



City of Long Beach Historic Preservation Element

INITIAL STUDY

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General Plan:

The Historic Preservation Element is an optional, rather than a State mandated Element, of the City's General Plan.

Zoning:

The Historic Preservation Element involves all zoning districts in the City, including Planned Development (PD) districts.

Project Description:

State law offers considerable flexibility in providing additional optional Elements beyond the seven State mandated Elements (Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Noise and Safety Elements) of a local General Plan. California Government Code Section 65303 enables a county or city to adopt any other Elements or address any other subjects which relate to the physical development of that county or city. Once adopted, an optional Element carries the same legal authority as any of the seven mandatory Elements and must be consistent internally and with all other Elements of a jurisdiction's General Plan.

This Historic Preservation Element is intended to better integrate historic preservation into City procedures and interdepartmental decisions, and to create a meaningful

partnership with the community in order to implement the City’s historic preservation program. As set forth in the Vision Statement, the Historic Preservation Element is intended to ensure that the rich history of Long Beach is preserved through the identification, protection, and celebration of its historic resources which are valued for their role in the City’s environment, urban design, economic prosperity, and contributions to the quality of life in its neighborhoods. The Historic Preservation Element establishes the goals, policies and implementation measures that affirm the City’s commitment to historic preservation.

Surrounding land uses and settings:

The City of Long Beach is adjacent to the following municipalities: City of Los Angeles (Wilmington, Port of Los Angeles), Carson, Compton, Paramount, Bellflower, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. It is also adjacent to the unincorporated communities of Rancho Dominguez and Rossmoor. In addition, the City of Signal Hill is completely surrounded by the City of Long Beach.

Public agencies whose approval is required:

- Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission (recommendation to Planning Commission on Historic Preservation Element)
- Long Beach Planning Commission (certify Negative Declaration, recommendation to City Council on Historic Preservation Element)
- Long Beach City Council (adopt Historic Preservation Element)

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Population & Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology & Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use & Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology & Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.
- I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis, as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Craig Chalfant
Planner

Date

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are supported adequately by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parenthesis following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration; Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analysis,” as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration (per Section 15063(c)(3)(D)). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effect were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the check list references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) The significance criteria or threshold. If any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

I. AESTHETICS

a. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The proposed Historic Preservation Element would not result in significant adverse effects to any scenic vistas or public views of scenic vistas. The City topography is relatively flat, with scenic vistas of the ocean to the south and Palos Verdes to the west. In addition, distant views of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains to the north as well as the Santa Ana Mountains to the east are occasionally available to the public on days of clear visibility (primarily during the winter months).

The intent of this Element is to protect local historic resources, which are valued for the contributions to the City's urban design and quality of life. Rather than detract from the visual environment, this Element would establish goals, policies and implementation measures to ensure protection of the aesthetic qualities of these resources. This protection would extend to buildings, landmarks and districts that have a special character or special historical, cultural, architectural, community or aesthetic value.

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or designations. All future preservation project proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. This Element is intended to preserve rather than impair the visual attributes of historic resources throughout the City. Therefore, no further analysis of this environmental issue is necessary.

b. Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are no State scenic highways located within the City. The City of Long Beach has one local scenic route, which follows Ocean Boulevard from the Los Angeles River to Livingston Drive in the Belmont Shore neighborhood. Many historic properties are located along this route.

No scenic resources, trees or rock outcroppings would be damaged as a result of implementing this Element. The Historic Preservation Element is intended to preserve historic structures, including scenic resources such as the Villa Riviera on Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue. This Element would be consistent with all other General Plan chapters, including the Conservation Element. There would therefore be no impact to any natural scenic resource and no further analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section I. a. above for discussion. The Historic Preservation Element does not set forth any specific development project proposals. All future preservation project proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

Policies to protect the visual character of local historic resources include:

Policy P.2.1 The City shall discourage the demolition and inappropriate alteration of historic buildings.

Policy P.2.3 The City shall continue to use the Secretary of the Interior's Standards as guidelines for appropriate rehabilitation projects, adaptive reuse, or additions to historic structures.

Policy P.5.2 The City shall consider historic preservation as a basis for neighborhood improvement and community development.

Implementation measures to protect the visual character of local historic resources include:

Implementation Measure I.M.2.1: The City will continue to discourage the demolition or inappropriate alteration of historic resources through the implementation of the provisions of the City Charter and Municipal Code pertaining to the City's Historic Preservation Program and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Implementation Measure I.M.2.3: The City will follow design guidelines for historic districts based on the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Implementation Measure I.M.5.2: The City will ensure that design review procedures are coordinated between all relevant City departments and Commissions in order to effectively protect historic properties and architectural features that have historic significance.

