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L.A.C. scores wins in St. Vibiana's fight

The Los Angeles Conservancy has run up a string of legal victories in its battle to save St. Vibiana's Cathedral. The Catholic Archdiocese and the City of Los Angeles, however, seem intent on demolishing the 120 year-old city monument, even though Cardinal Roger Mahony has announced he will not build his \$45 million replacement cathedral on the site of the current church. It is a fight that has split the community and set a dangerous precedent for bypassing local preservation ordinances and state environmental laws.

St. Vibiana's was built in 1876 as an expression of faith in the city's future and its growth from pueblo to metropolis, says L.A. Conservancy

Executive Director Linda Dishman. It has long remained an architectural and spiritual fixture in downtown L.A. In the last few years it has hosted visits from Pope John-Paul and President Bill Clinton.

The cathedral, named for the third century virgin martyr who is buried inside, was moderately damaged in the Northridge earthquake. Since then, Cardinal Mahony has made no secret of his desire to demolish the cathedral and replace it with a much larger spiritual headquarters for the nation's most populous Roman Catholic archdiocese. Preservationists have

worked for more than a year to convince him to save the 1876 church by having it serve another purpose within the proposed cathedral complex. The Archdiocese, however, has pledged of \$45 million
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San Jose conference draws 400; Bill Delvac honored as P.O.Y.

An afternoon surfing the Internet, a sold-out Public Art Controversy tour, a participative economic development charrette, and tracks on Preservation Planning and Strategies for Success were just some of the highlights of CPF's 21st Annual Preservation Conference held May 30-June 2 in San Jose. More than 400 preservationists attended the conference and were on hand to honor six President's Award winners (see close-ups starting on page 4), newly elected trustees, and Bill Delvac as CPF's Preservationist of the Year.

Elected to second three-year terms were David Charlebois (Walnut), Michael Crowe (San Francisco), Ron Lewis (Pasadena), Charles Loveman (Los Angeles) and Brad Paul (San Francisco). Two new trustees, Diane Grinkevich Kane (La Jolla) and Deborah M. Rosenthal (Santa Ana), were elected to first terms.

Special thanks go to the Preservation Action Council of San Jose; the California Office of Historic Preservation; the Western Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission; the 1996 Conference Steering Committee; and the Conference Leaders, Partners and Friends listed on page 12.



St. Vibiana's Cathedral before removal of the bell tower. Photo by Julius Shulman

Current Issues in the News

Cal. Register regulations go to public hearing; changes require scrutiny

The California Register of Historical Resources is moving into what is hoped to be its final phase of review. Proposed Regulations go before public hearings this fall. Last minute additions to the regulations, however, could derail the process.

The California Register was created on September 27, 1992 when Assembly Bill 2881 became law. The Register is an authoritative listing to be used by state and local agencies and private citizens to identify the existing and potential historical resources of the state and to indicate which properties deserve to be protected from substantial adverse change. While many of the historical resources listed on the Register will be nominated through an application and public hearing process, the State Legislature provided that certain resources will be listed automatically. These include properties listed on, or formally determined eligible for, the National Register, and California Registered Historical Landmarks from No. 770 onward.

While AB 2881 spelled out the processes that should be used to place resources on the Register, it did not create the official state rules for doing so. This is left to the regulations developed by the State Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission as part of the official "Rulemaking" process.

As the Proposed Regulations were being put to bed, however, there were legal concerns that automatic listings without owner notification would be unconstitutional (although other states have registers with similar provisions that have been upheld). This resulted in the addition of sections requiring notification, and requiring the SHRC to hear property owners' objections to listing. These additions, however, exceed the provisions of AB 2881. As a result, there is a good chance the Proposed Regulations would be rejected by the State Office of Administrative Law. In that event the Regulations would have to be amended and resubmitted next year. In the interim, the Register would not be in effect.

