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California State Historical Resources Commission To Consider Eleven Properties for Action

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The California State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) will consider ten nominations for federal historic designation and one nomination for state historic designation on Thursday, August 1. The Commission meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium at the State Resources Building, located at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento (95814).

Some of the nominations being considered by the Commission include the boathouses in Encinitas, which are rare and locally significant examples of buildings intended to resemble something other than a building. In addition, the To-Kalon Vineyard in Napa County known for its association with Hamilton Walker Crabb whose viticultural and varietal experimentation led to advancements in grape and wine production, and properties in the Curtis Park neighborhood in Sacramento – examples of the Tudor Revival style. Other properties include the Japanese Hospital in Los Angeles that represents an ethnic community's creation of a health care institution as a way to ameliorate the disparity in public health services for ethnic minorities that resulted from widespread prejudice in early twentieth century Los Angeles.

All properties being considered at the meeting include:

National Register of Historic Places Nominations

Barr, George and Mabel, House

Sacramento, Sacramento County

The 1923 Tudor Revival home is located in the Curtis Park neighborhood of Sacramento. Designed by the locally significant architectural firm of Dean & Dean, this house is an important example of the Tudor Revival style and part of the South Curtis Oaks housing tract developed by builder J.C. Carly, associated with the Better Homes in America movement.

Hathaway, Anne, Cottage

Sacramento, Sacramento County

The 1923 Tudor Revival home is also located in the Curtis Park neighborhood of Sacramento. Designed by the locally significant architectural firm of Dean & Dean, this house is another important example of the Tudor Revival style and part of the South Curtis Oaks housing tract developed by builder J.C. Carly, associated with the Better Homes in America movement. Built for drugstore manager Ernest Kimberlin, the property was advertised as the "Anne Hathaway Cottage" due to its intended similarity to the home of William Shakespeare's wife, located in Warwickshire, England.

The Boathouses

Encinitas, San Diego County

The matched pair of detached, two-story residences located side by side on a narrow lot in Encinitas are named the *S.S. Moonlight* and the *S.S. Encinitas*. The homes were designed to authentically replicate the appearance and scale of boats while functioning as residential cottages. They represent an architecturally significant example of Fantasy-themed programmatic residential architecture. Unlike most programmatic architecture utilized for commercial buildings, the Boathouses are a rare and locally significant example of residential programmatic architecture—buildings intended to resemble something other than a building.

Glen Park BART Station

San Francisco, San Francisco County

The one-story-over-basement, reinforced concrete transit station in San Francisco's Glen Park neighborhood was designed by architect Ernest Born in an idiosyncratic blend of Brutalist and Bay Region Tradition styles, constructed between 1968 and 1972. The station is widely recognized as one of the most architecturally significant stations in the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system

Eastern Star Home

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Designed as a retirement and convalescent facility by the prominent San Francisco-based architectural firm William Mooser and Company and constructed in 1936, the Eastern Star Home is an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival style architecture. Located in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, the building is also significant for its association with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Japanese Hospital

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Located in the historically diverse Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights, the two-story, T-shaped masonry building with a flat roof and tower was

constructed in 1929 in the Streamlined Moderne style. Subsequent additions to the building between 1966 and 1970 include an L-shaped addition that wraps around the north and west façades and a partial third story. The property represents an ethnic community's creation of a health care institution as a way to ameliorate the disparity in public health services for ethnic minorities that resulted from widespread prejudice in early 20th century Los Angeles. The hospital meets the registration requirements for properties associated with health and medicine established in the *Asian Americans in Los Angeles, 1850-1980* Multiple Property Submission under the context "Japanese Americans in Los Angeles, 1869-1970."

Smith, Maurice and Dinah Shore, House

Palm Springs, Riverside County

One of the largest single-family residences Donald Wexler designed during his long career was built for Maurice and Dinah (Shore) Smith in the Las Palmas neighborhood of Palm Springs. The 1964 residence is Modern in style with a flat roof, intersecting planes, and a generous use of glazing. Pinwheel in plan, the house is set diagonally on the lot. The property includes an adjacent guesthouse, built in 1963 as an art studio for Dinah and a place to stay while the main house was under construction.

Swedish American Hall

San Francisco, San Francisco County

Located in San Francisco's Upper Market area is a three-story-over-basement (plus mezzanine), wood frame, combination social hall and commercial building constructed in 1907 for the Swedish Society of San Francisco. The building— notable for its expressive woodwork, fine craftsmanship, and high artistic values— was designed with a blend of Scandinavian and Arts and Crafts influences by the Swedish born master architect, August Nordin. Freja Hall, the building's largest public assembly space, features highly ornamental woodwork and soaring trusses that rank it among the finest expressions of Arts and Crafts design in California. The basement is home to the Cafe Du Nord, in continuous operation since 1908.

To-Kalon Vineyard

Oakville (vicinity), Napa County

The 825-acre agricultural landscape has 678 acres planted to vineyard. The property is significant for its association with Hamilton Walker Crabb whose viticultural and varietal experimentation led to advancements in grape and wine production. Crabb established the vineyard in 1868, and in 1903, the United States Department of Agriculture established the Oakville Experimental Vineyard on the property to continue Crabb's research. The Robert Mondavi Winery was created in 1966 on a portion of the historic To-Kalon Vineyard.

Wexler House

Palm Springs, Riverside County

An excellent example of the architecture of Donald Wexler at the start of his career in Palm Springs. Influenced by his time in Richard Neutra's architectural practice, Wexler's Modern residence with its flat roof and exposed post and beam structure, along with numerous glass walls, accomplishes its purpose as housing that is minimal, graceful, and elegant. Wexler designed the original two-bedroom, two-bath house for himself and his family in 1954. In 1968, Wexler built a three-bedroom, one-bath addition, consistent with his original design, on the north side of the house and converted an original bedroom into a den.

California Historical Landmark Nomination

Bryte VFW Memorial Hall

West Sacramento, Yolo County

The hall was built in 1946 as a community center and movie theater by Jordan "Pappy" Ramos, in the Bryte neighborhood of the city of West Sacramento. The property is significant as the first All-Indian Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in California, Post 9054, established in 1950. The post was established by veterans primarily from the Maidu and Miwok tribes of northern California. Beyond its role as a VFW hall, this building became a highly significant location for dances, community, and networking, especially for its role as the site of traditional Miwok dancing. The traditional dances revived at the Bryte VFW Memorial Hall, beginning as intermission entertainment at social dances, were precursors to many regional traditional dance organizations.

The National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program that coordinates and supports public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archaeological resources. California Historical Landmarks are sites, buildings, features, or events that are of statewide significance and have anthropological, cultural, military, political, architectural, economic, scientific, technical, religious, or experimental value.

All nominations and photographs of properties under consideration are available [online](#).

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