



STAFF REPORT – HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

TO: Honorable Chair and Committee Members

FROM: David Loya, Director of Community Development

PREPARER: Delores Freitas, Senior Planner

DATE: April 16, 2026

TITLE: **Provide Direction on Historic Preservation Month Planning**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the committee receive report and provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION:

Preservation Month, observed annually in May, provides an opportunity for the City of Arcata to promote public awareness of local history, highlight designated historic resources, and encourage community engagement in historic preservation efforts. This annual observance supports broader goals of recognizing and preserving the City's cultural and architectural heritage.

In prior years, the Committee has focused on public education through participation in community events and collaboration with local schools, historical organizations, and other stakeholders. These efforts have contributed to increased awareness and appreciation of Arcata's historic resources. The April meeting will serve as an opportunity for committee members and the public to discuss potential ideas for Preservation Month activities and associated roles and responsibilities.

Staff has attached a Preservation Month proposal submitted by Councilmember Alex Stillman. The proposal includes the installation of a photographic display featuring Arcata's National Register-listed landmark properties in City Hall during the month of May, with the potential for an extended display period. This installation would provide an accessible and visible means of recognizing the City's historic resources.

Due to current staff capacity constraints, staff is not proposing additional Preservation Month activities at this time. However, staff would like to provide an opportunity for the Committee to offer input and recommendations and will support feasible activities as resources allow.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Preservation Month Display Proposal