



Berkeley LPC Workshop:

Historic Districts

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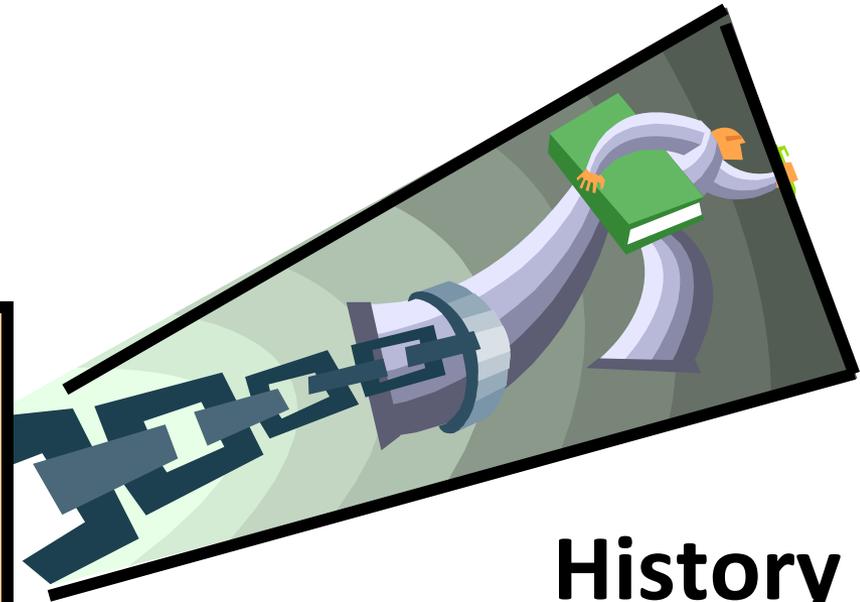
HISTORIC RESOURCE?



What is a Historic Context?

Describes significant aspects and broad patterns of development

Built Environment



History

of an area's history and cultural development.

Historic Contexts

Tell the stories that explain

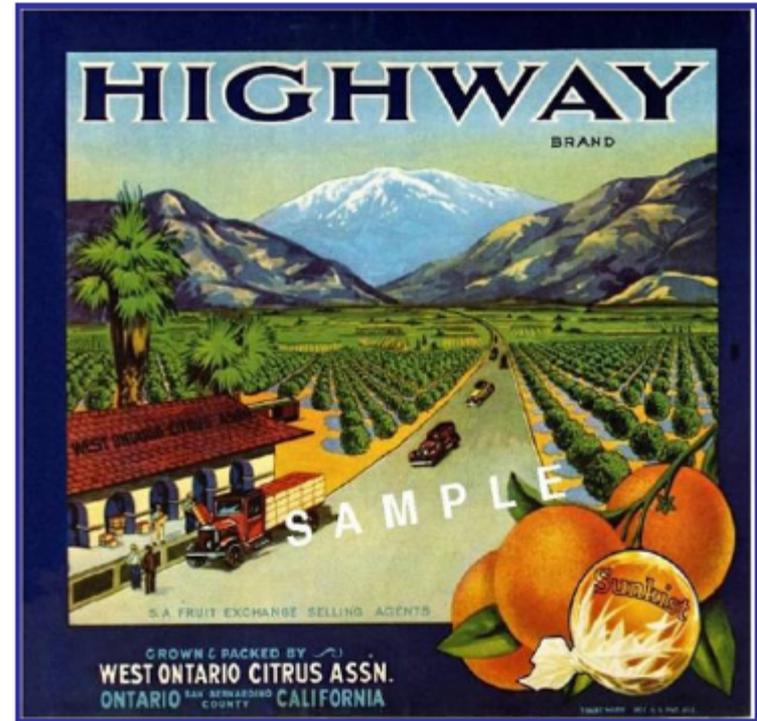
how,

when, and

why

the built environment developed or looks the way it does.

