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## **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES HOW TO SUPPORT OR OBJECT TO LISTING**

Under federal law, a privately owned property may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of its owner or, in the case of a property with multiple owners, over the objection of a majority of owners. A district may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of a majority of owners of private property within the proposed district. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property that person owns. Within a district, each owner has one vote regardless of how many buildings/parcels he or she owns.

If a private property owner, or a majority of private property owners, should object, the property or district will not be listed. In such cases, the State Historic Preservation Officer will not submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for *listing* in the National Register and may submit the nomination for a *determination of eligibility* for the National Register. If the property or district is *determined eligible* for listing, although not formally listed, it will be given the same protection as a listed property in the federal environmental review process. A property determined eligible for listing is not eligible for federal tax benefits until the objections are withdrawn and the property is actually listed. The laws and regulations regarding this process are covered in the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and in 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Part 60.

### **Supporting a National Register Nomination:**

Private owners who seek National Register listing for their properties are not required to submit statements of concurrence. However, letters of support, from owners, or any others, are welcome and become a permanent part of the nomination file.

### **Objecting to a National Register Nomination:**

If objecting to the listing of a property for which one is the owner, it is necessary to submit either (1) a notarized statement certifying that you are the sole or partial owner of the property, as appropriate, and that you object to the listing, or (2) a signed letter with the same statement including the following language: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)."

Owners who wish to object are encouraged to submit statements of objection prior to the meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at which the nomination is being considered. However, statements of objection may be submitted and will be counted up until the actual date of listing. Listing usually takes place 45 days after the

nomination is received, reviewed, and approved by the Keeper of the National Register following the State Historical Resources Commission meeting. Letters are added to the nomination file and become part of the public record.

**Duplicate Copies Are Unnecessary:**

If sending a letter of support or objection to the Office of Historic Preservation via email, it is not necessary to send a hardcopy letter as well. Emails and letters must be received 7 days prior to the commission meeting when a nomination is scheduled. Letters received after the hearing but prior to forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register will be included with the nomination and all other comments.

**Send emails of support or objection to:**

[calshpo.shrc@parks.ca.gov](mailto:calshpo.shrc@parks.ca.gov)

**Or**

**Send letters of support or objection to:**

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Office of Historic Preservation  
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