



Riverside attracts 500; honors Costa, Donaldson

An informative CEQA update, inspirational success stories, a tract on cultural landscapes, and a tour of the exquisite Mission Inn restoration highlighted CPF's 20th Annual Preservation Conference June 1-4 in Riverside. More than 500 preservationists attended the conference and were on hand to honor Wayne Donaldson as Preservationist of the Year, State Senator Jim Costa as Legislator of the Year, five winners of the CPF Presidents Award (see separate articles), and newly elected trustees.

Elected to second three-year terms were Arlene Andrew (La Verne), Ruthann Lehrer (Long Beach), Jim Lutz (Fresno), and Bob Mackensen (Yuba City). Three new trustees--Toni Symonds Dow (Sacramento), Karita Hummer (San Jose), and Cassandra Walker (San Juan Capistrano)-- were elected to first terms.

Special thanks go to the Riverside Redevelopment Agency, the Riverside Planning Department, The Mission Inn, CALTRANS, the State Office of Historic Preservation, the Western Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Local Arrangements Committee, the conference Supporters and Friends organizations, and the CPF Partners.



Douglass Hall (see p. 7)

SB 1180 poses major threat to CEQA

CPF members are asked to take immediate action to stop State Senate Bill 1180, a bill that proposes significant and unacceptable alterations to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In its original form, SB 1180 made relatively minor changes to CEQA and passed through the State Senate with virtually no opposition. Recent amendments, however, represent a wholesale attack on CEQA including a loss of the fair argument standard for preparing EIRs, a weakening of the alternative site analysis requirement, and the elimination of the requirement for notice to agencies such as the State Office of Historic Preservation.

SB 1180 was to have been the subject of a (see *CEQA page 2*)

(*CEQA cont'd*) public hearing before the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources in July, but the Assembly adjourned before the hearing could take place. The hearing has been rescheduled for August 28 but this date could change. For a full text of SB 1180, and for a list of Natural Resources Committee members that need to be called or faxed, please call CPF Trustee Kathleen Green at Sacramento Heritage, (916) 264-8310.

Federal Preservation funding under attack

There have been repeated attempts to strip the Historic Preservation Fund as Congress attempts to hammer out a FY 1996 Department of Interior Appropriations Bill.

Congressman Tim Hutchinson's (R-AR) proposal to eliminate FY96 funding for the National Trust for Historic Preservation was defeated in the House, but the House still supported a 50 percent cut in the Trust's \$7 million allocation for 1996, with all federal funding eliminated in FY97. (Federal funding constitutes 25 percent of the Trust's budget). The House left the funding intact for the State Historic Preservation Offices, Native American Tribes, Historic Black Colleges, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The debate has now moved to the Senate, whose Appropriations Committee supported the National Trust's five-year schedule to replace its federal funding with private funds. However, the Appropriations Committee also supported a 17 percent cut in the funding to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in FY97. With the Senate Appropriations Committee recommendations now before the full Senate for action, Senators Domenici (R-NM) and Inouye (D-HI) proposed a Senate Floor Amendment which would cut Historic Preservation funding by an additional 37 percent to meet the needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

CPF has actively opposed these funding cuts via letters and faxes to California congressmen and senators in conjunction with the Trust and Preservation Action. As of this writing, the debate continues.

In spite of threats to the Trust and other federally funded agencies, there may be some good news for preservationists. In mid-July, the House Ways and Means Committee held hearings on tax reforms, including the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act (HR1662), which would provide tax credits for owners of historic homes. The goal is to foster homeownership among middle and lower class families and protect historic housing units. CPF has actively supported efforts to pass this innovative and exciting proposal.

