

9/15/2026

To: **Placerville Planning Commissioners**

From: Kris Kiehne, Chair

Re: Draft memo to City Council Recommendation 4 for review and comment

The attached draft for your review is intended to be used as the response to the request from the City Council on updates to our work on Historic Preservation, as directed in a memo from the City Manager in January 2025. A copy of the January 2025 memo is included here for your reference.

The attached draft responds specifically to Recommendation 4 from that memo. The Planning Commission updated the City Council in June on progress made on Recommendation 1 from the memo. This information was previously included in the Agenda Packet for the June 8, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

I look forward to receiving comments on the attached so that a memo can be finalized and transmitted to Council.

Thank you.

Date: []

To: Placerville City Council: Mayor Gotberg, Vice Mayor Neau, Councilmembers Carter, Clerici, and Yarbrough

From: Kris Kiehne, Chair, Placerville Planning Commission

Subject: Update Recommendation 4 from Historic District Preservation Recommendations

The members of the Placerville Planning Commission thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on work undertaken on Recommendation 4 detailed in the memo from Cleve Morris, City Manager, January 7, 2025.

Recommendation 4, *Systematic Examination of the Current Standard For Review*

Status: Draft Framework under consideration by Commission

Progress on Recommendation 4 is underway. However, Planning Commission agendas have been full, and the Regular Meeting schedule reduced to once per month. There have been limited opportunities for discussions about a framework while complying with Brown Act Open Meeting requirements. To date, commissioners have reviewed:

- The SOI Standards, technical bulletins, and sustainability directives issued by the US Park Service
- City of Placerville documents addressing historic districts
- Procedures used in other jurisdictions with historic districts

Commissioner Silvester developed and is maintaining a spreadsheet of all relevant documents.

At the recent Special Meeting on June 8, I provided the Commission a draft framework for guidance in decision making which incorporates the information listed above, practical experience of the Commission, and which addresses the specific points in the January 7, 2025 memo.

Next steps: Commissioners are to review the draft framework and provide edits. The draft will be discussed at future meetings where public comment can be taken. The framework will then be updated and submitted for final review and approval by the Commission.

Timeline: October 2026, or as otherwise be accommodated in the upcoming Regular Meeting agendas.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to update the Council, and thank you for your support in our endeavors. We look forward to continuing our work on the recommendations and reporting our progress.