



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Historic Resources Commission Staff Report**  
**July 1, 2021**

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**Topic:** HRCA No. 2021-13, HRC 2021-13, HPPA No. 2021-12 – The Ida C. Wisseman House

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2021-13 and Historic Register Categorization No. 2021-13 (Exhibit 1).
2. Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Clerk of the Council to execute the attached Mills Act agreement with Lauren and Jenny Hartshorne, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney (Exhibit 2).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Lauren and Jenny Hartshorne are requesting approval to designate an existing residence located at 2311 North Heliotrope Drive to the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties, as well as approval to execute a Mills Act agreement with the City of Santa Ana.

**DISCUSSION**

**Project Location and Site Description**

The subject property is located on the east side of North Heliotrope Drive in the Floral Park neighborhood. The site contains a 1,306-square-foot, Minimal Traditional residence and detached garage on a 7,800-square-foot residential lot (Exhibit 3).

**Analysis of the Issues**

*Historical Listing*

In March 1999, the City Council approved Ordinance No. NS-2363 establishing the Historic Resources Commission and the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The Historic Resources Commission may, by resolution and at a noticed public hearing,

designate as a historical property any building or part thereof, object, structure, or site having importance to the history or architecture of the city in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (SAMC). This project entails applying the selection criteria established in Chapter 30 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (Places of Historical and Architectural Significance) to determine if this structure is eligible for historic designation to the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The first criterion for selection requires that the structures be 50 or more years old.

The structure identified meets the minimum selection criteria for inclusion on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties pursuant to criteria contained in Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code, as the property is 73 years old and is a good example of period architecture. No known code violations exist on record for this property.

The property, recognized as the Ida C. Wisseman House, has distinctive architectural features of the gable-and-wing variant of the Minimal Traditional style, and exhibits details consistent with the Colonial Revival style. It was built in 1948 for \$12,000 by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The home was built for Mrs. Ida C. Wisseman, who became a widow in 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Wisseman moved with their two youngest children from New York City between 1905 and 1910 and immediately started a business known as the Wisseman's Variety Store at 114 W. Fourth Street in Downtown Santa Ana. Between the years 1910 and 1961, Wisseman's Variety Store was an original stakeholder and neighborhood staple in Downtown Santa Ana.

The Ida C. Wisseman House is a one-story single-family residence constructed in the gable-and-wing variant of the Minimal Traditional architectural style. It features a moderately pitched, front- and side-gabled roof configuration with shallow eaves. The roof is clad in contemporary asphalt shingle roofing, and the exterior walls are clad in a combination of red brick and wood lap siding. A narrow frieze board accents portions of the eave line. The focal point of the design is the central entry porch, whose canopy roof is supported by a single slender post with a diamond pattern cross bracing between the post and house. The entry contains a wide, six-panel, wood door flanked by two narrow, half-height sidelights. The front (west) elevation features wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows framed by wood shutters, located to north and south of the entry porch. Along the north, south, and east elevations, the building incorporates a series of four-over-four wood-framed, double-hung sash windows. A prominent exterior brick chimney rises above the roof ridgeline along the south elevation. A one-story, gabled, detached garage clad in wood lap siding and featuring four-over-four wood-framed, double-hung sash windows is located in the rear of the property. Character-defining features of the Ida C. Wisseman House that should be preserved include, but may not be limited to: materials and finishes (red brick and wood lap siding); massing; roof configuration and treatment; porch; brick chimney; fenestration (wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows); and architectural detailing (wood shutters, frieze board).

The Ida C. Wieseeman House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register under Criterion 1 for its exemplification of the Minimal Traditional style as it developed from the FHA's Principles for Planning Small Houses (1940), specifically, that "all non-essential features can profitably be eliminated." An example of the gable-and-wing variant of the style, the house exhibits details consistent with the Colonial Revival, including its combination of red brick and wood lap siding; wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows; open front porch whose canopy is supported by a single slender post, and details such as frieze board and window shutters. The house is also of interest because it was built by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Floral Park and is representative example of Minimal Traditional architecture.

### *Mills Act Agreement*

Ordinance No. NS-2382 authorized the Historic Resources Commission to execute Historic Property Preservation Agreements (HPPA), commonly known as Mills Act agreements for eligible properties (Exhibit 2). To be eligible for the Mills Act, the property must be listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The Historic Resources Commission Application and Historic Register Categorization actions proposed for this site authorize the listing of the property on the local register. The agreement provides monetary incentives to the property owner in the form of a property tax reduction in exchange for the owner's voluntary commitment to maintain the property in a good state of repair as necessary to maintain its character and appearance. Once recorded, the agreement generates a different valuation method in determining the property's assessed value, resulting in tax savings for the owner. Aside from the tax savings, the benefits include:

- Long term preservation of the property and visual improvement to the neighborhood
- Allows for a mechanism to provide for property rehabilitation
- Provides additional incentive for potential buyers to purchase historic structures
- Discourages inappropriate alterations to the property

The property has no identified unauthorized modifications. Upon consideration of the application, it is recommended that the City enter into a Historic Property Preservation Agreement.