California Register update

CPF continues to monitor the status of the California State Register, for which a second public hearing on program criteria and regulatory language was held by the State Historical Resources Commission on August 11. CPF provided comments to the Commission, and maintains the position that the State Register should be as broadly inclusive as possible and easy for local citizens and governments to understand and use. We will continue to update you on this vitally important protection tool.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ruthann Lehrer

This year's Annual Conference in Riverside, June 1-4, marked the twentieth annual California Preservation Conference. I came away feeling energized by the confluence of so many kindred spirits, and encouraged at the strength of the grassroots



commitments to preservation across California. In many ways, this conference affirmed the success of preservation two decades after the first tentative statewide meeting. The Mission Inn, for so many years languishing in disrepair, has been beautifully restored and is thriving again as a successful hotel and conference center. The City of Riverside, represented by the Mayor, Redevelopment Agency and Planning Department, fully support historic preservation as integral to the economic future of the city. They are developing one of the strongest heritage tourism programs in the state. The breadth of information presented in the workshops, from a dynamic CEQA update to new insights in cultural landscapes, indicate the value of preservation to many fields. And the roster of co-sponsoring organizations—the State Office of Historic Preservation, CALTRANS, the National Trust's Western Regional Office, and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, along with local support from the Mission Inn and the City of Riverside, mark an affirmation of strong working partnerships. Let's keep this in mind as we forge ahead this year and next

to maintain the successes preservation has won. The new "anti-regulatory" and "property-rights" movements in Congress and the mounting attacks on CEQA in the state legislature are putting the squeeze on historic preservation along with other environmental and land use protections. We are going to have to fight hard just to maintain our ground. CPF will require your help in the coming months when we need to demonstrate how vital historic preservation is to the economic well-being of our communities.

**Alex Theater, Presidio to host
September CPF Design
workshops**

CPF is offering two one-day workshops focusing on award-winning preservation design solutions and their applicability to other buildings. Winners of CPF's annual Preservation Design Awards will present case studies of exemplary projects. These workshops will explore and analyze innovative methods in architectural design, materials conservation, seismic retrofit, adaptive reuse, code compliance, ADA, mechanical and electrical systems, craftsmanship and compatible additions. Featured projects will range from large commercial structures to public buildings to residential-scale projects.

September 22, 1995: The glamorous restored Alex Theater in Glendale.

September 29, 1995: The Presidio of San Francisco's Golden Gate Club Main Ballroom.

The workshop registration fee (which includes the full-day program, lunch, and supplementary workshop materials) is \$75 for non-members, \$65 for CPF members. On-site registrations will include a \$10 late fee. **AIA Continuing Education Credit is available** for an additional \$5. Enrollment forms will sent out in a special mailing by September 1.

CPF joins National Trust Statewide Partners

CPF has joined the National Trust for Historic Preservation's new Statewide Partners Program. Comprised of the strongest, most effective statewide organizations in the preservation movement, Statewide Partners is conceived as the cutting edge of the preservation delivery and mobilization system. Key components of the partnership include: joint program development and delivery; training and planning meetings; mutual membership development, and joint fundraising opportunities.

Staff to visit Fillmore, Hollywood, Santa Monica to study quake response

With the arrival of Acting Executive Director Jeff Eichenfield, CPF has resumed work on its federally funded project to evaluate how historic preservation concerns were addressed by local communities and state and federal agencies following the Northridge earthquake.

CPF received a \$22,200 grant from the Historic Preservation Partners for Earthquake Response to carry out the project. Eichenfield will spend a good portion of August in Santa Monica, Fillmore and Hollywood touring the areas and conducting interviews for the project. A meeting of state-level agencies will occur this fall. The project is due to be completed in December, after which CPF will publish its findings.

Historic Preservation Partners is a joint effort of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior; the California Office of Historic Preservation; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Los Angeles Conservancy; the Getty Conservation Institute; and CPF.

New officers selected

At CPF's Board of Trustees meeting in July, the following officers were elected: Ruthann Lehrer, President; Michael Crowe, Vice President; Gail Woolley, Secretary; Alan Dreyfuss, Treasurer. Committee chairs were also appointed and include: Legislative-Toni Symonds-Dow ; Fundraising/Development-Elizabeth Pomeroy; Legal Issues-Susan Brandt-Hawley; Board Development-Michael Crowe; San Jose Annual Conference-Karita Hummer and Gail Woolley co-chairs; Design Awards- Alan Dreyfuss; Partners program-Kathleen Green; Preservation Awards-Gail Woolley; Programs-Arlene Andrew and Cassandra Walker, co-chairs; Strategic Planning-Cassandra Walker; Graphics and PR-Bruce Judd.