The Historic Preservation Element would not degrade the City's existing visual character or quality but rather would set forth policies and implementation measures to protect and improve the visual character and quality of the City's historic resources. No further analysis of this environmental issue is necessary.

d. Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

As stated above, the Historic Preservation Element does not set forth any specific development project proposals. All future preservation project proposals would be required to comply with all applicable regulations, including Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 9.37 (Long Beach Nuisance Code). Since the Historic Preservation Element would not directly or indirectly create any adverse light or glare impacts, no further analysis is necessary.

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

a. Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

b. Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

c. Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment that, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

For Sections II. a., b. and c. - There are no agricultural zones within the City of Long Beach, which is a fully urbanized community that has been built upon for over half a century. The Historic Preservation Element would have no effect upon agricultural resources within the City of Long Beach or any other neighboring city or county.

III. AIR QUALITY

The South Coast Air Basin is subject to some of the worst air pollution in the nation, attributable to its topography, climate, meteorological conditions, large population base, and dispersed urban land use patterns.

Air quality conditions are affected by the rate and location of pollutant emissions and by climatic conditions that influence the movement and dispersion of pollutants. Atmospheric forces such as wind speed, wind direction, and air temperature gradients, along with local and regional topography, determine how air pollutant emissions affect air quality.

The South Coast Air Basin has a limited capability to disperse air contaminants because of its low wind speeds and persistent temperature inversions. In the Long Beach area, predominantly daily winds consist of morning onshore airflow from the southwest at a mean speed of 7.3 miles per hour and afternoon and evening offshore airflow from the northwest at 0.2 to 4.7 miles per hour with little variability between seasons. Summer wind speeds average slightly higher than winter wind speeds. The prevailing winds carry air contaminants northward and then eastward over Whittier, Covina, Pomona and Riverside.

The majority of pollutants found in the Los Angeles County atmosphere originate from automobile exhausts as unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen and other materials. Of the five major pollutant types (carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, reactive organic gases, sulfur oxides, and particulates), only sulfur oxide emissions are produced mostly by sources other than automobile exhaust.

a. Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Attainment Plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element does not set forth any specific development project proposals. All future preservation project proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all chapters of the Long Beach General Plan, including the Air Quality Element. In addition, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has determined that if a project is consistent with the growth forecasts for the subregion in which it is located, it is consistent with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), and regional emissions are mitigated by the control strategies specified in the AQMP. While the Historic Preservation Element seeks to integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development and sustainable-city strategies (Goal 5), this Element is not intended to generate significant population or housing growth. This Element will assist in revitalizing neighborhoods and districts through rehabilitation and reuse of historic resources, but is not intended to alter the community character in a manner that would result in significant growth-generated increases in stationary or mobile emissions harmful to air quality. This Element would also not establish any policies or implementation measures that could obstruct AQMP implementation. Since this Historic Preservation Element would not conflict with AQMP growth forecasts or obstruct implementation of the AQMP, no further environmental review is necessary.

b. Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section III. a. above for discussion. This Element is not intended to generate significant population, employment or housing growth that would generate emissions which could violate air quality standards. Implementation of the Historic Preservation Element will be consistent with both the AQMP and the City's Air Quality Element and would not result in any air quality impacts beyond what is typically associated with building rehabilitation projects. In addition, all future historic preservation projects will be subject to separate environmental

review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section III.a. and b. above for discussion.

d. Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The CEQA Air Quality Handbook defines sensitive receptors as children, athletes, elderly and sick individuals that are more susceptible to the effects of air pollution than the population at large. Facilities that serve various types of sensitive receptors, including, schools, hospitals, and senior care centers, are located throughout the City. Future historic preservation and rehabilitation projects, which would be subject to separate CEQA analysis, would not be intended to result in structures or land uses that would generate substantial pollutant concentrations. Please see Sections III.a. and b. above for further discussion.

e. Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Land uses associated with odor complaints typically include agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, food processing plants, chemical plants, composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. Potential sources of odors during construction include use of architectural coatings and solvents, and diesel-powered construction equipment. SCAQMD Rule 1113

limits the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from architectural coatings and solvents, which lowers odorous emissions.