### **Public Notification**

The subject site is located within the Floral Park Neighborhood Association. The president of this Neighborhood Association was notified by mail 10 days prior to this public hearing. In addition, the project site was posted with a notice advertising this public hearing, a notice was published in the Orange County Reporter and mailed

notices were sent to all property owners within 500 feet of the project site. At the time of this printing, no correspondence, either written or electronic, has been received from any members of the public.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the project is exempt from further review pursuant to Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 31 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) as these actions are designed to preserve historic resources. Based on this analysis, a Notice of Exemption, Environmental Review No. 2021-61 will be filed for this project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Historic Property Preservation Agreement will reduce the Property Tax revenue account 01102002-50011 to the City by an estimated \$824.67 annually, for a period of not less than ten years.

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resolution
2. Mills Act Agreement
3. 500-Foot Radius Map

Submitted By:  
Pedro Gomez, AICP, Associate Planner

Approved By:  
Minh Thai, Executive Director of Planning and Building Agency, Planning and Building Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA APPROVING HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APPLICATION NO. 2021-13 TO PLACE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2311 NORTH HELIOTROPE DRIVE, SANTA ANA, ON THE HISTORICAL REGISTER AND APPROVING HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO. 2021-13 PLACING SAID PROPERTY WITHIN THE CONTRIBUTIVE CATEGORY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

- A. On July 1, 2021, the Historic Resources Commission held a duly noticed public hearing for the placement on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties (Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2021-13) and categorization (Historic Resources Commission Categorization No. 2021-13) of the Ida C. Wisseman House located at 2311 North Heliotrope Drive, Santa Ana.
- B. The Ida C. Wisseman House has distinctive architectural features of the Minimal Traditional style and was built in 1948.
- C. The Ida C. Wisseman House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register under Criterion 1 for its exemplification of the Minimal Traditional style as it developed from the FHA's Principles for Planning Small Houses (1940), specifically, that "all non-essential features can profitably be eliminated." An example of the gable-and-wing variant of the style, the house exhibits details consistent with the Colonial Revival, including its combination of red brick and wood lap siding; wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows; open front porch whose canopy is supported by a single slender post, and details such as frieze board and window shutters. The house is also of interest because it was built by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Floral Park and is representative example of Minimal Traditional architecture. Character-defining features of the Ida C. Wisseman House that should be preserved include, but may not be limited to: materials and finishes (red brick and wood lap siding); massing; roof configuration and treatment; porch; brick chimney; fenestration

(wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows); and architectural detailing (wood shutters, frieze board).

- D. The legal owners of the property are Lauren Elizabeth Hartshorne and Jenny Hartshorne.
- E. The legal description for the subject property is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- F. The subject property meets the standards for placement on the City of Santa Ana Register of Historic Properties pursuant to Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
- G. The subject property meets the minimal standards for placement in the Contributive category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(3) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the recommended actions are exempt from further review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15331, Class 31, as these actions are designed to preserve historical resources. Categorical Exemption No. ER-2021-61 will be filed for this project.

**Section 3.** The Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana, after conducting the public hearing, hereby approves:

- A. Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2021-13 to place the Ida C. Wisseman House located at 2311 North Heliotrope Drive, Santa Ana, 92706 on the historical register, and
- B. Historic Register Categorization No. 2021-13 placing the Ida C. Wisseman House located at 2311 North Heliotrope Drive, Santa Ana, 92706 within the Contributive category.

These decisions are based upon the evidence submitted at the above said hearing, which includes, but is not limited to: the Staff report and exhibits attached thereto, the report entitled "Historical Property Description," and the public testimony, all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 4.** For the subject property, a report entitled "Historical Property Description" is on file with the Planning Division, and is hereby approved and adopted, and together with the staff report and this Resolution, justify the findings for placement on the City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties into a category. The Historic Resources Commission Secretary is authorized and directed to include this Resolution in the City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

**Section 5.** The Historic Resources Commission Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Recorder's Office after the adoption of this Resolution pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5029.

ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Alberta Christy  
Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: John M. Funk  
John M. Funk  
Sr. Assistant City Attorney

AYES: Commission members \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: Commission members \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: Commission members \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT PRESENT: Commission members \_\_\_\_\_

#### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, SARAH BERNAL, Historic Resources Commission Secretary, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2021-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana on July 1, 2021.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Secretary  
City of Santa Ana

**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

<b>APN</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Owner Names</b>
002-071-15	2311 North Heliotrope Drive	THE NORTH 47 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 8 FEET OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK B OF TRACT NO. 1035, IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 33, PAGE 46 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.	Lauren Elizabeth Hartshorne and Jenny Hartshorne



RECORDING REQUESTED BY  
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:  
City of Santa Ana  
20 Civic Center Plaza (M-30)  
Santa Ana, CA 92702  
Attn: Clerk of the Council

FREE RECORDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 27383

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## HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

This Historic Property Preservation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the City of Santa Ana, a charter city and municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as “City”), and **Lauren Elizabeth Hartshorne and Jenny Hartshorne, Wife and Wife as Community Property with Right of Survivorship**, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Owner”), owner of real property located at **2311 North Heliotrope Drive, Santa Ana, California**, in the County of Orange and listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

### RECITALS

- A. The City Council of the City of Santa Ana is authorized by California Government Code Section 50280 et seq. (known as the “Mills Act”) to enter into contracts with owners of qualified historical properties to provide for appropriate use, maintenance, rehabilitation and restoration such that these historic properties retain their historic character and integrity.
- B. The Owner possesses fee title in and to that certain qualified real property together with associated structures and improvements thereon, located at **2311 North Heliotrope Drive, Santa Ana, CA, 92706** and more particularly described in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and hereinafter referred to as the “Historic Property”.
- C. The Historic Property is officially designated on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 30 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
- D. City and Owner, for their mutual benefit, now desire to enter into this Agreement which defines and limits the use and alteration of this Historic Property in order to enhance and maintain its value as a cultural and historical resource for Owner and for the community; to prevent inappropriate alterations to the Historic Property and to ensure that repairs, additions, new building, and other changes are appropriate; and to ensure that rehabilitation and maintenance are carried out in an exemplary manner.

- E. Owner and City intend to carry out the purposes of California Government Code, Chapter 1, Part 5 of Division 1 of Title 5, Article 12, Section 50280 et seq., which will enable the Historic Property to qualify for an assessment of valuation as a restricted historical property pursuant to Article 1.9, Sec. 439 et seq., Chapter 3 Part 2 of Division 1 of the California Tax and Revenue Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Santa Ana and the Owner of the Historic Property agree as follows:

**1. Effective Date and Terms of Agreement.**

This Agreement shall be effective and commence on **September 22, 2021**, and shall remain in effect for a term of ten (10) years thereafter. Each year, upon the anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement, such initial term will automatically be extended as provided in California Government Code Sections 50280 through 50290 and in Section 2, below.

**2. Renewal.**

a. Each year on the anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement, a year shall automatically be added to the initial ten (10) year term of this Agreement unless written notice of nonrenewal is served as provided herein.

b. If the Owner or the City desire(s) in any year not to renew the Agreement, the Owner or City shall serve written notice of nonrenewal of the Agreement on the other party. Unless such notice is served by the Owner to the City at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual renewal date, or served by the City to the Owner at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual renewal date, one (1) year shall automatically be added to the term of the Agreement as provided herein.

c. Within 30 days from receipt of City's notice of nonrenewal, the Owner may file a written protest of City's decision of nonrenewal. The City may, at any time prior to the annual renewal date of the Agreement, withdraw its notice to the Owner of nonrenewal.

d. If either the Owner or the City serves notice to the other of nonrenewal in any year, the Agreement shall remain in effect for the balance of the term then remaining, either from its original execution or from the last renewal of the Agreement, whichever may apply.

**3. Standards and Conditions for Historic Property.**

During the term of this Agreement, the Historic Property shall be subject to the following conditions, requirements and restrictions:

a. Owner shall maintain the Historic Property in a good state of repair and shall preserve, maintain, and, where necessary, restore or rehabilitate the property and its character-defining features described in the "Historical Property Description" attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B, notably the general architectural form, style, materials, design, scale, proportions,

organization of windows, doors, and other openings, textures, details, mass, roof line, porch and other aspects of the appearance of the exterior to the satisfaction of the City.

b. All changes to the Historic Property shall comply with applicable City plans and regulations, and conform to the rules and regulations of the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, namely the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation Projects. These guidelines are attached hereto, marked as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by this reference. Owner shall continually maintain the Historic Property in the same or better condition.

c. A view corridor enabling the general public to see the Historic Property from the public right-of-way shall be maintained, and Owner shall not be permitted to block the view corridor to the property with any new structure, such as walls, fences or shrubbery, so as to prevent the viewing of the historic landmark by the public.

d. The following are prohibited: demolition of the Historic Property or destruction of character-defining features of the building or site; removal of trees and other major vegetation unless removal is approved by a rehabilitation plan approved by the Historic Resources Commission; paving of yard surface; exterior alterations or additions unless approved by the Historic Resources Commission and such alterations are in keeping with the Secretary of Interior's Standards; deteriorating, dilapidated or unrepaired structures such as fences, roofs, doors, walls, and windows; storage of junk, trash, debris, discarded or unused objects such as cars, appliances, or furniture; and other unsightly by decoration, structure or vegetation which is unsightly by reason of its height, condition, or inappropriate location.

