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Re: Record search results for the proposed 5295 College Avenue, Oakland, CA

Dear Jake Allen:

Per your request received by our office on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024, a rapid response records search was conducted for the above referenced project by reviewing pertinent Northwest Information Center (NWIC) base maps that reference cultural resources records and reports, historic-period maps, and literature for Alameda County. Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological resources and historical buildings and/or structures.

The proposed project is located at 5295 College Avenue, Oakland, CA. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 014-1249-013-01. The description of the project is Mixed Used 15 story building with minimal ground disturbance to level the lot. The parcel is on a slight grade. The lowest portion of the lot is in the northeast corner. About 40 years ago a retaining wall was added along the Northwest portion of the property line. There are Five buildings and two other support structures on the property. All of the buildings on the property will be removed. A new 15 story building will replace the current building covering most of the Lot.

Review of the information at our office indicates that there has been no cultural resource study that covers the 5295 College Avenue project area. This 5295 College Avenue project area contains no recorded archaeological resources. The State Office of Historic Preservation Built Environment Resources Directory (OHP BERD), which includes listings of the California Register of Historical Resources, California State Historical Landmarks, California State Points of Historical Interest, and the National Register of Historic Places, lists one recorded building within the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area, the Zunino-Gilbert Furniture Shop (OTIS # 489244) at 5301 College Avenue with a status code of 7R, meaning this resource was Identified in Reconnaissance Level Survey or in an Area of Potential Effect (APE): Not evaluated. In addition, there is one recorded building adjacent to the project area, the Burger Garage (OTIS # 489243) at 5291 College Avenue with a status code of 5S2, meaning this resource is Individually eligible for local listing or designation. In addition to these inventories, the NWIC base maps show no recorded buildings or structures within the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area.

At the time of Euroamerican contact, the Native Americans that lived in the area were speakers of the Chochenyo language, which is part of the Costanoan/Ohlone language family (Levy 1978:485). There are no Native American resources within or adjacent to the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area that are referenced in the ethnographic literature (Nelson 1909, Nelson 1976).

Based on an evaluation of the environmental setting and features associated with known sites, Native American resources in this part of Alameda County have been found along the general margin of the bay and its associated wetlands, near sources of water (including perennial and intermittent springs and streams). The 5295 College Avenue project area is located in Alameda County in the northern portion of the City of Oakland approximately 2.25 miles East of the San Francisco Bayshore margins. The project area is located in a hilly area near a creek formerly located approximately along the west side of Manila Avenue. Aerial maps indicate a paved parcel with five buildings and paved parking lots. Given the similarity of these environmental factors, there is a low to moderate potential for unrecorded Native American resources to be within the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area.

Review of historical literature and maps indicated historic-period activity within the 5295 College Avenue project area. The 1895, 1899, and 1915 San Francisco USGS 15-minute topographic quadrangle depicts one to two buildings within the project area. Early Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicated the project includes several buildings including a dwelling, accessory structures, a furniture warehouse, factory, storage, painting, upholstering, and sander (1911 thru Nov 1951). With this information in mind, there is a high potential for unrecorded historic-period archaeological resources to be within the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area.

The 1958 Oakland West USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle depicts an urban area indicating one or more buildings or structures within the 5295 College Avenue project area. If present, any unrecorded buildings or structures meet the Office of Historic Preservation's minimum age standard that buildings, structures, and objects 45 years or older may be of historical value.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1) There is a low to moderate potential for Native American archaeological resources and a high potential for historic-period archaeological resources to be within the project area. Given the potential for archaeological resources in the proposed 5295 College Avenue project area, our usual recommendation would include archival research and a field examination. The proposed project area, however, has been highly developed and is presently covered with asphalt, buildings, or fill that obscures the visibility of original surface soils, which negates the feasibility of an adequate surface inspection.

Therefore, prior to demolition or other ground disturbance, we recommend a qualified archaeologist conduct further archival and field study to identify archaeological resources, including a good faith effort to identify archaeological deposits that may show no indications on the surface.

Field study may include, but is not limited to, hand auger sampling, shovel test units, or geoarchaeological analyses as well as other common methods used to identify the presence of

buried archaeological resources. Please refer to the list of consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>.

2) We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at 916/373-3710.

3) The proposed 5295 College Avenue project area contains one building included in the OHP BERD, the Zunino-Gilbert Furniture Shop (OTIS # 489244) at 5301 College Avenue and is adjacent to another building included in the OHP BERD, the Burger Garage (OTIS # 489243) at 5291 College Avenue; therefore, prior to commencement of project activities, it is recommended that these resources be assessed by a professional familiar with the architecture and history of Alameda County.

In addition, if the proposed project area contains other buildings or structures that meet the minimum age requirement, prior to commencement of project activities, it is recommended that these resources be assessed by a professional familiar with the architecture and history of Alameda County. Please refer to the list of consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>.

4) Review for possible historic-period buildings or structures has included only those sources listed in the attached bibliography and should not be considered comprehensive.

5) If archaeological resources are encountered **during construction**, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. **Project personnel should not collect cultural resources**. Native American resources include chert or obsidian flakes, projectile points, mortars, and pestles; and dark friable soil containing shell and bone dietary debris, heat-affected rock, or human burials. Historic-period resources include stone or adobe foundations or walls; structures and remains with square nails; and refuse deposits or bottle dumps, often located in old wells or privies.

6) It is recommended that any identified cultural resources be recorded on DPR 523 historic resource recordation forms, available online from the Office of Historic Preservation's website: [https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28351](https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28351)

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available

via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

Thank you for using our services. Please contact this office if you have any questions, (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jillian Guldenbrein".

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**\*\*Note that the Office of Historic Preservation's *Historic Properties Directory* includes National Register, State Registered Landmarks, California Points of Historical Interest, and the California Register of Historical Resources as well as Certified Local Government surveys that have undergone Section 106 review.**