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects and would not result in any new odors or intensification of odors typically associated with construction activities or structural maintenance and preservation (i.e. exterior painting). All future preservation projects will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with the CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

f. Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment, based on any applicable threshold of significance?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would help reduce future greenhouse gas emissions through the adaptive reuse of older historic structures. However, the Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects. All future preservation proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA. The Historic Preservation Element would also be in full compliance with the City's Sustainable Action Plan. This Element would not result in any new, ongoing sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the project's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions of global climate change would be less than significant.

g. Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section III.f. above for discussion. The project would not establish any new plans, policies or regulations that would conflict with any federal, State or local plans, policies or regulations intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

a. Would the project have a substantial adverse impact, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate,

sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Wildlife habitats within the City are generally limited to parks, nature preserves, and water body areas (i.e., Los Cerritos Wetlands, El Dorado Park). Wildlife species found in Long Beach are typical for highly urbanized communities and are not considered rare, endangered or threatened. Preservation activities consistent with the Historic Preservation Element would occur in established urbanized areas and would not remove or impact any existing or planned wildlife habitats. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Preservation activities consistent with the Historic Preservation Element would occur in established urbanized areas and would not remove or impact any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Future historic preservation activities consistent with this Element would occur in established urbanized areas and would not impact any protected wetland areas. No historic resources are located in or adjacent to the Los Cerritos Wetlands area. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

d. Would the project interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Preservation activities consistent with the Historic Preservation Element would occur in established urbanized areas and would not alter or adversely impact any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, corridors or nursery sites. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

e. Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document encouraging the preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation of local historic resources. Implementation of the Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with the General Plan and in conformity with all local policies and regulations. It would not alter or eliminate any existing or future policy or ordinance protecting biological resources. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

f. Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is unrelated to habitat conservation and would not have any adverse effects on any existing or future habitat conservation plans. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Conservation Element and the Open Space & Recreation Element. Please see Sections IV.a. through e. above for further discussion.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Evidence indicates that primitive peoples inhabited portions of the City as early as 5,000 to 2,000 B.C. Much of the remains and artifacts of these ancient peoples were destroyed during the first century of the City's development. The remaining archaeological sites are located predominantly in the southeast sector of the City.

a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section §15064.5?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City of Long Beach is an urbanized community and nearly all properties within the City, with the exception of areas such as protected park lands, have been previously disturbed and/or developed. In addition, as of 2009 the City of Long Beach has fourteen properties listed, and therefore protected from destruction or impairment, in the National Register of Historic Places:

- Cooper Arms, 455 E. Ocean Boulevard
- First National Bank of Long Beach, 101-125 Pine Avenue
- Green, Rankin, Bembridge House, 953 Park Circle
- Long Beach Professional Building, 117 E. 8th Street
- Los Cerritos Ranch House, 4600 Virginia Road
- Middough Brothers Insurance Exchange Building, 201-205 E. Broadway
- Puvunga Indian Village Sites, address restricted
- Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Road
- Jennie A. Reeves House, 4260 Country Club Drive
- RMS Queen Mary, Pier J, 1126 Queensway Highway
- Second Church of Christ Scientist, 302 7th Street/655 Cedar Avenue
- U.S. Post Office, 300 Long Beach Boulevard
- Villa Riviera, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard
- The Willmore, 315 W. 3rd Street

The Historic Preservation Element includes provisions for the protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's historic buildings and neighborhoods. Impacts from implementation of this Historic Preservation Element on the City's historic resources would be positive in nature.

This Element sets forth goals, policies and implementation measures based on issues identified by the community and the City's needs for the future to ensure the preservation and appropriate use of local historic resources. The goals are designed to address local historic issues, the policies are used to guide daily

decision-making, and the implementation measures provide a framework for enacting these policies. These goals, policies and implementation measures include the following:

GOAL 1 Maintain and support a comprehensive, Citywide historic preservation program to identify and protect Long Beach's historic, cultural and archaeological resources.

Policy P.1.1 The City shall comply with City, State and Federal historic preservation regulations to ensure adequate protection of the City's cultural, historic and archaeological resources.

Policy P.1.2 The City shall maintain its status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) and ensure that CLG requirements are implemented as the key components of the City's historic preservation program.

Policy P.1.4 The City shall use public input to help shape the historic preservation program.

Policy P.1.6 The City shall pursue grant funding available through the CLG program, the State Office of Historic Preservation, and other funding sources to maintain and expand the historic preservation program in Long Beach.

Implementation Measure I.M.1.3: The City will review and amend as needed the Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance and other provisions of the Municipal Code to ensure that City policies continue to reflect standard preservation practices and allow for the successful realization of the City's historic preservation program.