Committee members needed. CPF is actively looking for volunteers throughout the state interested in serving on one or more of its active committees. These include Annual Conference, Design Awards, Development and Fundraising, Graphics and PR, Legislative, Preservation Awards, Programs, and Strategic Planning. Time commitments vary from four to 10 hours per month. This is a great way to network and share ideas with fellow preservationists! Contact Ruthann Lehrer at (310) 570-6864.

Write-off or barter!!

CPF is ready to accept your older-model but good-working office equipment. We really need: two large screen Mac computers— LC series or above; a small copy machine; and 3 ergonomic office chairs.

WE ARE WILLING TO BARTER!
Contact our Office Manager Kristi Coombs at 510-763-0972. Thanks!!

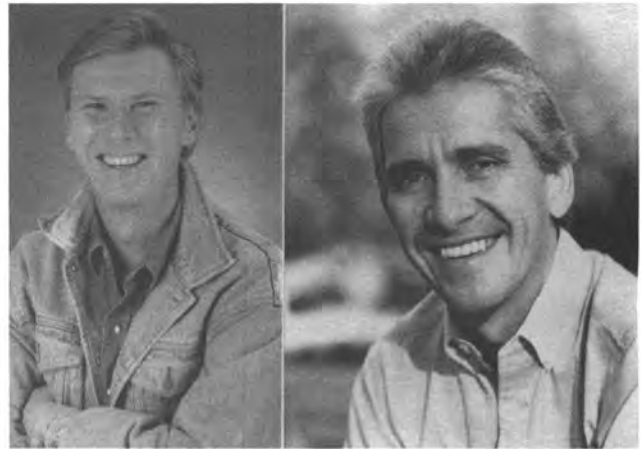
Riverside Conference Award Winners

Preservationist of the Year. **MILFORD WAYNE DONALDSON, FAIA**

Wayne Donaldson, President of Milford Wayne Donaldson Architect in San Diego, is quickly recognized as a leader in San Diego's preservation movement, establishing — with imagination and solid accomplishment — that historic preservation practices save buildings and save money, serve real human needs and create livable communities. His work with the Gaslamp Quarter, with Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) and the Historic Sites Board displayed his talent and has earned the respect of preservationists throughout the state.

Wayne has made a large impression on preservation at the statewide level. His extraordinary ability to work constructively with people holding divergent views is a rare quality. Because of his expertise, but more because of his character, Wayne has been consistently tapped for state-level organizations, serving as Chairman of the State Historical Building Safety Board, President of the State Historical Resources Commission, and President of the California Preservation Foundation. In each role he was the one to whom everyone looked for solutions to difficult problems, and he delivered with grace and generosity.

Wayne gives of himself and his time, he does so willingly and with no thought to how his natural reaction to say "Yes, I will help" is going to affect his career or his pocketbook. His greatest talents, however, are his decency, his good natured approach, and his ability to leave everyone he has worked with smiling. CPF was fortunate to have Wayne with us for a while, and we expect he will continue to add to his already strong record of volunteer service to the citizens of our state.



Donaldson

Sen. Costa

Legislator of the Year: **STATE SENATOR JIM COSTA**

CPF's Legislator of the Year Award is presented to a lawmaker who has initiated and supported historic preservation efforts on a statewide basis. While this is certainly true of this year's recipient, Jim Costa of Fresno, the Senator is being recognized primarily for his continuing efforts in support of historic preservation on a *local* basis. Senator Costa began his interest in preservation in the 1970s, prior to becoming an elected official. While a legislative assistant to Assemblyman Rick Lehman, Jim Costa took a leadership role in efforts to save the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College. A beautiful collegiate Gothic structure from the 1920s originally built on the grounds of the Fresno Teacher's College, this National Register structure has been threatened with demolition now for over 20 years by the State Center Community College District. After his election as assemblyman representing the 30th District, Jim Costa provided vital leadership in the efforts that continue through this day to preserve and reuse this valuable resource. He was instrumental in helping to draft AB 1324, which set aside \$3 million to encourage the re-use of the building as the potential site of the California Agricultural Museum. In 1991, when the building was again threatened with demolition to build the school's Allied Health facility, (*see Costa p.6*)

(Costa cont'd) Jim Costa introduced legislation in the Assembly that prohibited demolition of the structure for five years while alternative strategies for reuse could be investigated. The bill also provided \$1 million in Oil Tax funds as an incentive to the District to restore and re-use the building.

