



City of Grass Valley Historical Commission Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Review of Submitted Nomination for the 2025 Historic Legacy Award

Recommendation: Review and consider forwarding a recommendation to the City Council to approve the nomination of Teresa Poston for the 2025 Historic Legacy Award.

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Meeting Date: 11/18/2025

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Background Information: The City of Grass Valley's Historic Legacy Award was established to recognize an individual, group, or business whose outstanding contributions have preserved, promoted, or enhanced the historical and cultural heritage of Grass Valley. Each year, the Historic Commission reviews all timely nominations and provides a recommendation to the City Council.

The nomination period for the 2025 award closed on September 30th. As of the deadline, one nomination was received.

A completed nomination form and a detailed nomination statement were submitted, outlining over 23 years of contributions to historical preservation, research, project review, education, landmark designation work, and community engagement.

The Historic Legacy Award criteria emphasize contributions in:

- Historical research or writing
- Public education or outreach
- Advocacy for preservation
- Restoration or rehabilitation of historic places
- Preservation of artifacts, sites, or cultural traditions

Based on the submitted documentation, the nomination of Teresa Poston demonstrates sustained, impactful, and multi-dimensional contributions in all listed areas. Her work reflects a decades-long commitment to preserving Grass Valley's historical resources and enhancing public awareness of the City's cultural legacy.

Teresa currently serves on the Historic Commission; however, the policy does not restrict commissioners from being nominated or receiving the award. The nomination was submitted by a fellow commissioner but reflects the Commission's unanimous desire to recognize her long-term contributions.

Attachments: Nomination packet