CPF strongly supports the Register program, but will ask at the public hearings for removal of the added sections. The first public hearing is September 27 in Sacramento. It is important that CPF members review the Proposed Regulations, submit comments to OHP c/o the California Register Coordinator by September 15, and attend the hearings. To obtain a copy of the Proposed Regulations or the Rulemaking Calendar for the California Register, contact the Office of Historic Preservation at 916/653-6624.



*The Sacramento City College Library was built in 1936-37 and funded in part from the Works Progress Administration. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Photo by Kathleen Green*

Sacramento College Library lost; state policies need review

by Kathleen Green, Sacramento Heritage

On July 10 the historic Sacramento City College Library was reduced to a patch of dirt. Despite alternatives proposed by local preservationists, CPF, the State Office of Historic Preservation and State Assemblyman Larry Bowler (R-Elk Grove), the Los Rios Community College District demolished the building to make room for an expensive new learning resources center.

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President's Report - Michael Crowe

As CPF's new president, I am pleased to undertake this new responsibility. CPF has a long tradition of able leadership and I will do my best to uphold it. The organization has recently undergone changes with a new executive director and office manager. However, the continuity that the board provides should assure all members that the organization will continue to provide you with the highest quality of service.

With that said, I would like to outline what I see for the organization in the coming year. The Strategic Planning Committee, headed by our new vice president, Cassandra Walker, has drawn up a new way of approaching the tasks needed for the organization to function. This new method gives all the board members an opportunity to share the workload. I am very excited about this development and commend Cassandra and the Committee for all of the work that they put into fully developing the program.

When I agreed to become president I gave some thought as to what I would like to see happen for CPF. In sitting through many board meetings and seeing how the organization functioned, I realized that we needed to do two things—expand our membership, and develop a financial plan to give us a firm basis from which to operate. I am pleased to say that what the Strategic Planning Committee developed for board action will begin to address both of these issues. I am also pleased that the board is willing to rethink the way we do business and seek new methods of carrying out our responsibilities. Such an approach bodes well for the organization.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our members, for your support. The board and I are very interested in hearing from you and being responsive to your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to call us. I look forward to the coming year and the challenges it offers. Your continued support is essential to our success.



CPF News



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New CPF Publication and Workshop! *20 Tools That Protect Historic Resources After An Earthquake: Lessons Learned From The Northridge Earthquake*

Berkeley: November 15 Palm Springs: January 17
Los Angeles: November 22 Eureka: January 24

CPF's next workshop series will be based on our new publication. *20 Tools* is an easy-to-use booklet that includes information on:

- giving historic preservation an early, organized and visible presence
- understanding how buildings are inspected and red-tagged
- adopting preservation-sensitive emergency ordinances
- emergency provisions in CEQA and Section 106
- educational materials for local officials and property owners
- plus, a model damage assessment form

First printing available for the cost of postage and handling: \$3.00 first copy, \$1.00 each additional. Mail your request with payment to CPF, 405 14th Street, Suite 1010, Oakland, CA 94612. Make checks payable to CPF, or charge by phone or fax using Mastercard or VISA, 510/763-0972, 510/763-4724 fax.

Workshop registration materials will be mailed out in mid-September.

Funding for *20 Tools* was provided by the National Park Service through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, coordinated by Historic Preservation Partners for Earthquake Response.

Annual Conference Honorees

News Flash!

The National Park Service's Center for Preservation Technology and Training recently informed CPF of a grant award of \$38,178. The grant will support the development of a publication which will describe innovative case precedents in the application of the State Historical Building Code. Former CPF president Ruthann Lehrer was instrumental in applying for and obtaining the grant. Look for more details in the next issue of *California Preservation*.

Preservationist of the Year: Bill Delvac

Bill Delvac of Los Angeles, principal of Historic Resources Group and former President of CPF, exemplifies the passionate dedication and commitment to preservation that is our ideal.