Implementation Measure I.M.1.7: The City will apply for and encourage other constituencies in Long Beach to apply for grants available through the State Office of Historic Preservation and other funding sources to maintain and expand the historic preservation program in Long Beach.

GOAL 2 Protect historic resources from demolition and inappropriate alterations through the use of the City's regulatory framework, technical assistance, and incentives.

Policy P.2.1 The City shall discourage the demolition and inappropriate alteration of historic buildings.

Policy P.2.2 The City shall encourage and allow for adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

Implementation Measure I.M.2.1: The City will continue to discourage the demolition or inappropriate alteration of historic resources through the implementation of the provisions of the City Charter and Municipal Code pertaining to the City's Historic Preservation Program and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Implementation Measure I.M.2.3: The City will follow design guidelines for historic districts based on the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Implementation Measure I.M.2.5: The City will reestablish the Mills Act program for owners of designated historic properties and will implement a program to inspect and monitor existing Mills Act properties and review new applications to ensure that proposed projects meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Implementation Measure I.M.2.7: The City will promote the Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit program, and will encourage the use of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in conjunction with the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive program (also known as the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit) for the rehabilitation and reuse of historic properties.

GOAL 3 Maintain and expand the inventory of historic resources in Long Beach.

Policy P.3.1 The City shall conduct and update historic resource surveys on an on-going basis and, in compliance with CLG requirements, shall ensure that survey results are integrated into the Statewide comprehensive historic preservation planning process.

Policy P.3.3 The City shall conduct historic resources surveys pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation* and the California Office of Historic Preservation's *Instruction for Recording Historical Resources*, in compliance with CLG requirements.

Implementation Measure I.M.3.5: Development Services Department staff will provide general assistance and cooperation to facilitate the survey of historic resources and update of the Historic Context Statement in compliance with State and Federal requirements.

Implementation Measure I.M.3.6: The City will maintain public records on historic resources surveys, designated landmarks and districts in Long Beach, potential historic resources, and the actions of the City and City Commissions pertaining to historic resources, in compliance with CLG requirements.

GOAL 4 Increase public awareness and appreciation of the City's history and historic, cultural, and archaeological resources.

Policy P.4.1 The City shall participate in efforts to increase public awareness, appreciation and stewardship of the important historic and cultural resources which set Long Beach apart and make it a unique community.

Policy P.4.2 The City shall explore public/private partnerships in its preservation program efforts, including partnerships with businesses, neighborhood groups, and education interests.

Policy P.4.3 The City shall solicit and encourage public comment and participation in preservation decision-making.

Implementation Measure I.M.4.1: The Development Services Department, Cultural Heritage Commission, and other City agencies will work with individuals and organizations in the community to promote and encourage the preservation of cultural and historic resources in Long Beach.

Implementation Measure I.M.4.2: The Development Services Department and Cultural Heritage Commission will act as conduits to provide information to the public on Long Beach's historic and cultural resources and preservation program in order to promote appreciation, maintenance, rehabilitation and preservation of the City's historic resources. Information will be available at the Development Services Center, through the Neighborhood Resources Center, at other cultural and educational institutions, at City libraries, and on the City's website.

Implementation Measure I.M.4.3: The Planning Bureau, Cultural Heritage Commission, and Historic Preservation Officer will work with community partners to periodically conduct workshops for owners of historic properties, real estate agents and others describing the benefits and responsibilities of owning an historic property, and the incentives and technical assistance available for historic property rehabilitation work.

GOAL 5 Integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development, and sustainable-city strategies.

Policy P.5.1 The City of Long Beach shall use the City Charter, General Plan, and Municipal Code to integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development, and sustainable-city strategies.

Policy P.5.3 The City shall consider historic preservation goals and policies when making community and economic development decisions and determining sustainable-city strategies.

Policy P.5.6 The City shall encourage creative and adaptive reuse of historic buildings as a sustainable practice, as well as an opportunity to further cultural tourism, and the economic or community development objectives of the surrounding community.

Implementation Measure I.M.5.3: The City will identify projects which could use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HUD grants, the Home Improvement and Commercial Improvement Rebate Programs, the Low-Income Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Neighborhood Partners Program for rehabilitation of historic properties.

Implementation Measure I.M.5.6: The City will develop sustainable guidelines for historic buildings, based on adopted green building standards and water-saving requirements in the Municipal Code, and will continue to consider sustainability issues in future updates to the Municipal Code.

