

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MILLS ACT
AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF 41 HAWTHORNE
AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 50280 et seq. authorizes a city to enter into a historical property contract with the owner of any qualified historical property to restrict the use of such property so that it retains its historically significant characteristics in return for which the property owner obtains property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is a community that celebrates its history, the rich past that is incorporated into the fabric of the City and provides a link to the community's heritage and the remaining sites and structures of architectural and/or historic significance that enhance the community's unique character and contribute to a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Historic Preservation Ordinance (LAMC Chapter 12.44), the Historical Commission held a public hearing on September 25, 2023 and made positive findings pursuant to Section 12.44.060(c), that the proposed historic resource structure at 41 Hawthorne Ave is more than 50 years in age, retains sufficient historic integrity, and is historically significant and has special historical, cultural, architectural and aesthetic value as part of the heritage and history of the City; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of its adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (LAMC Chapter 12.44), the City Council of the City of Los Altos provides that designated historic resources and landmark structures of merit, and structures located in historic districts that are privately owned shall be considered qualified historical properties eligible to enter into historic preservation (Mills Act) agreements with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Commission held a public meeting on September 25, 2023 to consider the request to execute a historic preservation agreement on the subject property and directed City staff to forward a recommendation to the City Council in support of the application; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the historic preservation agreement, the property owner shall every five years commencing on the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the historic preservation agreement submit to the City an updated ten (10) year schedule of potential home repair, maintenance and improvement, and submit documentation for all repairs, maintenance, and improvements which have been completed since the Effective Date.

WHEREAS, this designation is classified as an historic resource restoration/rehabilitation/preservation project and is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Altos concurs with the recommendation of the Historical Commission to execute a historic preservation agreement on the subject property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act Agreement with the owners of 41 Hawthorne Avenue subject to the terms and conditions outlined the Historic Preservation Agreement.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the _____ day of _____ 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sally Meadows, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, CITY CLERK