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Stephen Schafer, President
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PO Box 23263
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RE: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for **Washington Elementary School**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I write to inform you that the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) intends to consider and take action on the nomination of the above named property to the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). Details regarding the meeting are enclosed. The National Register is the United States' official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving California's heritage. Listing in the National Register assures review of federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. In addition, as of January 1, 1993, all National Register properties are now automatically listed in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register) and afforded consideration during the State (CEQA) environmental review process. This includes properties formally determined eligible for the National Register. Listing in the National Register does not mean that the federal or state government will attach restrictive covenants to the property or try to acquire it. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. National Register listed properties may qualify for state and federal benefits. Additional information may be found at our website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov.

You are invited to attend the SHRC meeting at which the nomination will be considered and acted upon by the SHRC. Written comments regarding the nomination may be submitted to California State Parks, Attn: Office of Historic Preservation, Julianne Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer, 1725 23rd Street, Sacramento, California 95816. So that the SHRC may have adequate time to consider the comments, it is requested, but not required, that written comments be received by the Office of Historic Preservation fifteen (15) days in advance of the SHRC's meeting.

An electronic copy of the nomination is available in PDF format on our website at http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24368. **Please note that staff revises nominations throughout the nomination process.** Should you require a hard copy or have questions, contact the Registration Unit at amy.crain@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures: Meeting Notice, Fact Sheet, How to Object/Support



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
FACT SHEET

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation. The National Register was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The purposes of the Act are: to insure that properties significant in national, state, and local history are considered in the planning of federal undertakings; and to encourage historic preservation initiatives by state and local governments and the private sector.

The following benefits are associated with National Register listing:

1. Listed properties may use the State Historic Building Code, a more flexible alternative to the Uniform Building Code. The use of this code may save owners money when repairing or rehabilitating their properties.
2. Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a privately owned building that is listed in the National Register or is a contributing building in a National Register historic district may be eligible for a 20% federal income investment tax credit based on the costs of a qualified rehabilitation of the building. These credits apply only to income-producing, depreciable properties, including residential rental properties. The credits do not apply to owner-occupied residential properties. Plans for the rehabilitation are reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service, and work on the building must meet federal rehabilitation standards.
3. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides federal tax deductions for preservation easements that result in a decline of fair market value, when conservation restrictions are placed on the property by the owner.
4. All properties and districts listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register are considered in the planning of federal undertakings such as highway construction and Community Development Block Grant projects. "Federal undertakings" also include activities sponsored by state or local governments or private entities if they are licensed or partially funded by the federal government. "Federal undertakings" **do not** include loans made by banks insured by the FDIC or federal farm subsidies. National Register listing does not provide absolute protection from federal actions that may affect the property. It means that if a federal undertaking is in conflict with the preservation of a National Register property, the California Office of Historic Preservation will negotiate with the responsible federal agency in an effort to eliminate, minimize, or otherwise take into account the undertaking's effect on the historic property. This review procedure applies to properties that are determined eligible for the National Register in the day-to-day environmental review process, as well as those actually listed in the National Register.
5. In California, a local tax assessor may enter into contracts with property owners for property tax reductions through the Mills Act.
6. Qualification for grants when funds are available.



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MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11133, board members/commissioners of a state body may participate in public meetings remotely. The public may observe, provide public comment during the public comment periods, and otherwise observe remotely in accordance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

FOR: State Historical Resources Commission Quarterly Meeting

DATE: Friday, August 2, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: California Natural Resources Agency
Auditorium
715 P St
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Commission Meeting will also occur through teleconference, available via Zoom through CAL*SPAN. Dial-in access will also be available.

Information on how to log in or phone in to this meeting, including web address and passcodes, will be posted no later than July 19, 2024, at <http://ohp.parks.ca.gov>.

If you need special accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call Executive Secretary, Monica Newman, at (916) 445-7000. Questions regarding the meeting should be directed to the Registration Unit at (916) 445-7000. In accordance with the *Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act* an agenda for this meeting will be published on the Office of Historic Preservation website no later than July 19, 2024.



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
HOW TO SUPPORT OR OBJECT TO LISTING**

Under federal law, a privately owned property may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of its owner or, in the case of a property with multiple owners, over the objection of a majority of owners. A district may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of a majority of owners of private property within the proposed district. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property that person owns. Within a district, each owner has one vote regardless of how many buildings/parcels he or she owns.

If a private property owner, or a majority of private property owners, should object, the property or district will not be listed. In such cases, the State Historic Preservation Officer will not submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for *listing* in the National Register and may submit the nomination for a *determination of eligibility* for the National Register. If the property or district is *determined eligible* for listing, although not formally listed, it will be given the same protection as a listed property in the federal environmental review process. A property determined eligible for listing is not eligible for federal tax benefits until the objections are withdrawn and the property is actually listed. The laws and regulations regarding this process are covered in the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and in 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Part 60.

Supporting a National Register Nomination:

Private owners who seek National Register listing for their properties are not required to submit statements of concurrence. However, letters of support, from owners or any others, are welcomed and become a permanent part of the nomination file.

Objecting to a National Register Nomination:

If you object to the listing of your property, you will need to submit either (1) a notarized statement certifying that you are the sole or partial owner of the property, as appropriate, and that you object to the listing, or (2) a letter with the same statement including the following language: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)". Owners who wish to object are encouraged to submit statements of objection prior to the meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at which the nomination is being considered. However, statements of objection may be submitted and will be counted up until the actual date of listing. Listing usually takes place 45 days after the nomination is mailed to the Keeper of the National Register following the State Historical Resources Commission meeting. Letters are added to the nomination file and become part of the public record.

Send letters of support or objection to:

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