

Issue	Current Status	Task Force Proposal
Adopt Historic Context Statement	No local standard for significance exists. We rely entirely on whether a structure meets the requirements for eligibility on the California Register (associated with important events, or people, or embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values).	Context Statement creates local standard (if a building is old enough, has the physical characteristics that a match a property type, and retains integrity, it is considered to be a historic resource).
Adopt Historic District	None exists. Rely on eligibility for California Register.	Allows local government to adopt its own standards.
Define Demolition	No definition exists. Planning Commission has allowed the retention of just one wall.	“The removal of any physical element of a structure, which upon removal, would substantially diminish the historic significance of a structure.”
Expand Design Review to include first floor exterior changes in historic district.	This has no impact on Commercial properties as this authority already exists. Currently, such review of residential properties does not exist. Review is required for new homes, additions, and exterior changes to second floors.	Incorporates residential exterior changes into the City’s review authority, allowing the City to review changes to exterior components that affect historical character, e.g. windows and doors and their location and size, exterior materials.
Strengthen Compatibility Standards	Standards already exist in Downtown Specific Plan and Downtown Design Guidelines.	Would remove some of the discretion from the Standards and Guidelines.
Adopt Mills Act Program	No incentives currently exist.	Would provide for reductions in local property tax to pay for preservation improvements.