

## **Findings for Chinese Americans in Riverside: Historic Context Statement 1868-1975 Survey:**

The Chinese American Context Statement project was completed in accordance with National Register Bulletin No. 24, *Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning*; the *Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*; and the California Office of Historic Preservation's *Instructions for Recording Historical Resources*. The overall historic context is significant at the local level and properties were evaluated using criteria developed for the City of Riverside and codified in Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code. The survey was prepared in accordance with all appropriate standards, instructions and guidelines described above.

### **Historic context:**

The survey established a historic context statement for the Chinese American heritage of Riverside. Contributing themes within this overall context historic contexts that were identified are: 1) Residential Settlement Patterns, 1868-1975; 2) Labor, Agriculture & Industry, 1868-1938; 3) Culture and Institutions, 1885-1975; and 4) Commercial Development, 1885-1975.

### **Survey boundaries/properties:**

The survey was based on the thematic identification of properties located citywide. Thus, no traditional geographical boundary was established. However, the locations of 21 individual properties associated with the context have been identified.

Thirty (30) properties were identified as associated under the Chinese American context:

- Nineteen (19) properties were newly or previously found eligible for designation.
  - Two (2) properties were newly identified as eligible for local designation as Landmarks and assigned status code 5S3;
  - Seventeen (17) properties had already been found eligible for designation and assigned status codes under previous surveys.
- Eleven (11) properties were added to a future study list.

### **General Plan Criteria:**

The survey meets the following General Plan Historic Preservation Element Policies:

- 1) HP-2.1: The City shall actively pursue a comprehensive program to document and preserve historic buildings, structures, districts, sites (including archaeological sites), objects, landscapes, and natural resources.

The survey was conducted through the City's continuing program of documenting historic buildings, structure, districts and sites.

- 2) HP-3.1: The City shall conduct educational programs to promote an understanding of the significance of the City's cultural resources, the criteria for historic designation,

historic design review processes, building permit requirements, and methods for rehabilitating and preserving historic buildings, sites, and landscapes.

The intent of the survey and historic context is to recognize the history of Riverside's Chinese American community, and to identify its historical and cultural resources as being an important yet under-recognized part of the City's heritage. Creating an inventory of contributing resources shall assist the city with management and planning of the community in the future. This information will serve to support and enrich Riverside Metropolitan Museum and other interpretive and educational programs, inform urban land use planning and preservation, and install pride in the community.

- 3) HP-4.1: The City shall maintain an up-to-date database of cultural resources and use that database as a primary informational resource for protecting those resources.

The survey included insertion and storage of collected data, including contents of the DPR forms and photos, in the City of Riverside's historic resources inventory database.

- 4) HP-6.2: The City shall use financial resources from state, federal and private programs that assist in the identification, designation and preservation of cultural resources.

The survey was conducted in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, passed through the California Office of Historic Preservation in a competitive grant program. The purpose of the grant funds are to assist in the identification, designation and preservation of cultural resources.