



HARADA HOUSE AND THE HARADA HOUSE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Museum of Riverside

Cultural Heritage Board

Agenda Item: 7

May 20, 2026

HARADA HOUSE'S SIGNIFICANCE

- National Historic Landmark since 1990
- Pivotal Superior Court case 1916-1918
- The Harada case was the first test in the United States of the constitutionality of racially based exclusionary property and immigration laws.



HARADA HOUSE PROJECT HISTORY

- Harada House donated to the City/Museum by Harada heirs in 2004
- Historic Structures Report on Harada House obtained in 2007
- Robinson House acquired with private donations in 2014



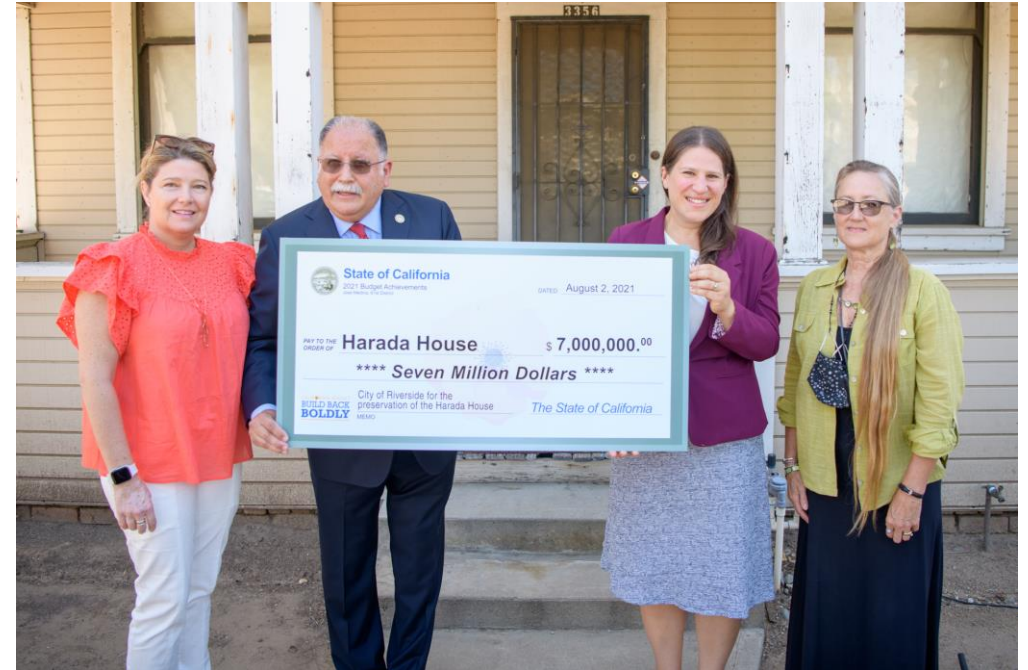
RECENT PROJECT PROGRESS

- New architectural design team
- Significant progress in past year
- General contractor pre-qualification process completed
- Work on the ground anticipated in 2026



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Date	Action
August 2020	Federal “Save America’s Treasures” grant is awarded for the National Historic Landmark Harada House
July 2021	The State of California allocates \$7,000,000 in support of the Harada House project.
October 2021	Harada House becomes California State Historical Landmark #1060.
July 2022	Agreement executed with an architectural design team.



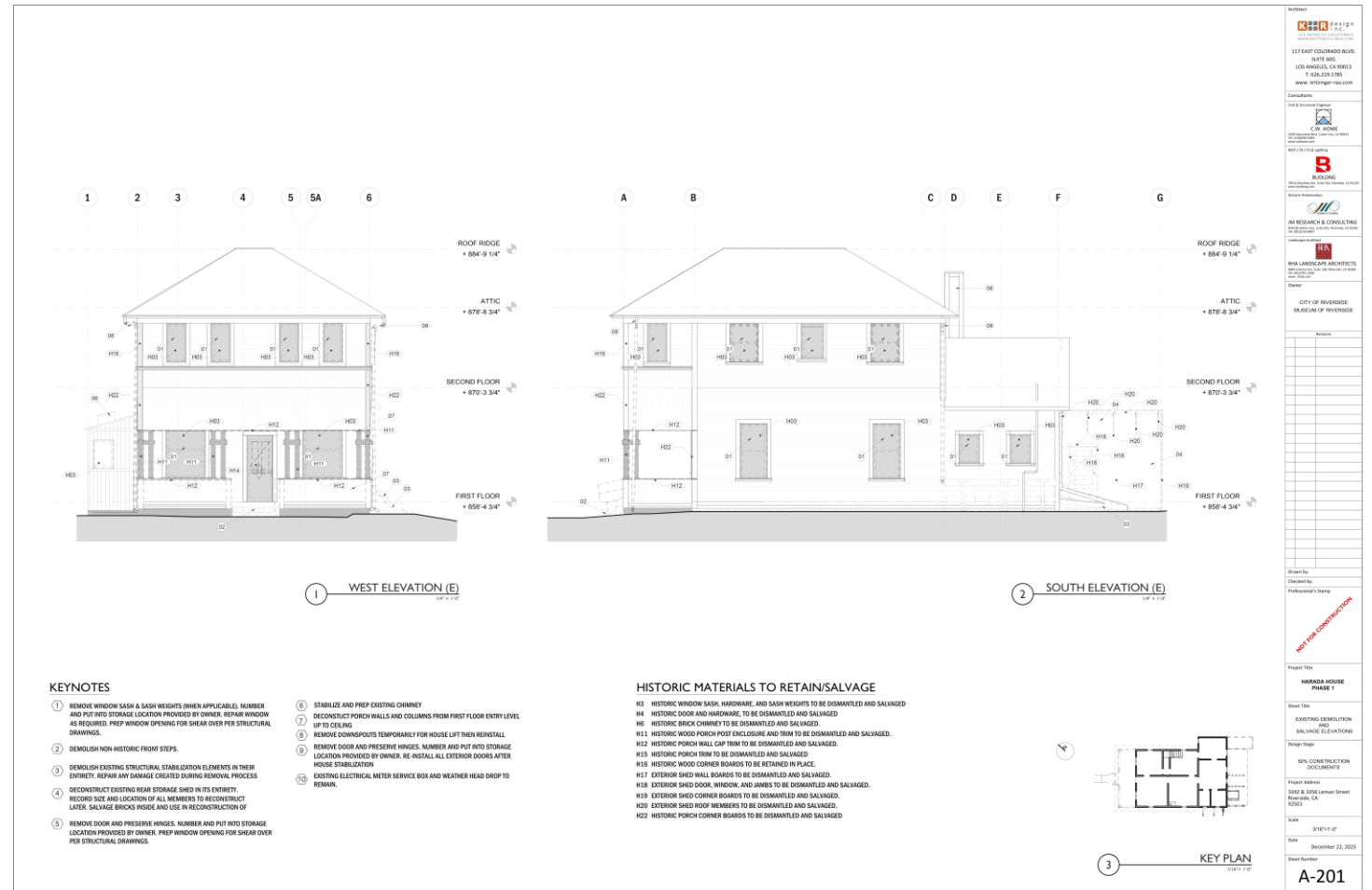
BACKGROUND

Date	Action
August 2023	Certificate of Appropriateness issued for the National Historic Landmark Harada House for foundation repairs and structural upgrades, also known as Phase I of the rehabilitation of the house.
August 2023	Certificate of Appropriateness issued for the rehabilitation and construction of the site known as Robinson House to become the Harada House Interpretive Center
June 2025	Agreement executed with a new architectural design team.