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation projects consistent with the Historic Preservation Element will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section §15064.5?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is intended to protect archaeological resources and therefore would not adversely affect or destroy any archaeological resources. Please see Section V.a. above for further discussion.

c. Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is intended to protect paleontological resources and therefore would not adversely impact any paleontological resources or geologic features. Please see Sections V.a. and b. above for further discussion.

d. Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is intended to protect rather than disturb any designated cemetery or other burial ground or place of interment. Please see Sections V.a. through c. above for further discussion.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

a. Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

- i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per Plate 2 of the Seismic Safety Element of the General Plan, the most significant fault system in the City is the Newport-Inglewood fault zone. This fault zone runs in a northwest to southeast angle across the southern half of the City.

The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all chapters of the General Plan, including the Seismic Safety Element. The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. In addition, all restoration and rehabilitation construction activity is required to comply with current building codes and incorporate building methods that account for the possibility of seismic events. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Newport-Inglewood fault zone could create substantial ground shaking if a seismic event occurred along that fault. Similarly, a strong seismic event on any other fault system in Southern California has the potential to create considerable levels of ground shaking throughout the City. However, numerous variables determine the level of damage to a specific location. Given these variables, it is not possible to determine the level of damage that may occur on the site during a seismic event. All future preservation projects must conform to all applicable State and local building codes relative to seismic safety. Please see Section VI.a.i. above for further discussion.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per Plate 7 of the Seismic Safety Element, most of the City is located in areas of either minimal or low liquefaction potential. The only exceptions are in the southeastern portion of the City, where there is significant liquefaction potential, and the western portion (most of the area west of Pacific Avenue and south of the 405 freeway), where there is either moderate or significant liquefaction potential. Please see Section VI.a.i. above for further discussion.

iv) Landslides?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per the Seismic Safety Element, the City is relatively flat and characterized by slopes that not high (less than 50 feet) or steep (generally sloping flatter than 1-1/2:1, horizontal to vertical). The State Seismic Hazard Zone map of the Long Beach Quadrangle indicate that the lack of steep terrain (except for a few slopes on Signal Hill and Reservoir Hill) results in only about 0.1 percent of the City lying within the earthquake-induced landslide zone for this quadrangle. Therefore, no impact would be expected and no further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. In addition, all future preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation project activities would be required to adhere to all applicable construction standards regarding erosion control, including best management practices (BMPs), to minimize runoff and erosion impacts from earth-moving activities such as excavation, recontouring and compaction. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VI.b. above for discussion. All future development projects would be constructed in compliance with all applicable building code requirements regarding soil stability.

d. Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections VI.b. and c. above for explanation.

e. Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The entire City is served by an existing sewer system and therefore no need for septic tanks or any other alternative waste water disposal systems. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

a. Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. In addition, hazardous materials handling associated with preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation activities would be limited to asbestos removal/disposal and common household materials such as paints and insecticides. The handling and disposal of any hazardous or potentially hazardous materials would be in full compliance with Long Beach Municipal Code Sections 8.86 through 8.88 as well as all existing State safety regulations. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VII. a. above for discussion.

c. Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one quarter-mile of an existing or proposed school?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VII. a. above for discussion.

d. Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (Cortese) List is a planning document used by the State, local agencies and developers to comply with CEQA requirements in providing information about the location of hazardous materials release sites. All future preservation projects would be subject to separate CEQA review that would include analysis of information from the Cortese List. Please see Section VII.a. above for further discussion.

e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Long Beach Airport is located within the City, just north of the 405 freeway between Cherry Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. The Historic Preservation Element would not alter air traffic patterns or encourage preservation projects that could conflict with established Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight protection zones. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are no private airstrips located within or adjacent to the City. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

g. Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all chapters of the General Plan, including the Public Safety Element. The Historic Preservation Element would not encourage or otherwise set forth any policies or recommendations that could potentially impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

h. Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild land fires, including where wild lands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wild lands?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City is a highly urbanized community and there are no properties located adjacent to wild lands and there is no risk of exposing people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild land fires. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has produced a series of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) designating potential flood zones (based on the projected inundation limits as well as the 100-year flood as delineated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

a. Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all chapters of the General Plan, including the Conservation Element. All future development proposals in the City would be in full compliance with all applicable federal, State and local water quality standards and regulations. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VIII.a. above for discussion. The City is a highly urbanized community with the water system infrastructure fully in place to accommodate future development consistent with the General Plan, including the new Historic Preservation Element.

c. Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects. All future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental analysis in accordance with CEQA. The Historic Preservation Element does not encourage any alterations to existing drainage patterns or to the course of streams or rivers. Please see Section VIII.a. above for further discussion.

d. Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on-or off-site?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections VIII.a. and c. above for discussion.

e. Would the project create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections VIII.a. and c. above for discussion. The City's existing storm water drainage system is adequate to accommodate runoff from future preservation projects, which would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA.

f. Would the project otherwise degrade water quality?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections VIII.a. and c. above for discussion. All future preservation projects would be subject to all applicable water quality standards, regulations and best management practices (BMPs).

g. Would the project place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), most of Long Beach is located in Zone X, which is outside of the 100 year flood hazard area. The Historic Preservation Element would not seek to place any housing within any flood hazard areas as the intent of this Element is to preserve existing

historic resources. Potentially hazardous alteration of historic resources, including relocation of any such resources into flood hazard areas, would be inconsistent with the intent of this Element.

h. Would the project place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VIII.g. above for discussion. It is not the intent of this Element to place any historic resources in any locations, including flood hazard areas, that could result in damage to such resources or any way create hazardous conditions for people or properties.

i. Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VIII.g. above for discussion. The only levee and dam structures in the City of Long Beach are located within the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River embankments. Preservation of local historic resources would not expose people or structures to significant risks from these existing flood control improvements.

j. Would the project result in inundation by seiche, tsunami or mudflow?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to Plate 11 of the Seismic Safety Element, the majority of Long Beach is not within a zone influenced by the inundation of seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. Potential tsunami hazards would be limited to properties near the coastline. Please see Section VIII.g. for further discussion.

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING

a. Would the project physically divide an established community?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element outlines a vision for future historic preservation efforts and the actions needed to achieve this vision. Primary goals of the Historic Preservation Element are to better integrate historic preservation into City procedures and interdepartmental decisions, and to create a meaningful partnership with the community in order to implement the historic preservation program.

Rather than promote or encourage any actions that could physically divide or degrade the fabric of an established community, the Historic Preservation Element would seek to protect and preserve the historic resources that make up an essential established part and unique asset of a community. As set forth in the Vision Statement, the Historic Preservation Element is intended to ensure that the rich history of Long Beach is preserved through the identification, protection, and celebration of its historic resources which are valued for their role in the City's environment, urban design, economic prosperity, and contributions to the quality of life in its neighborhoods.

The Historic Preservation Element affirms that protecting and preserving historic resources encourages community pride, stimulates investment, and maintains quality of life and neighborhood character. This Element includes goals to integrate historic preservation policies into the City's community development, economic development, and sustainable-city strategies (Goal 5) as well as increase public awareness and appreciation of the City's history and historic, cultural and archaeological resources (Goal 4).

The Historic Preservation Element is a chapter of the Long Beach General Plan. This Element builds upon the other General Plan chapters and would remain consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the entire General Plan. The goals, policies and implementation measures of this Historic Preservation Element are not intended to divide any established community but rather to protect and appreciate the historic resources that contribute to the character of the local community. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section IX.a. above for discussion. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with the other chapters of the General Plan, including the Land Use Element and Local Coastal Program (LCP). This Element is also consistent with the Long Beach 2010 Strategic Plan goals and strategic actions, which include promoting historic preservation and neighborhood appreciation (Strategic Action N4.6). The Historic Preservation Element would not set forth any policies or encourage any actions conflicting with any applicable land use plans, policies or regulations. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Sections IX.a. and b. above for discussion. The City is highly urbanized environment characterized by in-fill development projects that recycle previously developed properties. The Historic Preservation Element will be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Conservation Element and the Open Space & Recreation Element. As discussed in Biological Resources IV.a. above, there are parks and natural habitats (i.e., El Dorado Park, Los Cerritos Wetlands, Colorado Lagoon) located throughout the City. However, there are no habitats for any sensitive or special status species within any of the locally designated historic districts in the City. No habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan would be impacted by Historic Preservation Element implementation and all future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review under CEQA.

X. MINERAL RESOURCES

Historically, the primary mineral resources within the City of Long Beach have been oil and natural gas. However, oil and gas extraction operations have diminished over the last century as the resource has become depleted. Today, extraction operations continue but on a reduced scale compared to past levels.

a. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are no mineral resource activities that would be altered or displaced by the Historic Preservation Element. This Element would not set forth any policies or encourage any activities that could result in a loss of known mineral resource availability. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section X.a. above for discussion.

