

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-148, SERIES 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS  
ACCEPTING THE 2023 AND 2024 DOWNTOWN HISTORICAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
EVALUATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY'S CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, amended (16 U.S.C. 470), has authorized the establishment of a Certified Local Government program (CLG); and

WHEREAS, the State of California, represented by the State Historic Preservation Officer, is responsible for the administration of the program within the state and the establishment of necessary rules and procedures governing the application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis is a Certified Local Government in the State of California and has a responsibility to maintain and update its survey of properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has adopted and is implementing historic preservation through its General Plan, Municipal Code, and Historical Resources Management Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis uses historic preservation as an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering neighborhood pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and historic preservation encourages community reinvestment, saves resources, and promotes a socially, culturally, and economically rich City of Davis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has developed a Downtown Davis Specific Plan that reflects the community's long-term vision by addressing land use and development in the downtown area and implements a Downtown Form Based Code to clarify regulatory processes and streamline the development review to encourage the development of infill housing, a mix of uses, multi-modal transportation options, and create a vibrant downtown; and

WHEREAS, previous historical resource surveys of the downtown area focused on evaluating pre-World War II properties and identifying and clarifying the historical resource status of additional age-eligible properties is necessary to effectively support and implement the Downtown Davis Specific Plan for benefits to property owners, the City, and the general public that include reduced development uncertainty, streamlined entitlement applications review, and compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, especially given the City's amendment to the demolition ordinance to require evaluation of buildings built more than 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis conducted a Downtown Historical Resources Survey in 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024 of downtown properties concentrated in the core commercial areas and the historical evaluations were prepared in accordance with accepted professional standards and will provide property owners within the City of Davis with knowledge of their buildings' historic status prior to applying for alterations, redevelopment, or entitlement applications that include demolition permits; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 and 2022 Downtown Historical Resources Survey which consisted of historical evaluation forms for 68 downtown properties were previously reviewed and accepted for inclusion in the City of Davis Cultural Resources Inventory by the Historical Resources Management Commission on November 21, 2022, and affirmed by the City Council on December 13, 2022 (Resolution No. 22-187); and

WHEREAS, the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey consisted of historical evaluation forms for an additional 49 downtown properties and 2 additional evaluation forms separately prepared for the properties at 724 and 730 G Street; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the Historical Resources Management Commission, whose duties include maintaining the City of Davis Cultural Resources Inventory and making recommendations to the City Council for designation of historical resources, held a public meeting to receive public comments and review the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey identified 5 properties (222 D Street, 304 F Street, 305 E Street, 325 E Street, 414 E Street) as eligible for consideration as historical resources with the remaining 46 properties ineligible and Historical Resources Management Commission found the evaluation forms acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Resources Management Commission voted 5 to 1 to accept the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey as part of the City's Cultural Resources Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 which exempts information collection, and under the general rule which exempts projects when it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact, as the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey is an informational document only and does not result in any physical change to the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby find that:

- A. The 51 completed DPR evaluation forms which constitute the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Resources Survey are acceptable for inclusion in the City's Cultural Resources Inventory; and
- B. That 46 of the surveyed properties were determined to be ineligible for historical designation, but that 5 of the properties (222 D Street, 304 F Street, 305 E Street, 325 E Street, 414 E Street) were found eligible for consideration as historical resources pending further review and consideration for potential historic designation in accordance with the City of Davis Historical Resources Management Ordinance. The Historical Resources Management Commission is further directed to approve individual updates and collective updates to correct errors, as needed.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 1st day of October, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Neville, Partida, Vaitla, Chapman

NOES: None

  
Josh Chapman  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk