



HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

**Regular Meeting
Commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

City Hall Wing
Wing Room 118, 119 & 120
First Floor, City Hall Wing
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California

Commission Members

Rachel Royer, Chair
Sara Ghalandari, Vice Chair
Harriett Arnold
Himat Baniwal
Lawrence Camuso
Steve Cohen

Christopher Burton, Director
Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

If you want to address the Commission, fill out a speaker card (located at the technician's station), and give the completed card to the technician. Please include the agenda item number for reference.

The procedure for public hearings is as follows:

- After the staff report, **applicants may make a five-minute presentation.**
- Anyone wishing to speak of the proposal should prepare to come forward.
- Generally, each speaker will be given up to two minutes for public testimony, and speakers using a translator will have up to four minutes. At the discretion of the Chair, the time allotted to each speaker may be changed depending on the number of items on the agenda, number of speakers, and other factors. Speakers using a translator will have double the time allotted.
- After the public testimony, the applicant may make closing remarks for up to an additional five minutes.
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The Chair will then close the public hearing.
- The public hearing will then be closed, and the Historic Landmarks Commission will take action on the item. The Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

The procedure for referrals is as follows:

- After the staff report, **applicants may make a five-minute presentation.**
- Anyone wishing to speak on a referral should prepare to come forward. ***Each speaker will have two minutes.***
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.

The Historic Landmarks Commission will comment on the referral item.

If a Commissioner would like a topic to be addressed under one of the Good and Welfare items, please contact Planning staff in advance of the Commission meeting.

An agenda and a copy of all staff reports have been placed on the table for your convenience. All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor Tower, San José, CA 95113 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body.

AGENDA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME

ROLL CALL

1. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of individual Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Commission requests debate, separate vote or recusal on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair and considered separately. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair. Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If anyone in the audience wishes to speak on one of these items, please make your request at this time.

No Items

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. [PP25-005](#): San Jose Municipal Code Chapter 13.48 (Historic Preservation Ordinance) text amendments. Council District: Citywide. **CEQA**: Addendum to the certified Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final EIR (SCH #2009072096) and the Downtown Strategy 2040 Final EIR (SCH #2003042127). *Continued from 10/01/2025*.

PROJECT MANAGER, DANA PEAK EDWARDS

Staff recommends that the Historic Landmarks Commission recommend that the City Council take all the following actions:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the Addendum to the adopted the Final Environmental Impact Reports (“Final EIR”) for the Downtown Strategy 2040 and Envision San José 2040 General Plan.
2. Approve an Ordinance to amend Section 13.48.020 by adding definitions for ‘detrimental,’ ‘historic integrity,’ and ‘substantial alteration’ and clarifying definitions for historic district and landmark; and to amend Section 13.48.240 by revising (B) and (C) to clarify the application of historic preservation permit findings and by adding (D) to allow the City Council to make certain overriding findings when work is detrimental to a landmark or property in an historic district.

4. PLANNING REFERRALS

No Items

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

No Items

6. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

No Items

7. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission cannot engage in any substantive discussion or take any formal action in response to the public comment. The Commission can only ask questions or respond to statements to the extent necessary to determine whether to: (1) refer the matter to staff for follow-up; (2) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or (3) direct staff to place the item on a future agenda. Each member of the public may fill out a speaker's card and has up to two minutes to address the Commission.

8. GOOD AND WELFARE

a. Report from Secretary, Planning Commission, and City Council

i. [Correspondence Recieved October 10, 2025.](#)

b. Report from Committees

i. Design Review Subcommittee:

- 1) No meeting held on October 16, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
- 2) Appoint Chair of the Design Review Subcommittee

c. Approval of Action Minutes

i. **Recommendation:** [Approve Action Minutes for the Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of October 1, 2025.](#)

d. Status of Circulating Environmental Documents

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
 - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:

- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
- c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
- d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
- f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

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