Bill has demonstrated exemplary service to the cause at the local, state and national levels. CPF got to know Bill when, as a young lawyer at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, he cut his teeth on a challenging legal case over the Beverly Hills Waterworks. This CEQA lawsuit turned a potential demolition into an incredible preservation triumph with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Library and Archive restoring and reusing the building.

Since then, Bill has been in the leadership of many major preservation issues in the Los Angeles area - stopping the completion of the 710 Freeway, saving and restoring the Los Angeles Coliseum, saving the Ambassador Hotel, and the current efforts to save St. Vibiana's Cathedral.

As President of CPF, he devoted considerable energy to legislation and the California Heritage Preservation Task Force. He planned and participated in many CPF workshops and authored several of CPF's most popular publications.

In his professional life, he left the security of Sheppard Mullin in 1989 and co-founded Historic Resources Group, a consulting firm which has earned high respect for its professional expertise. Housing is a particular interest of Bill's. He is a board member of the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, and has worked on projects like the Dunning Apartments and St. Andrew's Bungalow Court that demonstrate the marriage of affordable housing and historic preservation.

At the national level, he has been active with the National Trust Legal Defense Fund and is an advocate of tax credit reform. He is an active board member of

Preservation Action, our national lobbying organization. In addition, he freely and generously gives his time and expertise to advise and consult with community organizations fighting their own preservation battles. We hope that Bill will always continue to lead the charge of preservation with the same energy and enthusiasm that has earned him the Preservationist of the Year Award.



CPF Executive Director Jeff Eichenfield congratulates Bill Delvac, CPF's Preservationist of the Year.

Photo by Frank Dutro

President's Award: Bill Burkhart

Many CPF members know Bill Burkhart as a delightful raconteur and for his encyclopedic knowledge of fine California wines and out-of-the-way restaurants. However, for anyone long familiar with historic preservation in California, the name of Bill Burkhart will bring immediate recognition for the many contributions he has made to the movement over the past 30 years. An avid student of the history of California and the West, Bill has pursued his interest through active participation and dynamic leadership. In the 1960s and '70s, Bill honed his impressive mediation skills with the Pacific Palisades Historical Society and the Association of Historical Societies in Los Angeles County, serving a term (continued on page 5)

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as president of both groups. He was an early and active member of the LA Conservancy. Bill was one of the early board members and later President of Californians for Preservation Action, the effective grass roots preservation lobby that evolved into CPF. He worked tirelessly and effectively for the implementation of the legislative recommendations of the 1984 California Heritage Preservation Task Force. As President of the Conference of California Historical Societies, Bill emphasized the importance of historic preservation to the local history community through educational workshops and a strong presence in Sacramento. His work in this capacity and service on the Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial Committee earned him the California Historical Society's prestigious Award of Merit in 1981.

When Bill moved to Santa Cruz County in 1982, he became involved in the Santa Cruz Historical Society, the Santa Cruz Historic Trust and the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission. After the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, Bill sought funding sources for the repair and rehabilitation of damaged historic properties. Bill's keen ability to bring differing views to consensus without rancor has helped immeasurably to facilitate the progress of historic preservation in California.

President's Award: CalTrans

CPF is pleased to recognize CalTrans District 4 Environmental Branch with a Special Award for their documentary video *Crossroads: A Story of West Oakland*. The video, which aired on public television earlier this year, documents the historic relationship between West Oakland, terminus of the transcontinental railroad, and Southern Pacific Railroad's yards and shops. The story is told through archival footage, photographs and oral histories from neighborhood residents, including State

Senator Nicholas Petris and U. S. Congressman Ron Dellums. The documentary was part of the mitigations for the I-880 freeway replacement project and represents a collaborative effort between CalTrans, local preservationists, the City of Oakland and West Oakland residents.