XI. NOISE

Noise is defined as unwanted sound that disturbs human activity. Environmental noise levels typically fluctuate over time, and different types of noise descriptors are used to account for this variability. Noise level measurements include intensity, frequency, and duration, as well as time of occurrence.

Some land uses are considered more sensitive to ambient noise levels than other uses due to the amount of noise exposure and the types of activities involved. Residences, motels, hotels, schools, libraries, churches, nursing homes, auditoriums, parks and outdoor recreation areas are more sensitive to noise than are commercial and industrial land uses.

a. Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation activities could involve various types of short-term noise impacts from trucks, earth-moving equipment, and depending on project site characteristics, activities that generate short-term loud noises and vibrations such as pile driving. However, all preservation activities

and adaptive reuse operations must be in compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code Section 8.80). Historic Preservation Element would not alter the Noise Ordinance provisions or exempt any future preservation projects from local noise controls.

The Historic Preservation Element will be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Noise Element. The Historic Preservation Element does not alter the nature of rehabilitation and reconstruction activities, and all future preservation activities would involve the same type of short-term noise producing actions and equipment. In addition, all future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section XI.a. above for discussion. Future preservation activities could expose persons to periodic ground borne noise or vibration (i.e., pile driving) during short term phases of rehabilitation and/or reconstruction. However, this type of noise would be typical for a construction site and would occur in compliance with local noise controls. In addition, all future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project create a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Section XI.a. above for discussion. Noise generated from historic preservation activities typically come from short term rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of structures rather than long term land use operational impacts. In addition, all future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

d. Would the project create a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

See Sections XI.a. and c. above for discussion.

e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Long Beach Airport is located within the City just north of the 405 freeway between Cherry Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. The Long Beach Airport Terminal Building is a locally designated historic landmark. The Historic Preservation Element would not alter noise levels emanating from any future preservation projects or land use operations on historic properties. All future preservation activities must be in compliance with all applicable FAA regulations. The Historic Preservation Element would not alter air traffic patterns or encourage preservation activities that could conflict with established Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight protection zones. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area excessive noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are no private airstrips located within or adjacent to the City. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

The City of Long Beach is the second largest city in Los Angeles County. At the time of the 2000 Census, Long Beach had a population of 461,522, which was a 7.5 percent increase from the 1990 Census. The 2000 Census reported a total of 163,088 households in Long Beach, with an average household size of 2.8 persons and a

Citywide vacancy rate of 6.32 percent. As of January 2009, the California Department of Finance estimates the Long Beach population at 492,682.

According to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projections, City population growth is expected to be six percent during 2005 to 2015 and increase another three percent during 2015 to 2020, for an annual growth rate of less than one percent per year over the next two decades. Long Beach is expected to increase in population to approximately 503,450 by the year 2010 and exceed 533,000 by 2020.

a. Would the project induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly or indirectly?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Land Use Element. Future preservation activities would be consistent with the land use densities and intensities set forth in the General Plan Land Use Element and Zoning Code. The Historic Preservation Element would not encourage population or housing growth beyond the goals, policies and programs established in the General Plan. This Element would not set forth or encourage policies or programs that would result in substantial population growth. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is intended to preserve local historic resources and does not set forth or encourage any policies or programs that would directly or indirectly displace existing housing units in the City. While some preservation activities could result in a change in residential density for a specific project site, altering the supply of residential units is not the intent of this Element and no substantial displacement of existing housing units would result from implementing this Element. In addition, all future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XII.b. above for discussion. The Historic Preservation Element does not set forth or encourage any policies or programs that would directly or indirectly displace people residing in the City.

XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

The Long Beach Fire Department has 23 stations in the City. The Department is divided into bureaus of Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, the Bureau of Instruction, and the Bureau of Technical Services. The Fire Department is accountable for medical, paramedic, and other first aid rescue calls from the community.

The Long Beach Police Department is divided into bureaus of Administration, Investigation, and Patrol. The City is divided into four Patrol Divisions: East, West, North and South.

The City of Long Beach is served by the Long Beach Unified School District, which also serves the City of Signal Hill, Catalina Island and a large portion of the City of Lakewood. The District has been operating at or over capacity during the past decade.

