



**REPORT TO THE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV.A

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SUBJECT: REVIEW AND ADOPT CITY'S CLG ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO
FMC 12-1606 (b)(16).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Historic Preservation Commission review and adopt the City of Fresno's 2015 Certified Local Government Report as prepared for the State Office of Historic Preservation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Fresno is a Certified Local Government (CLG) pursuant to a 1996 agreement with the California Office of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. The National Historic Preservation Act adopted by Congress in 1966 (and amended) established "a Program for the Preservation of Additional Historic Properties throughout the Nation, and for Other Purposes." Section 101 of the Act established the National Register of Historic Places, established and/or revised regulations for State Historic Preservation Programs and established a CLG program that provides for a transfer of the portion of federal money from the state OHP to local communities. Certified Local Governments benefit from expedited review of some federally funded projects and may apply for grants. However, CLG's also must meet the provisions of the agreement including preparation of an annual report, which summarizes the City's overall preservation efforts.

The Historic Preservation Commission has two separate reporting tasks. The Historic Preservation Ordinance includes preparation of the annual CLG report as one of many Commission tasks (FMC 12-1606 (b)(16)). In addition, the Commission By-laws provide that the Commission "may issue a public report setting forth its consensus on the general state of City preservation efforts in the City of Fresno."

Due to the fact that the annual CLG report requires documentation of the City's overall preservation program (beyond the activities of the Historic Preservation Commission) the obligation for preparing this report always falls to staff. By tradition, the Commission report is prepared by the Commission Chair with input from the members and is presented by the Chair (or his/her representative) to the City Council at a public hearing. This Commission has not produced its own report since 2010.

Attachments: Exhibit A - "Certified Local Government (CLG) 2015 Report, Fresno, California," 2 November 2015 by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.