Historic Context Statements FAQ

A **historic context statement** is a document that identifies the important themes relevant to the city's history and the development of its built environment. It establishes periods of historical significance for each of the important themes, while identifying significant property types.

What is the purpose?

- To place built resources in the appropriate context
- To highlight trends and patterns
- To provide a framework for historic properties

How are they organized and what are their essential components?

- Organized around specific geography, time period, and theme
- Present historical information in narrative format
- Identify common property types
- Define eligibility criteria for listing on historic registers
- Recommend preservation priorities and next steps

How are they used?

- To identify potential landmarks, historic districts and cultural resources
- To facilitate designation of properties
- Required for individual landmark nominations and historic resource evaluations
- Can be prepared with historic resource surveys

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Next Steps

- 1. Community Review Period
- 2. Historic Preservation Commission Hearings (Initiation and Adoption hearings)
- 3. Forward to California State Office of Historic Preservation