Historic Context for
The City of Ontario's Citrus Industry



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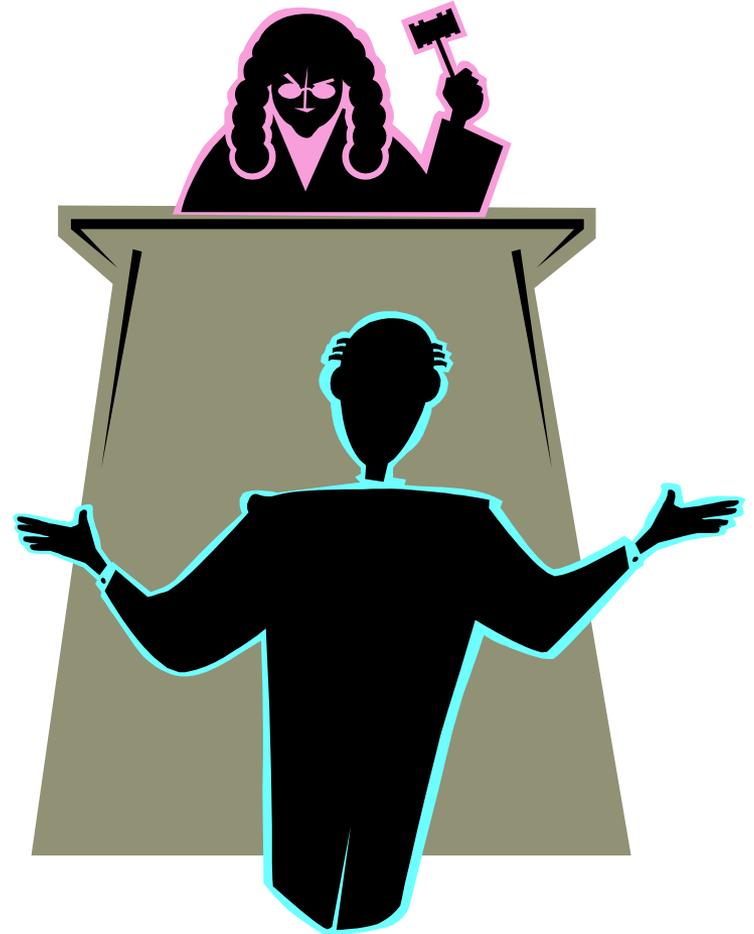
Preservation Planning Establishes Historic Contexts



“The development of historic contexts is the foundation for decisions about identification, evaluation, registration and treatment of historic properties”

Historic Contexts

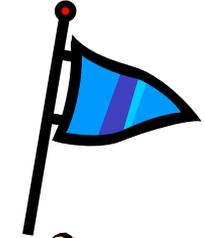
- Identify significant themes and associated property types
- Make the case for historical significance
- Provide the rationale for preservation activities



Historic Context Statements are not ...

- A chronological recitation of “important” events
- A list of community luminaries and also-theres
- A comprehensive community history
- A writing exercise to demonstrate prodigious research, the ability to cite a myriad of primary and secondary resources, and write complex and confusing prose comprehensible only to professionals in the field.

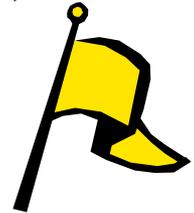
SOI Preservation Planning Standards



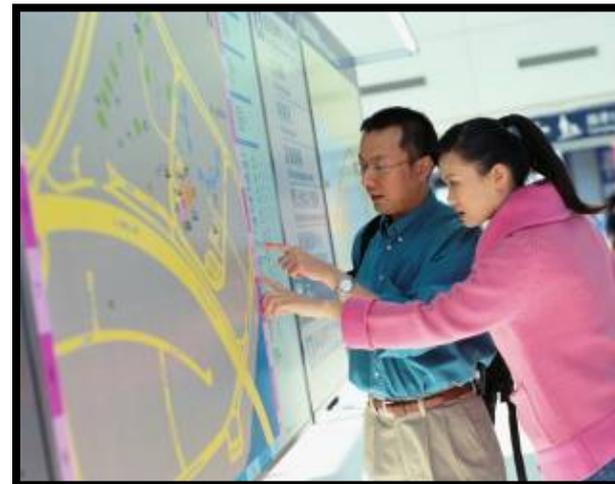
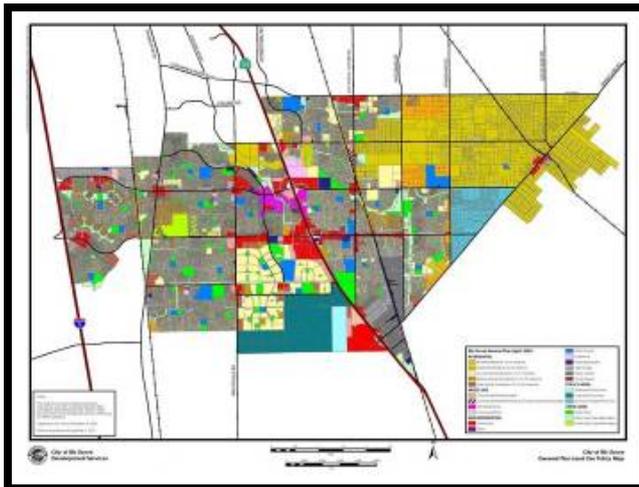
Standard I: Establishes Historic Contexts