e. Owner shall allow reasonable periodic inspection by prior appointment, as needed or at least every five (5) years after the initial inspection, of the interior and exterior of the Historic Property by representatives of the City of Santa Ana, the County Assessor, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Board of Equalization, to determine the Owner's compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

#### **4. Furnishing of Information.**

The Owner hereby agrees to furnish the City with any and all information requested which may be necessary or advisable to determine compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

#### **5. Cancellation.**

a. The City, following a duly noticed public hearing by the City Council as set forth in Government Code Section 50280, et. seq., may cancel this Agreement if it determines that the Owner have breached any of the conditions of this Agreement, or has allowed the property to deteriorate to the point that it no longer meets the standards for a qualified Historic Property, or if the City determines that the Owner have failed to restore or rehabilitate the property in the manner specified in Section 3 of this Agreement. If a contract is cancelled for these reasons, the Owner shall pay a cancellation fee to the County Auditor as set forth in Government Code

Section 50286. This cancellation fee shall be a percentage (currently set at twelve and one-half (12 ½) percent by Government Code Section 50286) of the current fair market value of the property at the time of the cancellation, as determined by the county assessor, without regard to any restriction imposed pursuant to this Agreement.

b. If the Historic Property is destroyed by earthquake, fire, flood or other natural disaster such that in the opinion of the City Building Official more than sixty (60) percent of the original fabric of the structure must be replaced, this Agreement shall be canceled immediately because, in effect, the historic value of the structure will have been destroyed. No fee shall be imposed in the case of destruction by acts of God or natural disaster.

c. If the Historic Property is acquired by eminent domain and the City Council determines that the acquisition frustrates the purpose of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be cancelled and no fee imposed, as specified in Government Code Section 50288.

## **6. Enforcement of Agreement.**

a. In lieu of and/or in addition to any provisions to cancel the Agreement as referenced herein, City may specifically enforce, or enjoin the breach of, the terms of the Agreement. In the event of a default, under the provisions to cancel the Agreement by Owner, the City shall give written notice to Owner by registered or certified mail, and if such a violation is not corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of the City Manager or designee within thirty (30) days thereafter, or if not corrected within such a reasonable time as may be required to cure the breach or default, or default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days (provided that acts to cure the breach or default may be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall thereafter be diligently pursued to completion by Owner), then City may, without further notice, declare a default under the terms of this Agreement and may bring any action necessary to specifically enforce the obligations of Owner growing out of the terms of this Agreement, apply to any court, state or federal, for injunctive relief against any violation by Owner or apply for such relief as may be appropriate.

b. City does not waive any claim of default by the Owner if City does not enforce or cancel this Agreement. All other remedies at law or in equity which are not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or in City's regulations governing historic properties are available to City to pursue in the event that there is a breach of this Agreement. No waiver by City of any breach or default under this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other subsequent breach thereof or default hereunder.

## **7. Binding effect of Agreement.**

a. Owner hereby subjects the Historic Property, located at **2311 North Heliotrope Drive**, Assessor Parcel Number, **002-071-15**, and more particularly described in Exhibit A, in the City of Santa Ana, to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions as set forth in this Agreement.

b. City and Owner hereby declare their specific intent that the covenants, conditions and restrictions as set forth herein shall be deemed covenants running with the land and shall

pass to and be binding upon Owner's successors and assigns in title or interest to the Historic Property. Every contract, deed, or other instrument hereinafter executed, covering or conveying the Historic Property or any portion thereof, shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered, and accepted subject to the tenants, restrictions, and reservations expressed in this Agreement regardless of whether such covenants, conditions and restrictions are set forth in such contract, deed, or other instrument.

**8. No Compensation.**

Owner shall not receive any payment from City in consideration of the obligation imposed under this Agreement, it being recognized that the consideration for the execution of this Agreement is the substantial public benefit to be derived therefrom and the advantage that will accrue to Owner as a result of the effect upon the assessed value of the Property on the account of the restrictions on the use and preservation of the Property.

**9. Notice.**

Any notice required by the terms of this Agreement shall be sent to the address of the respective parties as specified below or at other addresses that may be later specified by the parties hereto.

City: City of Santa Ana  
20 Civic Center Plaza (M-30)  
Santa Ana, CA 92702  
Attn: Clerk of the Council

Owners: Lauren Elizabeth Hartshorne and Jenny Hartshorne  
2311 North Heliotrope Drive  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

**10. General Provisions.**

a. None of the terms, provisions, or conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between the parties hereto and any of their heirs, successors, or assigns, nor shall such terms, provisions or conditions cause them to be considered joint ventures or members of any joint enterprise.

b. The Owner agrees to and shall indemnify and hold the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability for damage or claims for damage for personal injuries, including death, and claims for property damage which may arise from the direct or indirect use or operations of the Owner or those of his or her contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee, or other person acting on his or her behalf which relates to the use, operation, and maintenance of the Historic Property. The Owner hereby agrees to and shall defend the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, and employees with respect to any and all actions for damages caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, reason of the Owner's activities in connection with the Historic Property.