Reconstruction of the freeway after its collapse in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake was essential to the region's transportation system. West Oakland activists, whose community had been bisected by the old freeway, were intent on rerouting the replacement and reuniting their neighborhood. The new route restored the neighborhood connections, but passed through the 19th-century Southern Pacific Shops buildings, taking three buildings from a National Register eligible district. CalTrans worked with the Oakland Heritage Alliance and the National Trust's Western Regional Office to develop mitigations. The final EIR/EIS included an innovative agreement to produce a video of broadcast quality, and to make it available to libraries schools, and other groups.

Honored are Mara Malandry, a CalTrans Senior Environmental Planner; Elizabeth Krase, a CalTrans architectural historian; and Marjorie Dobkin, Bill Jersey and Pierre Valette of Quest Productions.

President's Award: Russell Fey

The late Russ Fey was the kind of person that any of us would have welcomed into our community. An academic, preservation activist and volunteer extraordinaire, he brought passion tempered by reason to everything he was involved with—and his involvements were many. He began his professional life as Planning Director for the City of Modesto. Adding a master's degree in history from U.C. Riverside to a master's degree in city and regional planning from U.C. Berkeley, he then began a 26-year career as professor of urban
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'97 Conference to be held in Pasadena

CPF is pleased to announce that the 1997 Annual Preservation Conference will be held May 28 - June 1 in beautiful Pasadena. Co-Sponsors will include the City of Pasadena and Pasadena Heritage. Expect some terrific tours, and sessions on neighborhood preservation. Watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

Annual Conference Honorees

1997 Preservation Design Awards Call For Entries!

Entrants for CPF's 14th Annual Preservation Design Awards competition are eligible in several categories: restoration, adaptive reuse/rehabilitation, preservation/stabilization, compatible additions to historic structures and contextual infill projects, cultural resource studies and reports, craftsmanship/preservation technology, and archaeological and cultural landscape projects. Competition entry applications will be available in early October with submissions due November 26, 1996. Project entries must have been completed between June 30, 1991 and November 30, 1996. Entry fees are \$125 (students \$50) per project. (510) 763-0972

Russ Fey

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planning at Cal State Fresno. There he inculcated a generation of his students with the importance of including historic preservation in the planning process. He served on the Fresno Planning Commission as well as on the city's Historic Preservation Commission, where he acted as its first chairman. In addition to a term as a board member of CPF, he served several years on the board of the Fresno Historical Society. He fought hard for more than 20 years to help preserve the Old Administration Building on the Campus of Fresno City College, a battle that continues today. Recently, he shared his talents as a member of the design review committee for the city's Main Street Program. His untimely death this year will leave a void in the efforts to preserve the heritage of the community he served so well.

President's Award: Ron Loveridge

The City of Riverside has a tradition of architectural and planning excellence. However, when Dr. Ronald O. Loveridge, a political science professor at U.C. Riverside was elected Councilman for the downtown ward in 1979, this tradition was waning and the treasured Mission Inn was threatened with destruction. Under his leadership and as the first President of the Mission Inn Foundation, the city's redevelopment agency took the unprecedented step of not only buying the great old hotel, but also of operating it. In the difficult years when the Inn was closed for rehabilitation, foreclosure, restructuring and resale, Councilman Loveridge never lost faith. His commitment resulted in National Historic Landmark status, award-winning rehabilitation and the Inn's secure future. In 1983, Loveridge expanded his preservation scope and authorized the two-volume study *Restoration Riverside: A Plan for Downtown Historic Districts and Downtown Rehabilitation and Design Guidelines*. Seven local residential and commercial districts were formed as a result of that plan

which continues to guide the city. His vision of Riverside as a quality city rooted in its heritage was furthered by the Citrus Heritage Tourism Task Force (which he initiated) and by the City's award-winning *Community Enhancement Element of the General Plan*. Ron was elected Mayor in 1994. In less than two years, the city's Office of Historic Preservation was created, the preservation ordinance amended and Certified Local Government status granted. Mayor Loveridge is surely the type of Mayor all preservationists would like to have!

