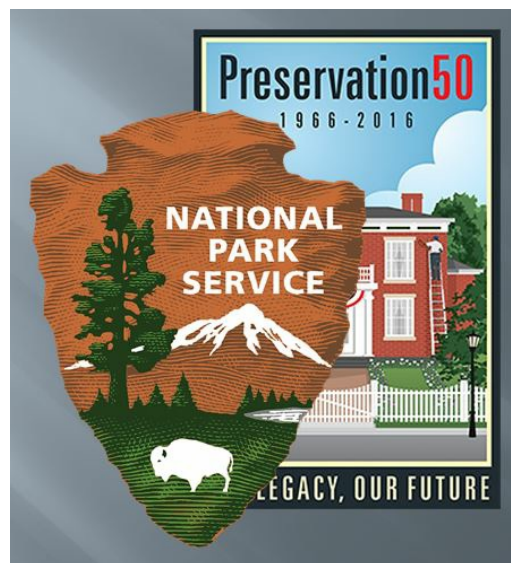


# California Office of Historic Preservation

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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit [www.preservation50.org](http://www.preservation50.org) to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in

### ACHP Seeks Your Comments

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Advisory Council on



Historic Preservation (ACHP) invites you to have a voice in where the national historic preservation program will go in the next fifty years. The ACHP is seeking public comment on their draft statement *The National Historic Preservation Program at 50: Challenges and Opportunities*, which looks at where the program is today

the year-long celebration!

The mission of the Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission is to provide leadership and promote the preservation of California's irreplaceable and diverse cultural heritage.



## State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)

The Commission meets at least four times per year to give citizens an opportunity to participate in public hearings regarding the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

### 2016 Meetings:

January 29 - Sacramento

April 18 - San Francisco

July 29 - Location TBD

October 28 - Location TBD

For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](#).

and outlines potential issues to be addressed as the program moves forward. Input from stakeholders and the public will help to shape the final statement, to be included in the ACHP's policy recommendations for improving the national historic preservation program.

Visit the [ACHP website](#) to download a copy of the statement and **submit comments by the March 1, 2016 deadline**.

Image: The [John Muir National Historic Site](#), in Martinez, was the first California property to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (October 15, 1966). Of the first 802 listings on the National Register, 33 are in California. (Photo courtesy of the National Park Service)

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## Preservation Matters Goes Local!

We are pleased to offer the first 2016 issue of our newsletter

### [Preservation Matters](#)

This issue takes a look at some of California's local governments and the approaches they've taken to preserve and protect the history of their communities. We visit cities from Arcata in the north, to San

Diego in the south, and a good many communities in between. In this fiftieth year of the National Historic Preservation Act, it is inspiring to see that the programs and spirit of the Act live on in the many dedicated efforts to preserve our shared heritage.

To view past issues of the newsletter, please visit our

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### Preservation is Local

This past year, our Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit staff conducted workshops for local governments, and made visits to a number of communities throughout the state. They returned from each of these trips inspired by the commitment to historic preservation clearly present among local governments and their citizenry. Whether the focus was on a specific community project, or revamping an entire preservation program, or the community was already a Certified Local Government, or heading in that direction, it was evident that the mission and value of historic preservation increasingly is gaining traction at the local level. That is a plus for all of us!

The importance of locally-driven preservation efforts is recognized and addressed within the pages of Sustainable Preservation: California's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2027.

"Historic preservation takes place primarily at the local level. Preservation succeeds when concerned citizens and property owners, preservation advocates, elected and appointed officials, and other local government decision makers work together to recognize, preserve, and appropriately use the historical and cultural assets of their communities by integrating preservation planning strategies and programs into the broader land use planning process."

The critical importance of building an ethic of preservation at the local level is further outlined in three of the State Plan's five major goals:

Farmers' Markets, like the one in Grass Valley, bring people and business into historic downtowns and remind citizens of the value of historic resources to the life and sustainability of their communities.