Jim Costa's preservation efforts have extended to the Central Valley's natural resources as well, where he again has assumed a leadership role in the creation of the San Joaquin River Parkway. According to the director of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, to date Jim Costa's support has been critical to the acquisition of over \$10 million used to preserve and enhance valuable natural and architectural resources for the Central San Joaquin Valley. CPF is proud to honor Senator Costa for his commitment to maintaining a leadership role in preservation issues in California.

President's Award:

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTEL/ LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS MANSION

The American Youth Hostel, Golden Gate Council, was selected to receive a 1995 President's Award for their perseverance in preserving and rehabilitating the Llewellyn Williams Mansion in Sacramento into a Youth Hostel. From the date that developers donated the mansion to AYH in exchange for the promise to move the house from the site, it took AYH six long and arduous years to find a suitable site and raise sufficient funding to complete the project.

Built in 1885, the Llewellyn Williams Mansion is one of only five Victorian mansions left in the Sacramento area. It is noted as one of the finest examples of Italianate-stick style Victorian architecture in the region, designed by Seth Babson and

James Seadler, who also designed the Leland Stanford House and the Crocker House in Sacramento.

It took more than four years for AYH and the City of Sacramento to identify and agree upon an appropriate site that would not have required the 13,000 square foot building to be cut into sections to be moved. Finally, in January 1994, the City Council approved siting for the house across the street on a City-owned parking lot. The Council also approved funding provided by the Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$1.2 million. With these funds, in addition to contributions, grants, a loan from the National Trust, and AYH's own funds, the project got underway. Before a crowd of several hundred spectators the house was lifted, turned around, and moved across the street on October 15, 1994. The following May the house re-opened its doors as the Sacramento International Hostel.

Hosteling International is to be commended for the preservation and adaptive reuse of this historic building. As part of Hosteling International's mission, numerous hostels around the country are recognized as local, state, and federal landmarks.



Sacramento International Hostel

President's Award:

GORDON CHIN AND THE CHINATOWN RESOURCES CENTER

As a nonprofit community organization, the Chinatown Resource Center (CRC) is dedicated to improving San Francisco's Chinatown neighborhood as a thriving low-income ethnic community.

Five voluntary grass-roots organizations created the Resource Center in 1977 to provide staff and technical assistance for their individual programs that addressed issues from open space and transportation to affordable housing and social services. Work soon expanded to include the Chinese Community Housing Corporation (CCHC), a development arm for creating low income housing opportunities in the neighborhood. In 1978, the Resource Center's staff leased a vacant residential hotel at 523 Grant Avenue and, renovating it themselves on nights and weekends, provided 11 units of very low income housing for senior women. The success of this effort led to the outright purchase, a year later, of the Clayton Hotel. It represented the very first conventional acquisition and renovation of a residential hotel (SRO) by a nonprofit agency in San Francisco, serving as a model for the thousands of renovated SRO units that followed.

In the mid-1980s the Resource Center succeeded in rezoning Chinatown to mixed use and in lowering the allowable height limit. This prevented the development of high-rise and/or large-scale new development that would have displaced residents and small businesses. While a CRC-led effort to declare Chinatown an Historic District in the mid-'80s did not succeed, a more recent effort to preserve and restore the historic dragon lamps on Grant Avenue was successful (PG&E was to replace them with modern sodium vapor lights). Currently, the Resource Center is engaged in a planning effort to restore and revitalize the historic Broadway retail corridor.

President's Award:

EARL DOUGLASS and the FRIENDS OF DOUGLASS HALL

Earl Douglass and the "Friends of Douglass Hall," led by President Ken Ward, have been selected to receive an award because of their phenomenal dedication to the preservation of Douglass Hall on the campus of the Menlo School and College. The educational institution was prepared to demolish Douglass Hall, named in honor of former owner Leon F. Douglass, a pioneering inventor of phonograph and motion picture technology. Upon learning of the College's plans for the building, Earl Douglass, grandson of Leon Douglass, took it upon himself to try to save the historic building.