Would the proposed project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a. Fire protection?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Historic Preservation Element goals, policies and programs would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Land Use and Public Safety Elements. The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document rather than a development plan or project, and it would not encourage growth beyond the goals, policies and programs established in the General Plan. All future preservation proposals will be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA. No further environmental review is necessary.

b. Police protection?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

As discussed in Section XIII.a. above, the Historic Preservation Element is a policy document rather than a development plan or project, and as such would not significantly increase demands for police protection service, nor require provision of new police facilities.

c. Schools?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Similar to Section XIII.a. above, the Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that will not result in an increased demand for public school services or facilities since it is not intended to encourage population or housing growth.

d. Parks?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Similar to Section XIII.a. above, the Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that would not generate any additional demand for provision of park services or facilities by the City since it is not intended to encourage population or housing growth. Historic Preservation Element implementation would be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the local Dedication of Parks in Perpetuity Ordinance. All future preservation projects would be subject to separate CEQA review and any additional future housing units, except for low and very low income units, would be required to pay park impact fees to the City as applicable.

e. Other public facilities?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

No other impacts have been identified that would require the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities.

XIV. RECREATION

a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document rather than a development project proposal, and it would not encourage population or housing growth beyond the goals, policies and programs established in the General Plan, including the Open Space & Recreation Element. Historic Preservation Element implementation would also be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the local Dedication of Parks in Perpetuity Ordinance. All future preservation projects would be subject to separate CEQA review and any additional future housing units, except for low and very low income units, would be required to pay park impact fees to the City as applicable. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant and no further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document rather than a development project and does not include any proposals for recreational facilities or require construction or expansion of recreational facilities. The Historic Preservation Element would not encourage population or housing growth beyond the goals, policies and programs established in the General Plan. All future preservation projects would be subject to separate CEQA review and any additional future housing units would be subject to local requirements regarding park impact fees, as applicable. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

a. Would the project cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Mobility (Transportation) Element. The Historic Preservation Element would not encourage population or housing growth beyond the planned growth set forth in the General Plan. All future preservation projects would be subject to local transportation developer fees, as applicable. The Historic Preservation Element goals, policies and implementation measures would not result in traffic growth beyond the levels planned for in the General Plan. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

b. Would the project exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XV.a. for discussion. The Historic Preservation Element would not alter land use patterns or encourage population growth beyond the levels set forth in the General Plan. Since the Historic Preservation Element would not result in traffic growth beyond General Plan levels, there would be no significant impacts on levels of service.

c. Would the project result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all General Plan chapters, including the Land Use Element. All future preservation activities in the vicinity of the Long Beach Airport would be in compliance with all applicable local and FAA requirements. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

d. Would the project substantially increase hazards to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific development projects and would not create or encourage any transportation related design features. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

e. Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would not propose any specific development projects and would not alter any transportation patterns or emergency access routes. No further environmental analysis is required.

f. Would the project result in inadequate parking capacity?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element would not encourage growth beyond levels planned for in the General Plan. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Land Use and Mobility Elements. The Historic Preservation Element would not alter any local development standards related to parking or exempt any specific preservation projects from such parking standards. While future preservation projects may involve properties with existing inadequate on-site parking supplies, these projects would be subject to separate CEQA review. This Element would not set forth or encourage any policies or programs creating inadequate parking capacity. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

g. Would the project conflict with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document that would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan, including the Mobility Element. The Historic Preservation Element would not set forth or encourage any policies or programs that would conflict with any adopted alternative transportation policies. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

a. Would the project exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

b. Would the project require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

c. Would the project require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

d. Would the project have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlement and resources, or are new or expanded entitlement needed?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

e. Would the project result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

f. Would the project be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

g. Would the project comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

For Sections XVI.a. through g. - The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan and would not be expected to place an undue burden on any utility or service system. The City of Long Beach is an urbanized setting with all utilities and services fully in place. Future demands for utilities and service systems have been anticipated in the General Plan goals, policies and programs for future growth. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The proposed project would be located within an established urbanized setting. As determined in Section IV. Biological Resources and Section V. Cultural Resources, the Historic Preservation Element would have no adverse impacts on biological or cultural resources. The Historic Preservation Element would not degrade the quality of the environment, impact any natural habitats, effect any fish or wildlife populations, threaten any plant or animal communities, alter the number or restrict the range of any rare or endangered plants or animals, or eliminate any examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Rather than impair or endanger, the Historic Preservation Element is intended to preserve historic resources that represent the City's history and prehistory.

b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Historic Preservation Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific preservation projects. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with all other chapters of the General Plan and would not contribute to any cumulative growth effects beyond what is anticipated for the City's future in the General Plan goals and policies.

c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Based on the analysis provided above for all environmental issues, the Historic Preservation Element would not directly or indirectly cause any adverse impacts to human beings. The Historic Preservation Element would be consistent with the City's sustainability goals for environmental protection and adaptive reuse of local resources.