



## CITY OF SAN DIEGO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**DATE OF MEETING:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 1:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR,  
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
202 "C" STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92101

**PROJECT TYPE:** GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS; SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL  
CODE AMENDMENTS; HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND  
AMENDMENTS RELATED TO PRESERVATION AND PROGRESS  
PACKAGE A, PROCESS 5

**PROJECT NAME:** PRESERVATION AND PROGRESS PACKAGE A

**APPLICANT:** CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**COMMUNITY  
PLAN AREA:** CITYWIDE

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** ALL

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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**PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A NOTICE TO INFORM YOU, as a property owner, tenant or interested citizen, that the Council of The City of San Diego, California will conduct a public hearing, as part of a scheduled City Council meeting, on the following project:**

The proposed action requests the approval of Preservation and Progress Package A, which is part of a comprehensive update to the City's Heritage Preservation Program. As detailed in this report, Preservation and Progress Package A includes amendments to the Historical Preservation Element and Appendix F of the General Plan; amendments to the Land Development Code of the Municipal Code; and amendments to the purpose and intended use of the City's Historic Preservation Fund.

[Preservation and Progress](#) is a comprehensive update to the City's Heritage Preservation Program that will streamline processes for new homes and other uses while protecting places of historic, architectural and cultural importance and encouraging their adaptive reuse. Preservation and Progress will be processed in two packages of amendments. Package A includes items that are not significantly complex and that do not involve amendments to the Historical Resources Regulations or Historical Resources Guidelines, as any amendments need to be addressed more comprehensively. Package B will include updates that are more complex in nature, that include amendments to the Historical Resources Regulations and/or Historical Resources Guidelines, or that may require more extensive environmental analysis.

The proposed action is limited to Preservation and Progress Package A, which includes the following:

- General Plan amendments which include revisions to the Historic Preservation Element and Appendix F;
- Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 11, Article 1, Division 2 related to appointments to the Historical Resources Board; revisions to Chapter 12, Article 3, Division 2 related to noticing, appeals of decisions by the Historical Resources Board to designate or not to designate a property, and clarification of the Historical Resource Board's role in reviewing National Register nominations; and clarifying revisions to Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 10 related to the application of Complete Communities Housing Solutions within Emerging Historical Districts and Thematic Historical Districts; and

- Amendments to the purpose and focus of the Historic Preservation Fund to advance equity in historic preservation through the identification and preservation of historical resources important to traditionally underrepresented and marginalized communities, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) communities, and to provide financial assistance to very low- and low-income owners of historic properties to help fund maintenance and restoration work.

The City Planning Department has reviewed Preservation and Progress Package A and conducted a consistency evaluation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. A consistency evaluation memo provided as Attachment 8 evaluates the consistency of the Preservation and Progress: Package A with these previously certified environmental documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15162. Implementation of this project's actions would not result in new significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts over and above those disclosed in the previously certified environmental documents:

1. Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Land Development Code (DEP No. 96- 033/SCH No. 1996081056) certified by the San Diego City Council on November 18, 1997 (Resolution R-289458);
2. Final Program EIR (PEIR; SCH No. 2021070359) for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment to the Uptown Community Plan, and University Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Update (Blueprint SD), certified by the San Diego City Council on July 23, 2024 (Resolution No. R-315701);
3. Consistency Memorandum for the General Plan Amendment to add the Environmental Justice Element, certified by the San Diego City Council on March 5, 2024 (Resolution No. R-315512);
4. Addendum to the General Plan PEIR for Climate Resilient SD (SCH No. 2006091032), certified by the San Diego City Council on December 17, 2021 (Resolution No. R- 313850); and
5. Final PEIR for Complete Communities: Housing Solutions and Mobility Choices (SCH No. 2019060003) certified by the San Diego City Council on November 9, 2020 (Resolution R- 313279)

On November 6, 2025, the Planning Commission voted (7-0-0) to recommend to the City Council approval of Preservation and Progress Package A, consisting of a resolution adopting the amendments to the Historic Preservation Element and Appendix F of the General Plan; approval of an ordinance amending the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) by amending Chapter 11, Article 1, Division 2; Chapter 12, Article 3, Division 2; and Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 10; and approval of a resolution amending the purpose and intended use of the City's Historic Preservation Fund to advance equity in historic preservation through the identification and preservation of historical resources important to traditionally underrepresented and marginalized communities, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) communities, and to provide financial assistance to very low- and low-income owners of historic properties to help fund maintenance and restoration work, as presented by staff.

This item will require a recommendation by the Land Use and Housing Committee and a vote by the City Council. The Land Use & Housing Committee reviewed Preservation and Progress Package A on January 14, 2026 and voted 3-0-0 to recommend Council approval of staff's proposed actions with the request for staff to monitor the implementation of the "findings not supported" appeal standard, and include the results in the annual Historic Resources Board Report to the Council in the next year.

If you wish to challenge the City's action on the above proceedings in court, you may be limited to addressing only those issues you or someone else have raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written in correspondence to the City at or before the public hearing.

### **The decision of the City Council is final**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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In accordance with the Brown Act, the agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance of the City Council meeting. Please refer to the City Clerk's website to view the agenda, and for further instruction and applicable deadlines for submitting public comment or written materials.

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**Notice date: 02-09-2026**

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