

RESOLUTION NO. 22-187, SERIES 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS ACCEPTING THE 2019 AND 2022 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 new 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 new 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 2019 and 2022 Downtown Historical Resources Survey consists of historical evaluation forms for 68 downtown properties concentrated in core commercial areas that were prepared in accordance with accepted professional standards and the

survey's findings and City's determination will provide property owners within the City of Davis with knowledge of their buildings' historic status prior to applying redevelopment or alterations entitlement applications that include demolition permits; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Historical Resources Survey identified 10 properties, which included 512 5th Street, 237 1st Street, 359 B Street, 318 D Street, 430 E Street, 216 F Street, 340 G Street, 500 G Street, 516 G Street, and 526 G Street, that recommended these properties as eligible for local merit designation; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Historical Resources Management Commission include maintaining the Local Cultural Resources Inventory and making recommendations to the City Council for designation of historical resources; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2022, the Historical Resources Management Commission held a public meeting to receive public comments and review the 2019 and 2022 Downtown Historical Resources Survey and determined that the evaluation forms were acceptable, but concluded that designation of the properties would not substantially further historic preservation in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Resources Management Commission also considered concerns from property owners and information provided and determined that the current survey captured a more recent period of the city's development and the recommended eligible properties largely represented the Minimal Traditional style and a time period of which there are numerous examples in the City and that the eligible Minimal Traditional sites retaining historical integrity do not constitute a concentration of properties to adequately convey their historicity or distinctiveness and do not represent a high level of architectural importance or individual significance, with the exception of 512 5th Street and 340 G Street which warranted additional discussion, but was not intended to indicate a recommendation for designation; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Resources Management Commission voted 5 to 0 to accept the 2019 and 2022 Downtown Historical Resources Survey as part of the City's Cultural Resources Inventory and further to recommend that the City Council not designate any of the surveyed properties, except that 512 5th Street and 340 G Street would undergo additional discussion; 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 2019 and 2022 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 resolve and find that:

- A. The 68 completed DPR evaluations forms which constitute the 2019 and 2022 Downtown Historical Resources Survey are acceptable for inclusion in the City's Cultural Resources Inventory; and
- B. The City Council of the City of Davis concurs that none of the identified eligible properties should be designated as a local merit resource and therefore finds that none of the properties are considered local historical resources, with the potential exception of 512 5th Street and 340 G Street pending further discussion and recommendation by the Historical Resources Management Commission. The Historical Resources and 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 13th day of December, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Chapman, Partida, Vaitla, Frerichs

NOES: None



Lucas Frerichs
Mayor

ATTEST:



Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk