Ventura must prepare the CLG Annual Report and submit it to the California State Office of Historic Preservation for review and filing. The CLG Annual Report is a summary of Cultural Heritage Program during the reporting period; one component of this report is the inclusion of goals and priorities for the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Program for the subsequent reporting period.

A statement of goals and priorities is an important aspect of the Cultural Heritage Program. It provides direction to Planning Division staff and helps rank various elements of the preservation program, outlines the work program for the community, and represents a statement of the philosophy by which the Cultural Heritage Board guides the preservation program.

Planning Division staff is bringing this draft document forward for input by your Board well in advance of the deadline for preparation of the CLG Report in 2024 so that priorities can be established and pursued, as needed. In particular, it's worth noting that early direction allows staff to apply for grants to achieve goals that may be of particular interest to your Board.

III. DISCUSSION:

The reporting period for the next CLG annual report will cover October 1, 2022–September 30, 2023, which corresponds to the Federal Fiscal Year 2022–2023. The Goals and Priorities to be included in the CLG report will cover the subsequent reporting period, October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024. Following your Board's review, the full draft CLG report, including the 2023-2024 Goals and Priorities, will return for your Board's approval in spring 2024 prior to submittal to the State Office of Historic Preservation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment regarding this item has been received to date.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

CHB staff recommends the CHB take the following actions regarding this item:

1. **CONDUCT** public hearing, **RECEIVE** oral and written testimony, and **CONSIDER** the Planning Division staff report and all exhibits and attachments hereto; and
2. Based on the preceding evidence and analysis, **PROVIDE** comments on the proposed Ventura County Cultural Heritage Program goals and priorities for 2023-2024 to be included in the Certified Local Government Annual Report to the California Office of Historic Preservation.

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Exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Ventura County Cultural Heritage Program Proposed Goals and Priorities for 2023-2024