President's Award: Vincent Marsh

Vincent Marsh is a tremendously dedicated public servant who has made a great impact on preservation at the local, state and national levels. As a planner for the City of San Francisco and Secretary to the San Francisco Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, Vincent has managed not only to survive the roller coaster of San Francisco politics, but also to be enormously effective in his quiet but persistent way. He has worked on many new landmark nominations and new historic districts. He led the development of an upgraded preservation ordinance and preservation element of the *San Francisco Master Plan*. He also coordinated an architectural survey of URM buildings that led to a comprehensive program for seismic retrofit with assisted financing.

Vincent's career began with an M.A. in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell. His thesis *A Preservation Planning Study for the North End Waterfront of Boston, Massachusetts* won an Urban Design Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has worked as a neighborhood planner, and as a field representative for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. But his dedication to preservation is truly revealed by the list of 13 preservation organizations of *(continued on page 7)*

Vincent Marsh

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which he is a member, including the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Vincent served two terms on CPF's Board of Trustees and is one of those intrepid people whom you can always count on to do what is needed.

President's Award: Kitty Monahan

Kitty Monahan is honored for her more than 20 years of efforts to preserve Santa Clara County's New Almaden Quicksilver Park. After gold was discovered in California, the mercury from the New Almaden mine was in great demand. The workers and their Mine Hill settlements of Spanishtown and Englishtown are long gone now, but the tunnels and shafts remain. So does the impressive Casa Grande and other houses of the Hacienda at the bottom of the hill. Santa Clara County began purchasing the nearly 4,000 acres for a park in 1973. Kitty has doggedly and relentlessly worked to open the historical site to the public ever since. The obstacles to the preservation of a quicksilver mine make mere house preservation a slam-dunk. In part to find a path through the jungle of governmental processes, Kitty served on the County Historical Heritage Commission and is now a member and past chair of the County Parks Commission. Nonetheless, it seems every obstacle imaginable has been thrust upon the 23 year-old project. This includes having to seal hazardous tunnels, being named a Superfund site, educating decision makers over and over as staff and Supervisors changed, and protection of the red-legged frog. But on Tuesday, May 28, 1996, work began to prepare a site where the mine office will be reconstructed from Historic American Building Survey (HABS) drawings. Here, the collection of the New Almaden Museum (which Kitty staffs) can be appropriately housed—a three-minute success story in the making.

Sac. Library

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The Library was built in 1936-37 and funded in part from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA). The Library, along with four other buildings, was part of the State's largest collection of WPA buildings. Designed by noted Sacramento architect Harry J. Devine, Sr., it was on the National Register of Historic Places and the city's historic register. It complied with current codes, and was valued at \$4 million.

Preservationists argued that retaining the historic building and constructing the new Resource Center 90 feet to the east was fiscally, environmentally and academically prudent. Assemblyman Bowler unsuccessfully tried to secure a state budget item for the new center on the alternate site and renovation of the historic building. In the end, however, the District exercised its right to choose demolition over all the more prudent alternatives.

In light of this demolition of a structurally sound building, and the ongoing controversy over the fate of the 1918 Italianate Administration Building on the Fresno City College campus, CPF is requesting that the State Legislature review the entire system of allocating higher education bonds and the State's approach to the evaluation and funding of maintenance on the 107 California Community College campuses.

CPF's observation is that the current system creates financial incentives that encourage demolition and the deferral of needed maintenance. The State requires 100 percent matching funds for major repairs of existing buildings and provides no financial assistance for routine maintenance. It offers full funding for new construction. In addition to being a waste of scarce education funds, this policy is having a devastating impact on the preservation of historic resources on higher education campuses. It is time to change the system.

San Jose Plenary Speech available

Many attendees at the San Jose conference asked for copies of a video that was made of Don Rypkema's plenary speech, entitled *Community, Place and the Economics of Historic Preservation*. While the video has been problematic to reproduce, a printed copy of the speech is readily available from CPF. Just call CPF at 510/763-0972 and one will be mailed to you. We are still working on the video and will keep you posted on its availability.