UNCHANGED

- Rehabilitation treatment
- Retaining original fabric of Harada House to maximum extent possible



CHANGES TO PROJECT

- Both parcels combined into a single design and construction project
- Harada House construction no longer phased



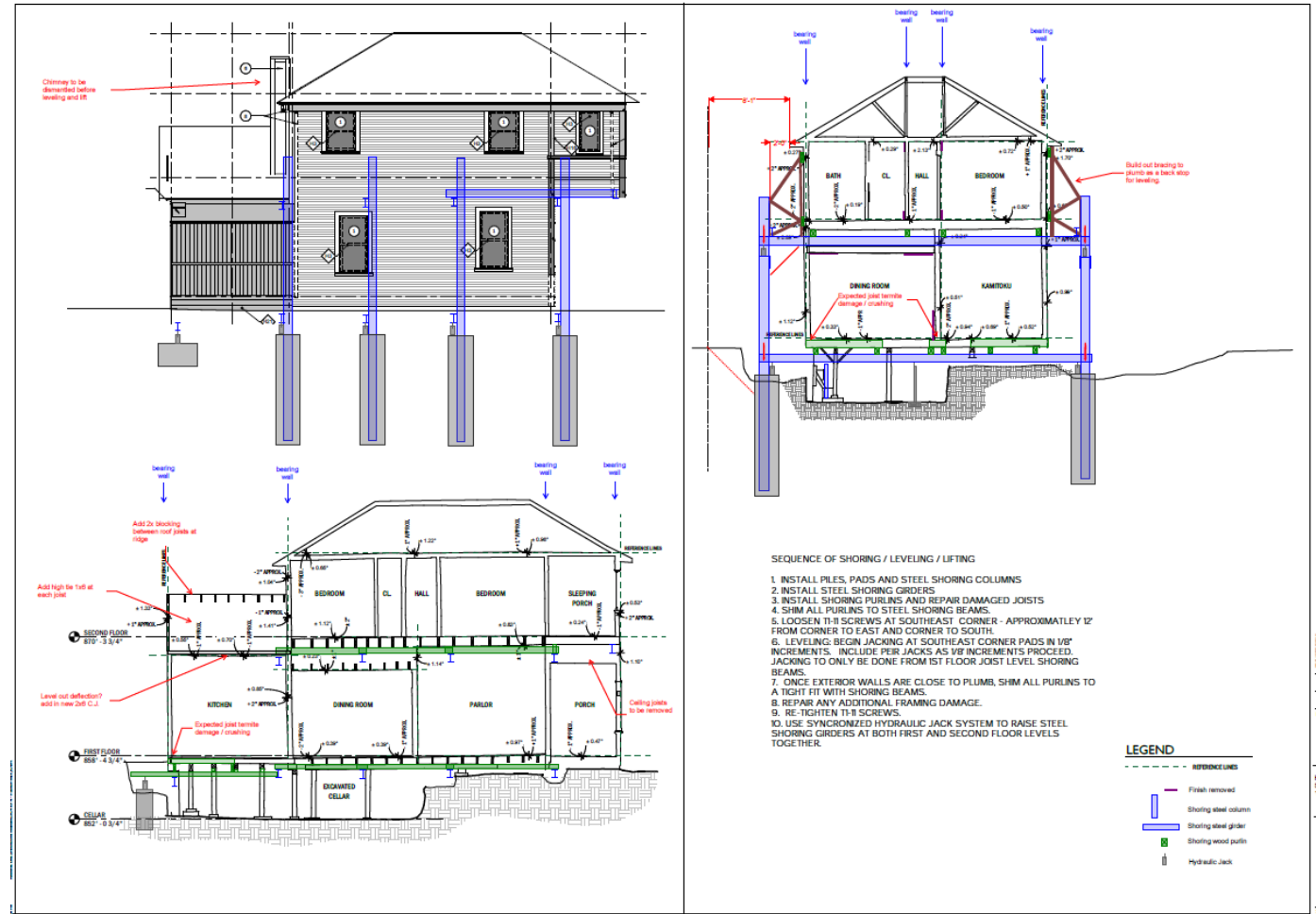
CHANGES TO PROJECT

- Interpretive Center changes improve residential and historic character of site
- Accessibility improvements



CHANGES TO PROJECT

- Significant improvements in approach to lifting Harada House to rebuild the foundations



FUNCTIONAL GOALS

- The Interpretive Center will host exhibitions and programs
- A detached classroom space will replace the existing detached garage



RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board receive and file this presentation on the status of the architectural design for Harada House and the Harada House Interpretive Center (formerly known as Robinson House).



THANK YOU

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