Earl Douglass tirelessly documented the structure and repeatedly questioned the College's decision to raze the building. He appeared before City Council and insured that all of the relevant information was put into the public record. He got the community excited about saving Douglass Hall, and inspired creation of a citizen group, Friends of Douglass Hall. Together, they encouraged the College to explore the State Historical Building Code preservation alternatives, and pressed the Town of Atherton to fairly study restoration options. An EIR was required but it failed to adequately deal with use of the code, and was successfully challenged by the "Friends" in court. Initially, the College insisted it would never restore Douglass Hall, but Trustees are now actively pursuing rehabilitation proposals and dialogue with the "Friends."

President's Award:

PETER JANOPAUL and ANTHONY BLOCK , J. Peter Block Companies

Peter Janopaul and Anthony Block were selected for the President's Award because of their commitment to the revitalization of downtown Long Beach. (*See Block p. 8.*)

(Block cont'd) They stepped in to rescue a lost-cause, the seven story historic Kress Building, and converted it to loft housing, itself a pioneering concept in the downtown area.

Despite being fresh from similar successes in Denver, they had an uphill battle convincing the City Council and Redevelopment Agency that the project made economic sense. The historic Kress Building, constructed in 1923, had been vacant for years and a previous failed development effort had stripped and gutted the building, leaving an abandoned shell. Using newly-acquired landmark status so that they could use the State Historical Building Code, the partners overcame many code problems, such as using an external fire escape as part of the seismic retrofit scheme. They also convinced the City that the "percent for art" requirement was uniquely satisfied when the facade, including the original 1920s wall sign, was beautifully and authentically restored. The project created 49 units, each unit different but all with spectacular spaces. The Kress Building, once blighted but now a model of adaptive use, stands out as an example for others of what can be done with historic buildings.

President's Award:

VICTORIA AVENUE FOREVER

Victoria Avenue Forever is a local preservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Victoria Avenue, one of the gems of Riverside's remarkable historic landscape. Victoria Avenue was the creation of Matthew Gage, who made the citrus industry possible when he constructed the Gage Canal. One of America's first divided boulevards, the Avenue was laid out along the canal with the first trees planted in 1892. Lined with pepper trees from Brazil and Australian eucalyptus to provide year-round elegance, enhanced with stately palms and silk oaks, and bordered by orange groves, Victoria Avenue was a cultural landscape before the term was coined.

Riverside citizens, troubled to see this linear environment deteriorating as the orange groves gave way to development, convinced the City to declare Victoria Avenue a Cultural Landmark in 1969. This declaration, however, did not halt the deterioration. Finally, in 1990, Victoria Avenue Forever was formed to reverse the decline and to return the boulevard to its former glory. Since this time over 500 trees have been planted and the rare Ragged Robin Rose was reintroduced to its historic locations along the seven-mile long stretch. Victoria Avenue Forever brought national attention to the project when the corridor was documented by the Historic American Engineering Record.

Linking downtown Riverside to Citrus State Historic Park and serving as a critical feature in developing heritage tourism, the boulevard faces continuing growth pressures. Again, Victoria Avenue Forever has stepped forward, convincing the City to create a committee to prepare a long-term management plan. Victoria Avenue Forever has merged the best components of citizen participation: self initiative, informed advocacy, and the willingness to dig in and help, literally, in preparing the ground for a better environment.

CPF Staff News

Jeff Eichenfield is CPF's new Acting Executive Director. Jeff brings to CPF extensive local preservation and non-profit management experience from his work on Main Street programs in Livermore and Alameda. In a more critical vein, he has worked on disaster relief for floods and earthquakes. Jeff most recently spent time in Washington, D.C. working for the National Trust for Historic Preservation as the Coordinator of the Midwest Flood Response Program. **Kristi Coombs**, a Bay Area native, is our new Office Manager. Her efficiency, organization, and good humor are stunning, and she really keeps the office running smoothly.

CALTRANS's good works

During the excitement and theatrics of the Three-Minute Success Stories at the Riverside conference, CALTRANS received some good-natured bashing in connection with the 710-Freeway extension (Pasadena) that has raised the ire of preservationists nationwide. CPF would like to point out, however, that there are other CALTRANS activities that in fact support historic preservation. Historic resource staff working for Caltrans have extensively surveyed cultural resources, published a book on California's historic highway bridges, proposed creative mitigations, and provided significant support as a co-sponsor of CPF's annual conference. CPF is grateful for CALTRANS' support, and our members should be aware of the good things they do.