c. This hold harmless provision applies to all damages and claims for damages suffered, or alleged to have been suffered, and costs of defense incurred, by reason of the operations referred to in this Agreement regardless of whether or not City prepared, supplied, or approved the plans, specifications or other documents for the Historic Property.

d. All of the agreements, rights, covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties herein, their heirs, successors, legal representatives, assigns, and all persons acquiring any part or portion of the Historic Property, whether by operation of law or in any manner whatsoever.

e. In the event legal proceedings are brought by any party or parties to enforce or restrain a violation of any of the covenants, reservations, or restrictions contained herein, or to determine the rights and duties of any party hereunder, the prevailing party in such proceeding may recover all reasonable attorney's fees to be fixed by the court, in addition to court costs and other relief ordered by the court.

f. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by subsequent preemptive legislation, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions thereof, shall not be effected thereby.

g. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, with venue in Orange County.

#### **11. Recordation.**

No later than twenty (20) days after the parties execute and enter into this Agreement, the City shall cause this Agreement to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Orange.

#### **12. Amendments.**

This Agreement may be amended, in whole or in part, only by a written recorded instrument executed by the parties hereto.

#### **13. Effective Date**

This Agreement shall be effective on the day and year first written above in Section 1.

{Signature page follows}

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF SANTA ANA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DAISY GOMEZ  
Clerk of the Council

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KRISTINE RIDGE  
City Manager

**OWNER**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAUREN ELIZABETH HARTSHORNE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JENNY HARTSHORNE

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

SONIA CARVALHO  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN M. FUNK  
Assistant City Attorney

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MINH THAI  
Executive Director  
Planning and Building Agency

**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE NORTH 47 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 8 FEET OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK B OF TRACT NO. 1035, IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 33, PAGE 46 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

**Assessor's Parcel Number: 002-071-15**



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Ida C. Wisseman House**  
**2311 North Heliotrope Drive**  
**Santa Ana, CA 92706**

NAME	Ida C. Wisseman House			REF. NO.
ADDRESS	2311 North Heliotrope Drive			
CITY	Santa Ana	ZIP	92706	ORANGE COUNTY
YEAR BUILT	1948	LOCAL REGISTER CATEGORY: Contributive		
HISTORIC DISTRICT	N/A	NEIGHBORHOOD	Floral Park	
CALIFORNIA REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION	C/3	CALIFORNIA REGISTER STATUS CODE	5S3	

Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

## **ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Minimal Traditional

During the Great Depression through the immediate postwar years, the Minimal Traditional home rose in popularity as the preferred style for middle-class housing in the United States. This basic house type fulfilled both aesthetic and social needs: in terms of aesthetics, the form represented a stripped-down version of the historic-eclectic styles popular in the 1920s, in particular the Tudor and English Revival styles. In social terms, the Minimal Traditional home satisfied requirements in square footage and plan by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), which launched a campaign in this period to expand home ownership. The Minimal Traditional home served as the prototype used by the FHA in its efforts to codify and manufacture "a standard, low-cost, minimum house that the majority of American wage earners could afford" (Greg Hise, *Magnetic Los Angeles*, p. 57). Minimal Traditional homes are typically rectangular in plan and one-story in height, often with a front-gabled wing and prominent attached chimney. In contrast with the English and Tudor Revival styles the one-story version mimics, the Minimal Traditional home is capped with a low or intermediate pitch roof with a hipped or side gable. Sheathing materials include stucco, brick, or wood, often accompanied by stone veneer accents. Fenestration generally consists of multi-light casement, double-hung, and picture windows with wood frames. The eaves and rakes of the Minimal Traditional home are typically shallow (in a departure from the later Ranch House style, which they often resemble). Although they have little applied ornament, many Minimal Traditional homes often display decorative wood shutters and porch-roof supports.

## **SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:**

The Ida C. Wisseman House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register under Criterion 1 for its exemplification of the Minimal Traditional style as it developed from the FHA's Principles for Planning Small Houses (1940), specifically, that "all non-essential features can profitably be eliminated." An example of the gable-and-wing variant of the style, the house exhibits details consistent with the Colonial Revival. The house is also of interest because it was built by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Floral Park and is representative example of Minimal Traditional architecture (Santa Ana Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2).

**EXPLANATION OF CODES:**

- California Register Criteria for Evaluation: (From California Office of Historic Preservation, Technical Assistance Series # 7, "How to Nominate Resources to the California Register of Historical Resources," September 4, 2001.)

**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.

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**5S3:** Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.