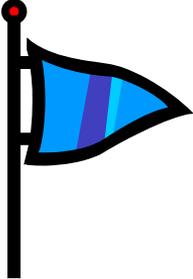
Standard II: Uses Contexts To Develop Preservation Goals And Priorities



Standard III: Preservation Planning Is One Element Of Larger Planning Processes



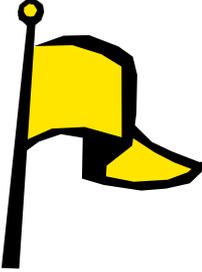
SOI Identification Standards



Standard I: Identification of Historic Properties Is Undertaken to the Degree Required To Make Decisions

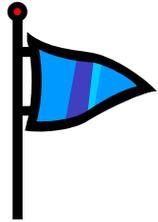
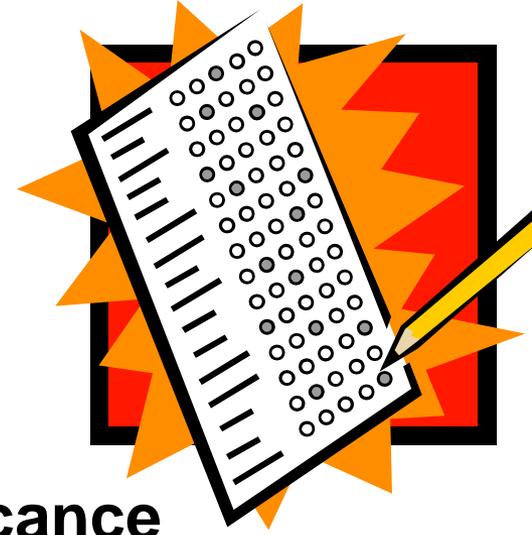


Standard II: Results of Identification Activities Are Integrated Into the Preservation Planning Process



Standard III: Identification Activities Include Explicit Procedures for Record-Keeping and Information Distribution

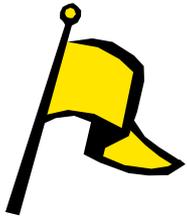
SOI Evaluation Standards



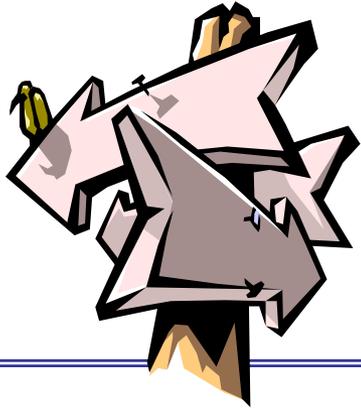
Standard I: Evaluation of the Significance of Historic Properties Uses Established Criteria



Standard II: Evaluation of Significance Applies the Criteria Within Historic Contexts



Standard III: Evaluation Results in A List or Inventory of Significant Properties That Is Consulted In Assigning Registration and Treatment Priorities



