

Historic Preservation Benchmarking

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Municipalities in California that Accept National Register Resources Automatically

Anaheim

Orange

Claremont

Pasadena

Gilroy

Sacramento

Los Angeles County

San Francisco

Oakland

Santa Barabara

Ontario

Sunnyvale

Exception: Los Angeles (City)

In 2022, LA issued Mills Act Program Assessment and Equity Analysis. The two main goals were sustainability and equity.

Have not processed a Mills Act contract since 2022 as they implement the recommendations of the Assessment.

Mills Act Assessment Report **recommends** expanding the Mills Act program to include National Register resources.

Recommendation 17: *Revise the eligibility requirements to include National and California Register-listed properties, SurveyLA-identified eligible properties, and CPA-, CPIO-, CDO-identified properties.*

Los Angeles (City) – Issues

Problems with monitoring Mills Act program

Only doing 25% of required annual inspections

Not collect fees

Not tracking fees

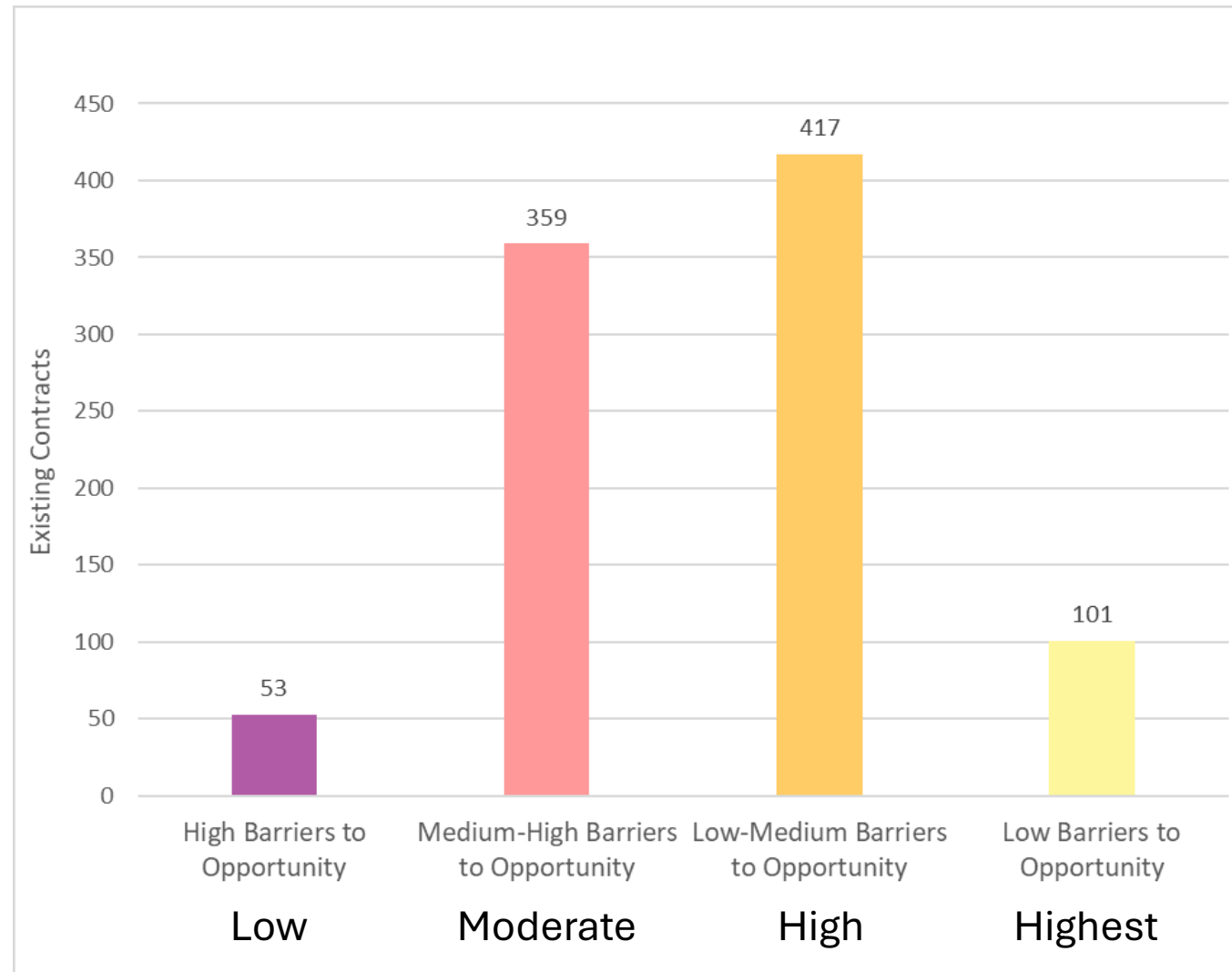
20% of contracts are not in compliance and are not being addressed