State of California — The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Page 1 of 3 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) *Ida C. Wieseeman House*

**P1. Other Identifier:**

\*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: *TCA 1725*

\*c. Address *2311 North Heliotrope Drive*

\*e. Other Locational Data: *Assessor's Parcel Number 002-071-15*

\*a. County *Orange County*

Date: *March 3, 2015*

City: *Santa Ana*

Zip: *92706*

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

*Located in Floral Park, the Ida C. Wieseeman House is a one-story single-family residence constructed in the gable-and-wing variant of the Minimal Traditional architectural style. It features a moderately-pitched, front- and side-gabled roof configuration with shallow eaves. The roof is clad in contemporary asphalt shingle roofing, and the exterior walls are clad in a combination of red brick and wood lap siding. A narrow frieze board accents portions of the eave line. The focal point of the design is the central entry porch, whose canopy roof is supported by a single slender post with a diamond pattern cross bracing between the post and house. The entry contains a wide, six-panel, wood door flanked by two narrow, half-height sidelights. The front (west) elevation features wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows framed by wood shutters, located to north and south of the entry porch. Along the north, south, and east elevations, the building incorporates a series of four-over-four wood-framed, double-hung sash windows. A prominent exterior brick chimney rises above the roof ridge line along the south elevation. A one-story, gabled, detached garage clad in wood lap siding and featuring four-over-four wood-framed, double-hung sash windows is located in the rear of the property. The property is landscaped with low vegetation and a mature tree and features a walkway paved in herringbone brick leading to the front entry.*

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) *HP2. Single-Family Residence*

\*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



**P5b. Photo:** (view and date)  
*West elevation, view east  
April 2021*

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ☒ historic  
*1948/ City of Santa Ana Building Permits*

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
*Lauren and Jenny Hartshorne  
2311 North Heliotrope Drive  
Santa Ana, CA 92706*

\*P8. Recorded by:  
*Pedro Gomez, City of Santa Ana  
20 Civic Center Plaza M-20  
Santa Ana, CA 92702*

\*P9. Date Recorded:  
*July 1, 2021*

\*P10. Survey Type:  
*Intensive Survey Update*

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")  
*None*

\*Attachments: ☐ None ☐ Location

Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record  
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record  
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

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\*NRHP Status Code 5S3

\*Resource Name or #: *Ida C. Wisseman House*

B1. Historic Name: *Ida C. Wisseman House*

B2. Common Name: *Same*

B3. Original Use: *Single-family Residence*

B4. Present Use: *Single-family Residence*

\*B5. Architectural Style: *Minimal Traditional*

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations): *June 15, 1948. Constructed. \$12,000.*

*July 25, 1961. Water heater for Wisseman by Pacific.*

*September 26, 1988. Reroof with out tear off for detached garage.*

*May 6, 1996. T.O. wood shingles, apply 1/2" plywd, and replace with comp. \$5,300.*

*February 29, 2008. Seismic bolting to foundation. \$3,000.*

*May 27, 2020. Tear off existing, resheath, and install 26 squares of comp roofing. \$7,358.*

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features: *Detached Garage.*

B9a. Architect: *Unknown*

b. Builder: *Allison Honer Co.*

\*B10. Significance: Theme *Residential Architecture* Area *Santa Ana*

Period of Significance: *1948* Property Type: *Single-family Residence* Applicable Criteria: *C/3*

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

*The Ida C. Wisseman House is architecturally significant as a characteristic example of the gable-and-wing variant of the style Minimal Traditional architectural style. It was built in 1948 by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The home was built for Mrs. Ida C. Wisseman, (1872-1961) who became a widow in 1948. Before residing at this property, she resided at 2411 North Park Blvd. with her husband Frank W. Wisseman (1863-1930). Mr. and Mrs. Wisseman moved with their two youngest children from New York City between 1905 and 1910 and immediately started a business known as the Wisseman's Variety Store at 114 W. Fourth Street in Downtown Santa Ana. Between the years, 1910 and 1961, Wisseman's Variety Store was an original stakeholder and neighborhood staple in Downtown Santa Ana. The two were active in the First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Wisseman was an active member of The Ebell Club. The family was notable in business and social circles in Santa Ana. Mr. Wisseman passed away in 1930 at the age of 68, and Mrs. Wisseman in 1961 in her late 80s. Their daughter Helen, born in 1913 in Santa Ana, would reside in the home most of her life until 1969. She would pass away in San Diego in 2004. In 1969, the home was sold to Jack and Laura Daley, about whom little is known.*

(See Continuation Sheet 3 of 3.)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

\*B12. References:

*City of Santa Ana Building Permits*

*Santa Ana History Room Collection, Santa Ana Public Library*

*Sanborn Maps*

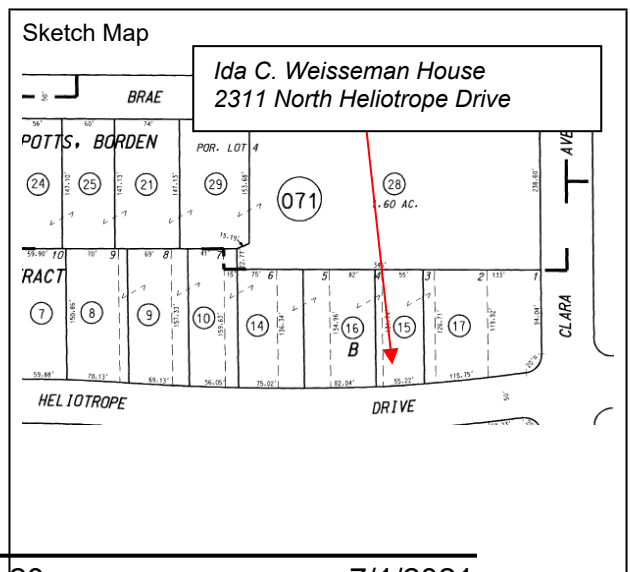
(See Continuation Sheet 3 of 3.)

B13. Remarks:

\*B14. Evaluator: *Leslie Heumann/Chattel Inc.*

\*Date of Evaluation: *July 1, 2021*

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Resource Name: *Ida C. Wisseman House*

\*Recorded by *Pedro Gomez*

\*Date *July 1, 2020* ☒ Continuation ☐ Update

**\*B10. Significance (continued):**

*Santa Ana was founded by William Spurgeon in 1869 as a speculative town site on part of the Spanish land grant known as Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. The civic and commercial core of the community was centered around the intersection of Main and Fourth Streets. Stimulated by the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad and incorporation as a city in 1886, and selection as the seat of the newly created County of Orange in 1889, the city grew outwards, with residential neighborhoods developing to the north, south, and east of the city center. Agricultural uses predominated in the outlying areas, with cultivated fields and orchards dotted with widely scattered farmhouses.*

*The Ida C. Wisseman House is located in Floral Park, a neighborhood northwest of downtown Santa Ana bounded by West Seventeenth Street, North Flower Street, Riverside Drive, and Broadway. Groves of oranges, avocados, and walnuts and widely scattered ranch houses characterized this area before 1920. Developer and builder Allison Honer (1897-1981), credited as the subdivider and builder of a major portion of northwest Santa Ana, arrived in Santa Ana from Beaver Falls, New York in 1922 (Talbert, pages 353-356). "Before nightfall on the day of his arrival, Mr. Honer purchased a parcel of land. And that month, he began building custom homes in Santa Ana" (Orange County Register, September 15, 1981). The parcel chosen became the Floral Park subdivision between Seventeenth Street and Santiago Creek. "When built in the 1920s, the Floral Park homes were the most lavish and expensive in the area. They sold for about \$45,000 each" (Orange County Register, September 15, 1981). Revival architecture in a wide variety of romantic styles was celebrated in the 1920s and 1930s and Floral Park showcased examples of the English Tudor, French Norman, Spanish Colonial, and Colonial Revival. The Allison Honer Construction Company went on to complete such notable projects as the 1935 Art Deco styled Old Santa Ana City Hall, the El Toro Marine Base during World War II, and the 1960 Honer Shopping Plaza. Honer lived in the neighborhood he had helped to create, at 615 West Santa Clara Avenue.*

*In the late 1920s and 1930s, another builder, Roy Roscoe Russell (1881-1965), continued developing the groves of Floral Park. An early Russell project was his 1928 subdivision of Victoria Drive between West Nineteenth Street and West Santa Clara Avenue. The homes were quite grand and displayed various revival styles, including Russell's own large, Colonial Revival mansion at 2009 Victoria Drive. In the early post World War II years, Floral Park continued its development as numerous, smaller, single-family houses were built. Continuing in the Floral Park tradition, they were mostly revival in style. In the 1950s, low, horizontal Ranch Style houses completed the growth of Floral Park. Today (2021) Floral Park maintains its identity as the premier neighborhood of Santa Ana, historically home to many affluent and prominent citizens.*

*The Ida C. Wisseman House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register under Criterion 1 for its exemplification of the Minimal Traditional style as it developed from the FHA's Principles for Planning Small Houses (1940), specifically, that "all non-essential features can profitably be eliminated." An example of the gable-and-wing variant of the style, the house exhibits details consistent with the Colonial Revival, including its combination of red brick and wood lap siding; wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows; open front porch whose canopy is supported by a single slender post, and details such as frieze board and window shutters. The house is also of interest because it was built by the Allison Honer Co., a key firm in the development of Floral Park. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Floral Park and is representative example of Minimal Traditional architecture (Santa Ana Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2). Character-defining features of the Ida C. Wisseman House that should be preserved include, but may not be limited to: materials and finishes (red brick and wood lap siding); massing; roof configuration and treatment; porch; brick chimney; fenestration (wood-framed and multi-paned double-hung sash windows); and architectural detailing (wood shutters, frieze board).*

