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Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: APRIL 16, 2025
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Case Number	Not Applicable
Request	To Receive and File the 2025 – 1st Report on Historic Preservation Activity
Project Location	Citywide
Wards	All
Staff Planner	Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer 951-826-5507 swatson@riversideca.gov

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board receive and file the 2025 – 1st Quarter Report on Historic Preservation activity.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The attached list includes the thirteen (13) applications reviewed and approved (Exhibit 1) during the 1st Quarter of 2025 (January 1 – March 31, 2025). In summary:

- One Landmark Designation was approved by the City Council, Mercantile Hall - Orange Valley Masonic Lodge;
- One Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) was approved by the Cultural Heritage Board, after-the-fact artificial turf;
- Eleven (11) COAs approved by staff including, but not limited to, garage conversions to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), new detached ADUs, a rear addition, landscaping, signage, and window replacements.

A list of all current projects in process is available on the City's website at <https://riversideca.gov/cedd/planning/historic-preservation/historic-preservation-and-mills-act-programs>

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item contributes to the Envision Riverside 2025 City Council **Strategic Priority 5** – High Performing Government and specifically, **Goal 5.2** - Utilize technology, data, and process improvement strategies to increase efficiencies, guide decision making, and ensure services are accessible and distributed equitably throughout all geographic areas of the City and **Goal 5.3** - Enhance communication and collaboration with community

members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

This item also aligns with the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. Community Trust: The Quarterly Report on Historic Preservation Activity provides the general public with a summary of the activity of the CHB and Historic Preservation Officer building trust and awareness.
2. Equity: The Quarterly Report on Historic Preservation Activity summarizes the activities so that they are accessible to the general public.
3. Fiscal Responsibility: The Quarterly Report on Historic Preservation Activity has no impact on the General fund.
4. Innovation: The Quarterly Report on Historic Preservation Activity provides a clear summary of the activity of the CHB and Historic Preservation Officer.
5. Sustainability and Resiliency: The Quarterly Report on Historic Preservation Activity provides a timely update on Historic Preservation activity in the City.

EXHIBITS LIST

1. 2025 – 1st Quarter Report on Historic Preservation Activity

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