Around the State

Resources for the protection of historic religious properties

National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sacristies, Steeples and Stained Glass: Caring for Older and Historic Religious Properties. These best-selling guides provide preservationists, neighborhood groups, and church and temple administrators with valuable information on maintenance, fundraising, accessibility issues, stained glass and more. The Trust is also sponsoring in-depth workshops and tours on these subjects at the 50th National Preservation Conference in Chicago, October 16-20. Contact the Trust's Western Regional Office in San Francisco at 415/956-0610.

Partners for Sacred Places, Philadelphia.

A national non-profit group dedicated to the sound stewardship and active use of America's older and historic religious properties. Offers an information clearinghouse and a wide range of educational, consulting and assistance projects. 215/546-1288.

L.A. St. Vibiana's

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(including \$25 million from the Dan Murphy Foundation and \$10 million from the Dorothy Leavey Foundation) on the condition that a new cathedral is built. Demolition of the existing cathedral would either provide a site, or vacant land to sell or trade.

Mahony has been hoping to bypass as much of the public process as possible in order to open the new cathedral by the year 2000. The City of L.A. supports his efforts, viewing the new cathedral as a key to revitalizing the downtown skid row area. The Cardinal's decision to build elsewhere downtown is in response to continuing legal victories by the L.A. Conservancy, as well as the inflated prices adjacent property owners were asking for land he needed to complete the project.

It was the Archdiocese's attempted demolition of the cathedral's bell tower that landed the preservation issue in court. On Saturday, June 1, while L.A. preservationists were attending the CPF Conference in San Jose, the Archdiocese began to demolish the tower without a permit. They had begun work because the city had issued an abatement order at the Archdiocese's instigation. The Conservancy and their attorney, Jack Rubens, were able to get the city to issue a stop work order on the demolition. The city, through political pressure, was preparing to issue a demolition permit over the weekend, when the Conservancy was granted a verbal temporary restraining order. A written order was granted on June 3.

On June 19, Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien issued a preliminary injunction against demolition. O'Brien ruled that the 120 year-old city monument was not, as the Archdiocese had asserted, an imminent hazard whose demolition should be exempt from the review process required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The judge also rejected the claim that the building's landmark designation, which can delay demolition for a year,

interfered with the free exercise of religion. The Archdiocese appealed the decision to the State Court of Appeal where it was upheld. The case will now go to a full Superior Court trial.

In an attempt to get around this order, the L.A. City Council voted to remove the Cathedral from the city's landmarks list. This set a dangerous precedent in a city where landmarks can be de-listed only if the listing was significantly erroneous. The city's Cultural Heritage Commission supports the new project, but found no basis and bad precedent in de-listing. Within two hours of the council action, the Archdiocese received a demolition permit. Once again, the Conservancy raced to court. This second lawsuit contended that the de-landmarking required a thorough environmental impact report (EIR). The city council had adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration declaring the demolition would not have a significant effect on the environment because it was not historic due to interior modifications made since 1966, and the damage from Northridge. An array of architectural historians and preservationists provided voluminous testimony that this was not the case. Judge O'Brien granted a second injunction which prohibits demolition or alteration until a full EIR is completed.

If these outlandish attempts to circumvent the law were not enough, the Archdiocese enlisted the support of Assemblyman Louis Caldera and State Senator Richard Polanco to sponsor bills that would exempt the entire demolition and new construction project from CEQA, as well as Public Resources Code Section 5028. (PRC 5028 protects historic buildings damaged by a natural disaster.) Caldera's bill drew the ire of State Senator Tom Hayden, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee. With opposition from the Conservancy, the Coalition to Save St. Vibiana's, CPF and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, neither bill

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CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) has reached its 21st anniversary and hired a new Executive Director, Jeff Eichenfield. We believe this is a good time to check in with our members to evaluate how we are doing as a preservation organization and use this information to develop a strategic plan to guide our future. Outlined below are several questions that will help us determine if we are doing a good job, and we can improve as your preservation organization.

