



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: MARCH 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: LISA BRINTON, DIRECTOR

THROUGH: GRANT LEONARD, PLANNING MANAGER

TITLE: HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution approving the Historic Resources Board Certificate of Appreciation Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Certificate of Appreciation Program would be administered by the Historic Resources Board and would recognize individuals and organizations that have preserved, restored, rehabilitated, or reconstructed historic resources within the City of Salinas.

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Resources Board was created on April 27, 2010, by the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 2505. The Historic Resources Board is tasked to protect Salinas' architectural heritage assets for education, community revitalization and the promotion of heritage tourism. The Board works to protect Salinas' historic assets listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Historic Landmark Register, and the California Register of Historic Resources.

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to preserve, improve, and enhance the historic resources located within the city of Salinas, the Historic Resources Board seeks to recognize individuals and organizations that have preserved, restored, rehabilitated, or reconstructed a historic resource within the City of Salinas. Recognition may also be given to programs or activities that support historic preservation in Salinas or to individuals who through special efforts advance the understanding and appreciation of the City's history and historic resources.

The Certificate of Appreciation Program would be an honorary award promoting exceptional commitment the history of Salinas. No monetary awards would be associated with this program. Award of a certificate would not constitute designation of historic resources under the City Code.

Staff worked closely with the Historic Resources Board during the Fall of 2024 and Winter of 2025 to develop the program criteria and award process that are outlined in the attached Program Guidelines. A sample nomination form is also attached for reference.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Certificate of Appreciation Program advances the Effective and Culturally Responsive Government Initiative. It also implements the General Plan goals and policies related to Historic Preservation.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Community Development Department supports the Historic Resources Board and will administer the Certificate of Appreciation would be through the Community Development Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Fund	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for recommendation	FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

There is no direct fiscal impact from approving the Certificate of Appreciation Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Program Guidelines
3. Nomination Form