'96 Conference in San Jose

The recently restored Sainte Claire Hotel, located in San Jose's growing arts district, has been chosen as the headquarters for the 1996 California Preservation Foundation Conference. This excellent site selection is due to the efforts of the conference's local level sponsor, the Preservation Action Council of San Jose. The conference will be held May 30-June 2, 1996.

The Sainte Claire, which first opened its doors in 1926, was the vision of local real estate tycoon T.S. Montgomery, who considered it the crowning jewel of his downtown building empire. The architectural firm of Weeks and Day completed the design at the same time that they were working on plans for San Francisco's Mark Hopkins Hotel. (The most obvious similarity is the way the entrances to both hotels face their

respective corners.) Weeks and Day were also responsible for the nearby Fox California movie palace, which still awaits restoration.

The Sainte Claire Hotel went into decline in the 1960s when businesses fled the downtown for the suburbs, and its future remained in doubt until serious efforts were made six years ago to restore this grand old lady to her original elegance. Workmen found, to their surprise, that much of the original decor remained intact behind paneling and dropped ceilings. Once these were removed, beautiful stencilled ceilings and murals again saw the light of day. Magnificent tile treatments were exposed when the long-covered courtyard was reopened. The Palm Room Lounge, with its period furniture, now is bathed with natural light from the courtyard. The hotel's food service is provided by Il Fornaio, one the Bay Area's premier restaurants.

The Sainte Claire Hotel is located at the south end of the City's historic Plaza Park (recently named for Cesar Chavez) which was the site of California's first civil settlement in 1777 and the location of California's first State Capitol. It is the center of the City's arts complex, that includes museums, theaters, concert halls and convention facilities. Mark your calendars now!



Sainte Claire Hotel c. 1930

Legislative Updates

In the fast pace of the legislative calendar, we are entering the last month (August 15-September 15) in which legislation can be acted on in 1995. For those of you who attended the legislative briefing at the Riverside conference, you will notice that many of the bills listed previously have been dropped. Don't be fooled into thinking that they have gone away. Many will be ready to move in January while others could "pop-up" in other bills during this last month.

1. Financing Historical Properties

SB 875 (Marks and Petris)—Historic Tax Credits—Provides for a tax credit of 10% for residential and 20% for non-residential of the amount paid or incurred for the seismic rehabilitation of historic properties. The bill has a \$5 million annual cap and the tax credit provision would "sunset" on January 1, 2001.

Comment: Due to the lengthy delay in adopting the state budget, Senator Marks was able to move this bill out of the Senate and into the Assembly. Additionally, he has been able to obtain the appropriate rule waivers and will try to move the bill to the Governor's Desk in the next month. Letters of support must be sent ASAP. Please send a short letter of support (on your business or preservation letterhead) to Senator Milton Marks and to your State Assembly Members and Senators. All Members can be reached by writing: Member's name, State Capitol, P.O. Box 942848, Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Position: Support

Last "Amended Date: July 19, 1995

Status: In the Assembly

2. High Profile Historical Property

AB 1386 (Richter)—Chico State University Property—Provides legislative intent regarding the disposal and subsequent preservation of six historic "Language Houses" located on Chico State University (CSU) property. These units were purchased by the University for the purpose of demolition and construction of a parking structure. The bill expresses legislative intent that the homes be disposed of by the CSU Trustees to the highest bidder willing to preserve and restore the homes.

Comment: This measure has been through many revisions as it has moved through the legislative process. The most recent revision, June 1, 1995, goes a long way to clarify the author's intent. Most significantly, the bill currently provides specific authority to the University to dispose of the property to an entity willing to preserve and restore the

houses at their current site. However, the language also states that the use of these historic structures must be permitted under applicable local general plans and zoning regulations. The local historic community should be very careful that the gains they have achieved in this legislation are not undermined by future city council actions.

Position: Neutral.

Last Amended Date: June 1, 1995

Status: Senate Appropriations.

3. Land Use

AB 1511 (Valerie Brown)—Manufactured Housing & Historic Preservation—Limits the exemption for placement of manufactured housing within historic districts. Additionally, the bill requires that any architectural standards placed on a manufactured unit shall apply to all buildings, structures and objects within a locally designated district.