Preservation Goals & Tools



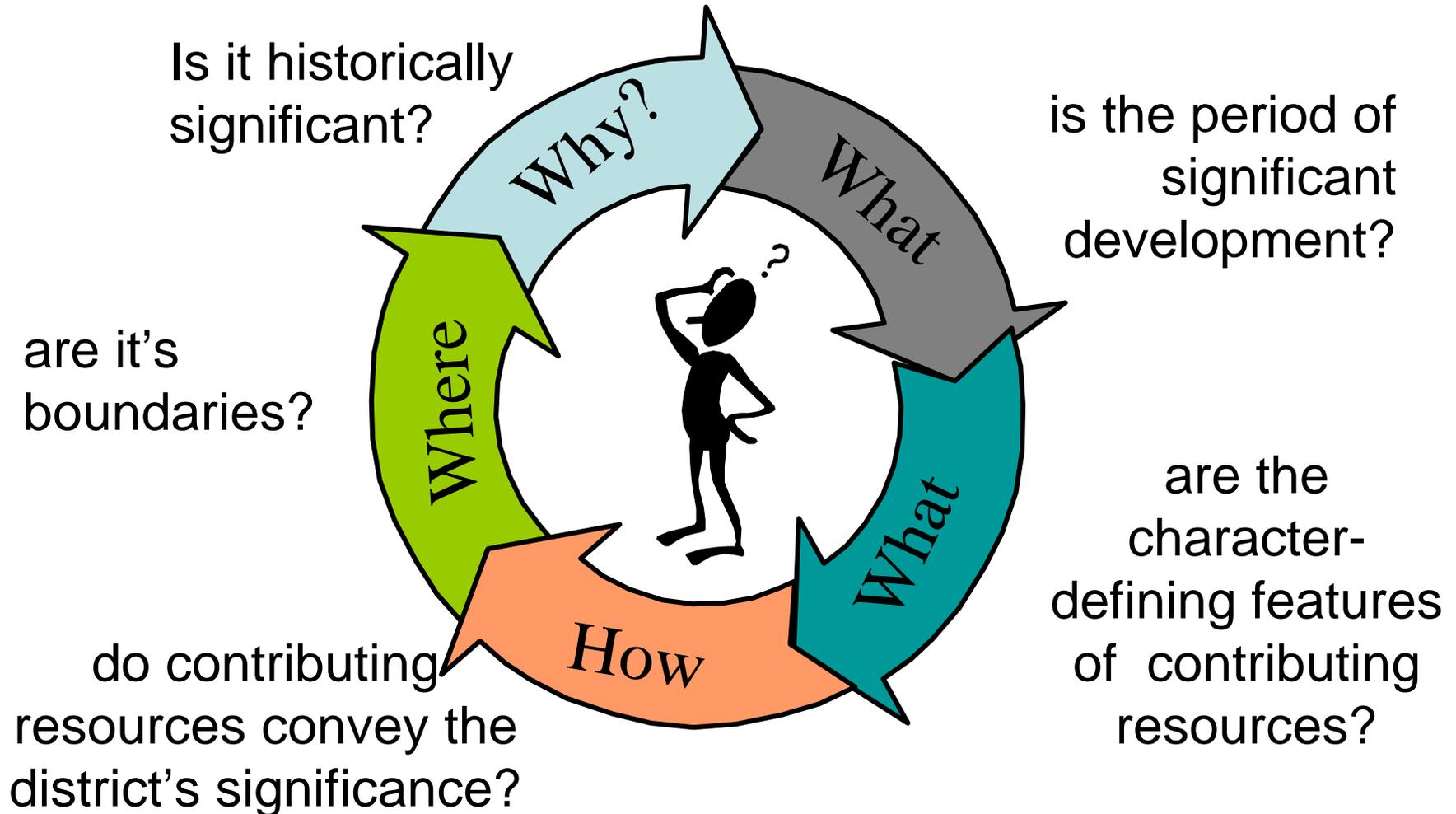
- Preservation of existing character?
- Preserve historic fabric – materials?
- Establish eligibility for incentives?
 - Federal Tax Credit Program
 - Mills Act
 - Local preservation incentives
- Build Public Awareness?
- Heritage Tourism?
- Local Branding/Marketing?
- Promote compatible infill?

- Design Guidelines
- Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)
- Conservation District
- Incentives
 - Tax abatements
 - Reduced fees
 - Streamline processes
 - Variances
- Registration - Historic District
 - Local Ordinance
 - California Register
 - National Register
- Educational Programs

Historic Districts

- **A district is a resource type**
 - *Significant concentration or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects unified **historically** or **aesthetically** by **plan** or **physical development***
- **Can reflect several interrelated activities**
- **Can be composed of a wide variety of resources**
- **Significant within a particular Historic Context**
 - Theme, Period of Significance, Geography
- **Boundaries based on shared relationship among the properties which**
 - Contribute to the significance of the district
 - Retain integrity

Is there a concentration of resources related by plan or development?



CONTEXTS



For decisions about identification, evaluation, registration and treatment of historic properties

For More Information:



- [Archeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines](#) for Planning, Identification, Evaluation, and Documentation of Historic Resources
- [How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation](#)
National Register Bulletin #15
- [“How to Complete the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form”](#) *National Register Bulletin #16 B.*
- [Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties](#)
- California State Office of Historic Preservation [Historic Contexts and Surveys](#) (www.ohp.parks.ca.gov)