Goal 1: Expand the constituency for preservation by conveying the broad scope of what is considered a historical or cultural resource and communicating how

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The National Park System (NPS) marks its 100th anniversary in 2016. Visit the [NPS Centennial](#) website to learn more about "America's Best Idea" and how you can participate in the centenary commemoration.

[Preservation Matters webpage.](#)

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## News and Updates

### **New Action Plan for the CHRIS**

The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), in cooperation with the regional Information Centers and the State Historical Resources Commission, has produced a new [Maintenance and Operations Action Plan](#) for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) for the time period November 1, 2015, through April 30, 2017. This plan includes a status update on the tasks identified in the 2013-2015 Action Plan, along with a new set of tasks to be completed by April 30, 2017. The plan furthers the progress being made on achieving modernization and sustainability of the CHRIS. To learn more about this effort, visit our [Digitizing the CHRIS](#) webpage.

### **SHRC to Hear National Register Nominations**

The [State Historical Resources Commission's \(SHRC\)](#) first meeting of 2016 will be on January 29, in Sacramento. The Commissioners will hear and vote on seventeen nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. Six of the properties are submitted in association with the John Lautner in Southern California Multiple Property Submission (MPS), which is concurrently submitted for the Commissioners' approval. Visit the [Pending Nominations](#) webpage for details about each nomination and to access copies of the meeting schedule and agenda.

### **Disasters and Historic Resources**

As California experiences the impacts of El Nino and the ongoing effects of drought and last year's devastating fire season, we invite you to visit our [Disasters and Historic](#)

[Resources](#) webpage. The webpage provides information about disaster preparedness and recovery, and links to additional disaster-related resources. Our office also has created a disaster task force to provide assistance, assessment, and expertise to those dealing with historic resources in the face of disaster. Tim Brandt, of our office is coordinator of the task force and can be contacted for further information at [tim.brandt@parks.ca.gov](mailto:tim.brandt@parks.ca.gov).

### **NSF Grant to Help Preserve Hupa Language**

The [National Science Foundation's \(NSF\)](#) Documenting Endangered Languages Program recently awarded a \$245,000 grant to Justin Spence, associate professor at University of California, Davis (UCD), to research, document, and preserve the language of the Hoopa Valley Tribe of northern California. Spence, who also is Director of the UCD Native American Language Center, will work with Hupa tribal members to preserve, digitize, and transcribe audio and video archives. The archives will be available to scholars, and to Hupa tribal members as they work to bring the Hupa language back into use. [Click here](#) to read more about this important project.

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## **Events and Education**

### **California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Upcoming Webinars**

**February 17, 2016:** The California Historical Building Code: Empowering Design Professionals to Save Historic Buildings

**February 24, 2016:** The California Historical Building Code: Learning from the Los Angeles Broadway Corridor Reuse Guidelines

Registration information, and a complete listing of

education offerings, is available on the [CPF website](#).

### **Free Webinars from the OHP**

We are once again partnering with CPF to offer a series of free webinars for the 2015-2016 education cycle. Webinar topics include:

Preparing a Successful Section 106 Consultation Packet  
Incentives for Local Governments  
Historic Tax Credits and the OHP

Visit our [Training and Workshops](#) webpage for full details and registration information.

### **OHP Workshop Series for Local Governments**

We are pleased to announce that the schedule of 2016 Education Workshops for Local Governments is now available. Workshops will be hosted in cities throughout California, and will focus on subjects such as crafting effective historic preservation ordinances, the economic benefits of historic districts and landmarks, historic surveys in land use planning, and more. Visit our [Preservation Education Workshops](#) webpage for dates, locations, and registration information.

### **Iconic Houses Conference, February 17-19, 2016**

A chance to explore the architecture, purpose, and conservation of house museums is being offered at the 4th International Iconic Houses Conference in Los Angeles, February 17-19, 2016. The conference is hosted by the Getty Center in partnership with Pasadena Heritage and other sponsors. This year's theme focuses on Mid-Century Modern houses. Visit the [Iconic Houses](#) website for details and registration information.

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Banner image: This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, and the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. (Logo images courtesy of the

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