

2016 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Individual: **Paula Boghosian**

As a volunteer advocate and as a professional architectural historian, author, environmental planner, and educator, Paula Boghosian has for over four decades made significant contributions to the advancement of historic preservation and to the preservation of historical resources in California.

In Sacramento, she served as the project chairman and co-author of "Vanishing Victorians: A Guide to Sacramento's Historic Homes," a publication of the American Association of University Women Sacramento Branch. The publication in 1974 received the American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit, and the Sacramento Regional Arts Council Certificate for Literary Achievement. This publication is widely considered as one of the key wake-up calls for Sacramentans to recognize both the significance and the plight of their city's unprotected heritage. Through the Vanishing Victorians committee, Ms. Boghosian initiated the first historic house tour in Sacramento to demonstrate preservation values to the public. In 1972 Sacramento City Council appointed her as one of the original members of the City's Historic Structures Advisory Committee. The committee's report, *Sacramento Old City – A Preservation Program*, became the basis of Sacramento's preservation program. In the years since those early preservation endeavors, Ms. Boghosian has served as first Board Chair and later Development Coordinator for the non-profit Sacramento Heritage, as Board member for the Sacramento Old City Association (now called Preservation Sacramento), as Sacramento's interim Preservation Director in 2003, and has co-authored publications about some of Sacramento's historic buildings and neighborhoods.

On a state-wide level, Ms. Boghosian was a founding member, in 1976, of the non-profit Californians for Preservation Action, which evolved into the present California Preservation Foundation. She served on the State Historical Resources Commission for eleven years as the commission's architectural historian member, and professionally assisted various state agencies' preservation efforts. Ms. Boghosian has taught and lectured in universities, and at conferences and workshops on topics ranging from historic architecture and design to history, preservation, and research methods. She is the principal of Historic Environment Consultants (HEC), which, since its founding in 1977, has assisted in the survey, evaluation, and preservation of historical resources throughout the state.

Paula Boghosian has received numerous awards and recognition for her work, including, among others, Certificates of Appreciation from the Sacramento City Council, Awards of Merit from the California Council, American Institute of Architects, and Resolutions of Commendation from the Sacramento Planning Commission and the State Historical Resources Commission. Her passion for architecture and history, and ability to convey to others an appreciation for the significance of historic places, has helped to ensure that the heritage of California is preserved, interpreted, and showcased for generations to come.