



LOCAL STANDARDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

California Register Criteria:

1. It is associated with events or patterns of events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history, or the cultural heritage of California or the United States.
2. It is associated with the lives of persons important to local, California, or national history.
3. It 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.
4. It has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, state or the nation.

Possible Options for Adopting Local Standards:

1. Expand the State criteria to emphasize local significance. See Livermore's ten criteria below for examples of additional criteria that could be used to emphasize local significance.
2. Use the Historic Context Statement - If a structure met an important property type identified in the Context Statement and retained its integrity (i.e., it had not been altered such that its character-defining features have been removed or destroyed), then it would be considered an historic resource.

With either option above, a fixed year (such as 1941 or 1945) could be established where properties constructed after the date would not be considered an historic resource.

Example from City of Livermore:

4.07.030 Historic Resources Designation Procedure

- A. The Historic Preservation Commission, either on its own initiative or upon the nomination of any a person, may propose the adoption of an historic district to regulate development on any site that contains an historic resource. The nomination application shall contain sufficient documentation and information to permit determination that the nominated resource meets the criteria for designation as an historic resource.
- B. The approval of the historic district on any site shall utilize the rezoning procedures specified in Part 9.
- C. Sites or areas may be zoned to one of the historic preservation (HP) zoning districts. These districts shall be utilized when the sites or areas meet the qualification criteria noted below, or have been identified by the cultural resources survey as containing historic resources.

- D. Designation of any area or site as an historic district may be approved if it meets one or more of the following criteria:
1. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural or natural history;
 2. It is identified with persons or events significant in local, State or national history;
 3. It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the uses of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
 4. It is representative of the work of a notable builder, designer or architect;
 5. It contributes to the significance of an historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historic or scenic properties or thematically related groupings of properties which contribute to each other and are united aesthetically by plan or physical development;
 6. It has unique location or singular physical characteristic or is a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the City;
 7. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation;
 8. It is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas or objects based on an historic, cultural or architectural motif;
 9. It reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes or distinctive examples of park or community planning;
 10. It is one of the few remaining examples in the City, region, State or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historic type or specimen.