



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Report to the Historical Resources Board

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HEARING DATE: February 27, 2024

SUBJECT: **ITEM #2 – Certified Local Government Annual Report 2023-2024**

APPLICANT: City Planning Department

LOCATION: Citywide

DESCRIPTION: Consider the Draft Annual Report for transmittal to the State Office of Historic Preservation to meet the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) responsibilities

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to forward the Annual Report to the State Office of Historic Preservation or revise the Annual Report and forward as appropriate.

### BACKGROUND

This item is being brought before the Historical Resources Board in conjunction with the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) responsibilities. One of the responsibilities of a CLG is to prepare an Annual Report for the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) summarizing the work of the Board during the reporting period. The report utilizes a standard format for all CLGs and requires an accounting of the Board and staff activities throughout the state's fiscal year (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024). The Annual Report format was provided by the Office of Historic Preservation and cannot be altered resulting in pagination, tables, and text on different pages and a number of different fonts.

### ANALYSIS

The attached document is a draft of the Annual Report that has been prepared by staff. Boardmembers should offer their insight and provide comment to staff regarding any additional information and issues that would be appropriate to include in the final report.

The organization of the annual CLG report corresponds directly to the five CLG requirement areas: ordinance, commission, survey, public participation, and state requirements. In addition to this

information, OHP requests a summary of local preservation programs. The National Park Service (NPS) reporting has also been incorporated into the annual CLG report in Section IV.

During the current reporting period, the HRB designated 29 new individually significant properties on the local register. One local designation was overturned by an appeal to City Council. This year the number of processed Mills Act contracts significantly decreased after last year's spike in applications which was likely due to the designation of two condominium buildings. Sixty-one contracts were completed during the current reporting period, compared to 140 new contracts in the last reporting period. The number of project reviews significantly increased from last year with a total of 4,331 reviews completed during the current reporting period, compared to 3,704 reviews in the previous reporting period and 3,400 in 2021-2022. The increase is likely due to the refinement of the Accela project submittal system as well as the general increase in development Citywide.

During the reporting period one new boardmember was appointed to the Historical Resources Board. Other significant accomplishments include the completion of the historic context statement for the University Community Plan Area and the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment. Heritage Preservation staff continues to develop historic context statements for the Clairemont Community Plan Area, College Area and Mid-City Communities Plan Area. These contexts will inform policies associated with Community Plan Updates and provide the basis for future identification, evaluation and designation of resources.

#### CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board review the information attached, provide input, and approve the report for transmittal to the State Office of Historic Preservation.



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Attachment: Draft CLG Annual Report 2023-2024 (without attachments)