



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 9I

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2026

**To: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**Date: March 16, 2026**

**From: Lisa K. Goldman, City Manager – (650) 558-7243**

**Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Send a Letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Support of the 220 Park Road and Town Square Preservation Award Application**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to send the attached letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in support of the submittal of 220 Park Road and the Town Square for a National Trust award.

## **BACKGROUND**

For the last 75 years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has led the movement to save America's historic places. A privately funded non-profit organization, the Trust works to save America's most unique historic places, tell the full American story; build stronger communities and invest in preservation's future. The group protects and advocates for hundreds of places every year.

In order to honor the places saved and work done in preservation, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award recognizes and celebrates the "best of the best" in preservation projects that highlight cutting-edge preservation approaches or technologies. This is the highest national recognition bestowed upon a preservation project by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## **DISCUSSION**

Former Mayor Cathy Baylock, Councilmember Colson, and Sares Regis are jointly working on submitting 220 Park Road and the Town Square for a Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award. According to the National Trust:

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award nominees are judged for the success they have achieved in the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of our architectural and cultural heritage. Winning projects demonstrate the immediate and long-term benefits of historic preservation by engaging any number of preservation tools in the furtherance of inclusive, healthy,

and sustainable communities. These coveted awards represent the "best of the best" in preservation."

The main application is being developed by Dave Hopkins at Sares Regis in consultation with former Mayor Baylock. The application requires three letters of support, and the team is requesting letters from the City of Burlingame, the Burlingame/SFO Chamber of Commerce, and the Burlingame Historical Society.

The nomination deadline is March 20, 2026. Award recipients will be notified in July, and the award ceremony will take place in the fall in Washington, D.C.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Draft letter