Comment: CPF helped fashion this bill to permit cities to uniformly apply design review in historic districts. In a Vallejo case, the City had been prevented from reviewing the impact of placing a manufactured homes that now sticks out like a sore thumb in the middle of a historic district.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: April 4, 1995

Status: In the Assembly for Concurrence

4. Natural Disaster Preparedness and Repair

SB 1010 (Costa)—Loans for Seismic Retrofit—Provides that any lien on affected property created by a loan or payment of funds by a public body and used to bring a building, including privately owned buildings, into compliance with applicable seismic safety standards is subordinate to prior recorded liens, unless the holders of the prior recorded liens consent in writing to being placed in a subordinate position.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: April 6, 1995

Status: Governor's Desk

5. Private "Property Rights"

SB 51 (Hayes)—Inverse Condemnation—Provides that litigation costs including reasonable attorney, appraisal, and engineering fees are recoverable by prevailing plaintiffs in an inverse condemnation proceeding.

Comment: The purpose of this bill is to abrogate a ruling in *Holtz v. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District* and to conform the law to a comment in *Morcos v. Board of Retirement*.

Position: Neutral

Last Amended Date: March 2, 1995

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 181, Statutes of 1995

6. Bond Acts

AB 1234 (Cortese)—Park Bond Act--Would establish funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation, Coastal Conservancy and other environmentally sound programs. Such bond acts have been, until recently, routinely approved by the voters. Since 1984, money for preservation grants administered by OHP has been included. CPF is working with the author's staff to ensure that the grants are in there one more time (we suggested \$20 million).

Comment: Two previous Bond Acts have failed at the polls. The need grows, but the "leadership" of the legislature and administration may not feel this bond act should progress. Although this measure did not move this year, we should all be preparing to support the measure in January. Letters of support should be sent to the author's office and a copy SHOULD be sent to CPF as well.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: As introduced

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

7. CEQA

SB 1180 (Calderon)—CEQA Reform—Makes a number of substantial changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Comment: The bill is sponsored by the State Trade and Commerce Agency and Governor Wilson. According to the author's office the bill will receive the appropriate rule waivers in order to be heard in the next month. Amendments are anticipated prior to a policy committee hearing in Assembly Natural Resources Committee. CPF is currently in opposition to the bill and will be closely watching it.

Position: Opposed

Last Amended Date: July 5, 1995

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

8. The Budget

State Historic Building Code—Special thanks need to be extended to Senator Nick Petris (D-Oakland) and Senator Mike Thompson (D-Santa Rosa) for their leadership and commitment in putting the votes together in the Joint Budget Committee for the State Historic Building Code. Even with a packed agenda, they worked Committee members until the required votes were there. The other votes for the funding of the SHBSB included Valerie

Brown (D-Napa) and John Vasconcelos (D-San Jose).

Please take the time to write a short thank-you to these people. If you live in their district, please call and leave a nice message. Everyone likes to be thanked.

\$2 Billion Earthquake Retrofit Bond

According to the July 15, 1995 edition of the *Sacramento Bee*, during the budget process the legislature discussed a \$2 billion bond for seismic retrofit projects. Although no other details have been provided about the bond measure, organizations should write their Senate and Assembly Members supporting the bonds.

SHBSB funded

The State of California's 1995-1996 budget for the State Historical Building Safety Board (SHBSB) continues a funding level that reflects bare subsistence. Because the Statutes "establish" the SHBSB within the Division of the State Architect (DSA), DSA has financially carried the Board in the past. Now that budgets are leaner, the ability of DSA to carry the SHBSB has significantly diminished. The State Architect's office continues to work with the Wilson Administration to insure continuing Board operations. In this new budget, the SHBSB has appeared as a separate line item for the first time. While, on balance, this is a plus, it has the possible downside that the Board is more visible and susceptible to attack. We must all redouble our efforts to show our communities and legislators that the Historical Building Code is a very valuable preservation tool. The SHBSB is deeply grateful for all the letters sent to the Administration and the Legislature during the past few months. The SHBSB has a new address. It is: 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 445-7627; fax (916) 324-5774.

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