HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2025 Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Due Date	Priority Source	Status	Assignments	Notes
Improve Awareness	Conduct the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest	Begins in December each year Ends in May each year	The priority is related to the Historic Commission's purpose to encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources	In Progress	The Commission and staff in coordination with the Los Altos History Museum Commissioner Atkinson is the primary commissioner assigned to work with staff	The Ice Cream Social is scheduled to take place on the same day as the first Council meeting in May.
Improve Awareness	Conduct the Historic Plaque program	Begins in December each yearEnds in May each year	The priority is related to City Council Resolution No. 2013-05 and the Historic Commission's purpose to encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff. Commissioner Adams is the primary commissioner assigned to work with staff	Staff will provide status report at the Historical Commission meeting in April.

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Improve Infrastructure	Rehabilitation of the Historic Landmark Apricot Orchard	No Due Date, the Goal is implemented year-round	The priority is related to City Council Resolution No. 2013-05 and the Historic Commission's purpose to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride.	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff and the Los Altos History Museum.	
Review Historic Preservation Entitlements	Process and evaluate applications for, historical alteration permits or advisory review, historic landmark designation or historic resource designation and Mills Act applications	No Due Date, the Goal is implemented year-round	The priority is related to the Historic Commission's purpose to (1) Safeguard the heritage of the city by providing for the protection of irreplaceable historic resources representing significant elements of its history; and (2) encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff	Evaluate and respond to applications for historic designation, as well as applications for permits related to historic alteration and historic advisory reviews. (All Commissioners)

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	Facilitate a forum for public discourse on the preservation of the City's heritage		sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources.			
Improve Awareness	Historic Preservation Award	Begins in December each year Ends in May each year	The priority is related to City Council Resolution No. 2013-05 and the Historic Commission's purpose to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources.	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff.	 Review nominations and vote on the historic preservation award recipient at the April Historical Commission meeting. (All Commissioner Staff will provide a status report at the Historical Commission meeting in April.

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Improve Compliance with City program	Complete Quinquennial Inspections of Mills Act Properties	Begins in December each year Ends in May each year	The priority is related to City Council Ordinance No. 2011-363 and the Historic Commission's purpose to support the preservation, maintenance, and appropriate rehabilitation of the City's historic resources	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff. Commissioner Coe is the primary commissioner assigned to work with staff	Review staff's ongoing efforts on Mills Act compliance. Staff to provide annual report to the Historical Commission in the Spring.
Maintain Compliance with Certified Local Government Status	Complete Certified Local Government Report	April each year	The Certified Local Government Program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties. The priority is consistent with Goal 6 of the Community Design & Historic Resource Element of the General Plan. The Certified Local Government Program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties. The priority is consistent with Goal 6 of the Community Design & Historic Resource	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff	Historical Commission reviews and approves CLG annual report (All Commissioners)

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Foster Partnership with Los Altos History Museum	Hold an annual joint meeting with the Museum Board of Directors Seek opportunities to partner with the Museum on historic education and outreach	Summer each year	The priority is related to the Historic Commission's purpose to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the.	In Progress	The Commission in coordination with City staff	Coordinate the annual joint meeting with the Museum Board of Directors Actively coordinate with the Los Altos History Museum on current and future education and outreach programs Coordinate with the Los Altos History Museum the establishment of an Apricot Orchard Festival
Advocate for Good stewardship of city-owned historic properties	Evaluate the current status of city-owned historic properties.	No Due Date, the Goal is implemented year-round	The priority is related to City Council Ordinance No. 2011-363 and the Historic Commission's purpose to support the preservation, maintenance, and appropriate rehabilitation of the City's historic resources.	In Progress	The Commission Commissioner Maguire-Negus is the primary commissioner assigned to work with staff	Evaluate the current status of city- owned historic properties.