**\*B12. References (continued):**

*Ancestry.com. California, Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.*  
*Harris, Cyril M. American Architecture: An Illustrated Encyclopedia. New York, WW Norton, 1998.*  
*Marsh, Diann. Santa Ana, An Illustrated History. Encinitas, Heritage Publishing, 1994.*  
*McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984.*  
*National Register Bulletin 16A. "How to Complete the National Register Registration Form." Washington DC: National Register*  
*Newspapers.com (Santa Ana Register)*  
*Branch, National Park Service, US Dept. of the Interior, 1991.*  
*Office of Historic Preservation. "Instructions for Recording Historical Resources." Sacramento: March 1995.*  
*Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1969.*  
*Santa Ana and Orange County Directories, 1940-1979.*

Exhibit C

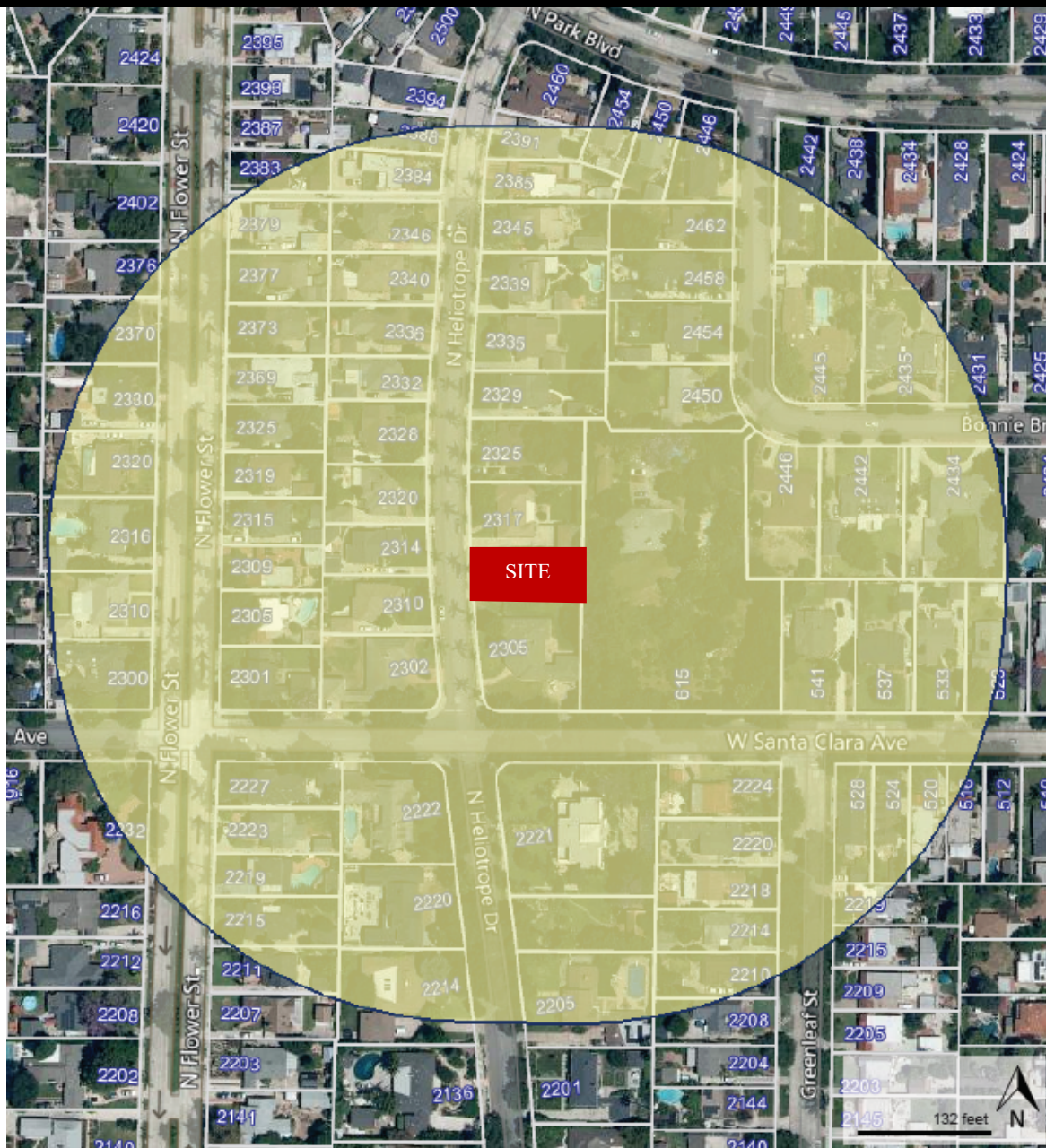
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1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purpose.
2. The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
3. All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
4. Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
5. Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
6. Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, whenever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from the other buildings or structures.
7. The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
8. Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and reserve archaeological resources affected by, or adjacent to any project.
9. Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with

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