Did not have a cap on Mills Act Contracts

LA Mills Act Assessment Report recommended \$2,000,000 annual cap

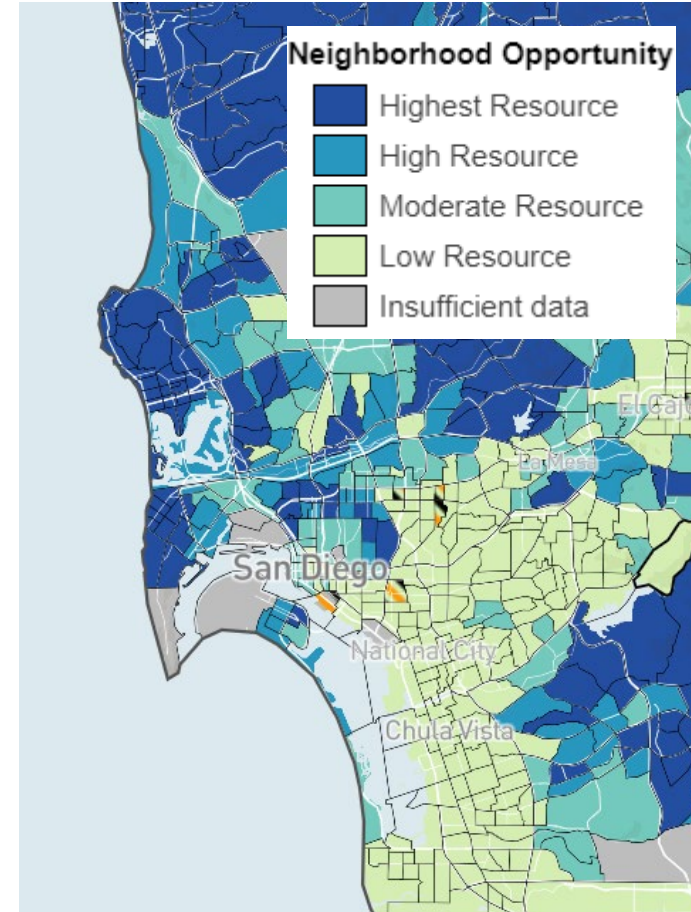
San Diego's current cap is \$200,000

Los Angeles Mills Act Assessment – Existing Contracts

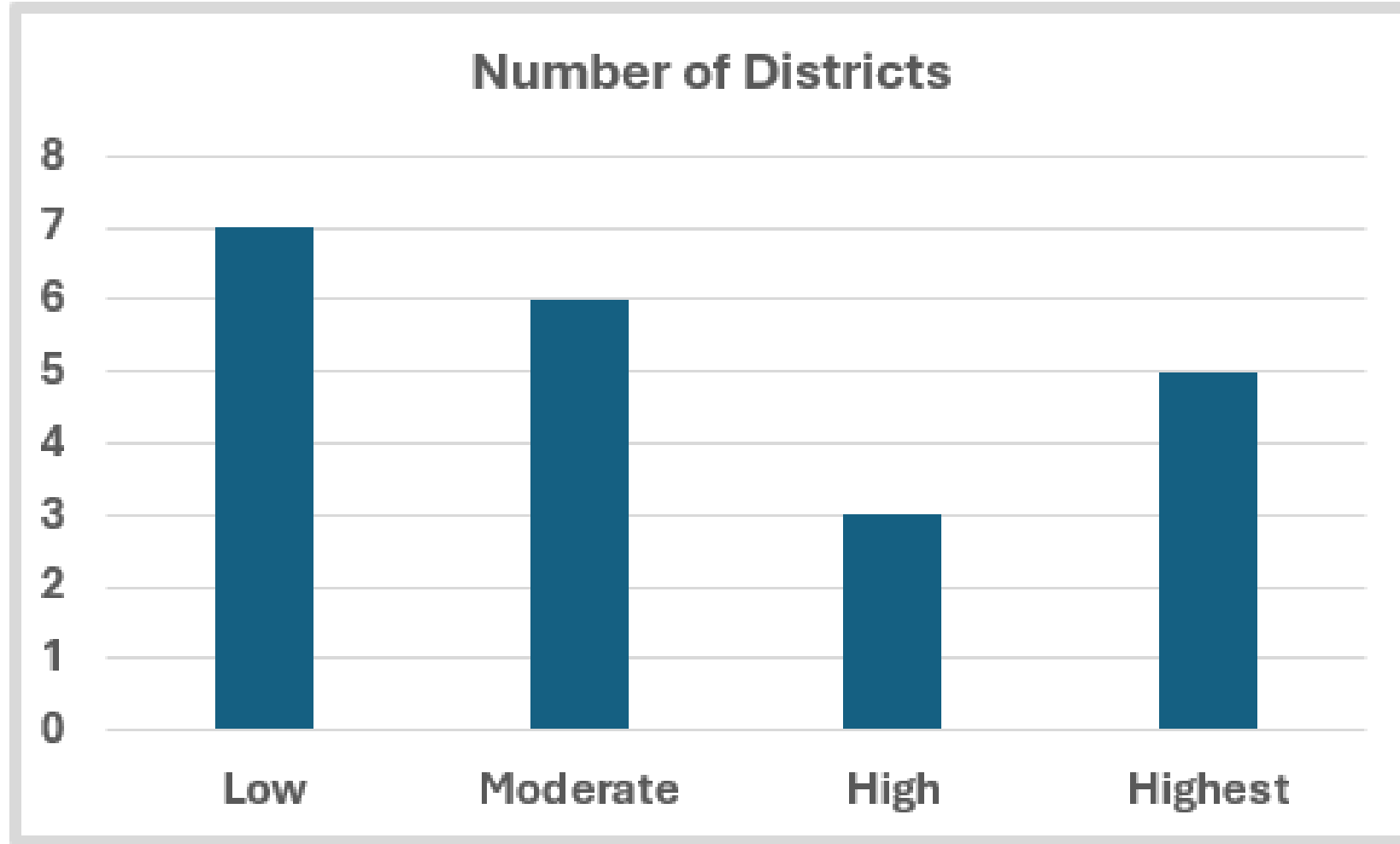


Assessing Equity and Preservation in San Diego

The California Tax Allocation Committee (CTCAC) / Housing and Community Development (HCD) Opportunity Map is the tool used by San Diego to define and assess its planning and equity initiatives intended to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) objectives.



San Diego Historic Districts by Opportunity (CTCAC)



Source: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee
<https://belonging.berkeley.edu/2024-ctcachcd-opportunity-map>

Conclusions / Recommendations

San Diego has done a good job of including low resource communities in historic preservation

Many of the barriers to equity in preservation are process, not policy

- Low opportunity communities have not been surveyed

- More outreach is needed to raise awareness of the Mills Act to assist moderate and lower income families with maintenance of their historic homes