People are members of CPF for many reasons. Please designate how important each of the following activities are to your continuing CPF membership.

	Very <u>Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	Not <u>Important</u>
1. Commitment to historic preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Related to work/career	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Related to networking opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Promote my business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Attendance at workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Attendance at annual conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. CPF publications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. CPF legislative and lobbying efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. CPF's newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. CPF's legislation alerts/updates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Work with local preservation organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. CPF's technical assistance and referrals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. How long have you been a member of CPF?

- 1 year 2-3 years 4-6 years over 7 years

14. During the last year how many CPF activities did you attend?

- 1-2 events 3-4 events over 5 events

15. Are you involved in Preservation as part of your job? yes no

- Architect Engineer Planner Legal Economic Development other

16. What type of other preservation organizations are you a member of, if any?

- Local National Trust Historical Society Architectural Other

What best describes your level of satisfaction with the following:

	Very <u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	Needs to <u>Improve</u>
17. Current Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Level of Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Information and Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Opportunities to Network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Lobbying/Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Do you get information about CPF events in enough time to attend? yes no

23. Do you feel well informed about CPF programs, events, current issues? yes no

CPF currently offers a number of conferences, workshops and special events each year. Please rate how interested you are in the following topics.

	Very <u>Interested</u>	Slightly <u>Interested</u>	Not <u>Interested</u>
24. Annual State Preservation Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Annual CPF Preservation Design Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Award Winning Design Solutions Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Preservation Planning/ Neighborhood Revit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Historic Resources after Earthquakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Downtown Design Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Local Commission/ Board Training Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Hist. Resources Inventory/Districts/Ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Heritage Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Downtown Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Sources of Preservation Financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Using SHBC and UBC to rehab buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Residential Restoration Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

38. Do you think CPF should expand its Newsletter to cover more information on these topics?
 Local Events Technical Issues Services Available Job Listings
 Model Projects Homeowner Info Historic Homes For Sale Other

39. Which of the following would you like to see CPF become involved with or provide?
 Multi-cultural programs Grants/revolving loans Property Easements
 Internet web site Homeowner Programs Statewide Calendar

40. Would you consider sponsoring a special event or workshop if the cost were between \$250 - \$500 in cash or services? yes no

Name: _____ Phone: _____

41. We would appreciate any other comments you might have.

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has moved forward. At the time of this writing the Legislature was in its last week of session and the bills were being watched closely.

Preservationists in all areas of the state must be vigilant in protecting the legal processes for which we have fought so hard. At the same time, we must come up with better solutions than lawsuits for saving historic religious properties. The Conservancy will be working to find a future for the 1876 building, and thereby provide lessons for us all.

Inland Empire

CPF has joined with its partners in the Inland Empire to sponsor the *Vintages and Vinegar 1996 Awards Program*. Vintages and Vinegar seeks to recognize the best and worst in the built environment of the Inland Empire area of Southern California, including Riverside and San Bernadino Counties. Vintage awards honor well-designed projects that benefit the local quality of life, while Vinegar awards highlight disappointing projects or missed opportunities. The event will benefit Habitat for Humanity, whose efforts to provide decent housing for the less fortunate have won international acclaim. The event will be held September 19. Other sponsoring organizations include local chapters of the American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, Association of Environmental Professionals, and the California Society of Professional Engineers. Contact Marion Mitchell-Wilson at 909/782-5713.

Palm Springs

The Palm Springs City Council recently designated the Richard Neutra-designed Kaufmann Residence as a local Historic Site and approved a Mills Act contract on the property. It is the first property in Palm Springs to apply for and receive

approval of a Mills Act contract. The Mills Act is a state law that provides for a reduction in property taxes on an historic property when certain rehab conditions are met.

The Kaufmann Residence is one of the most notable examples of the work of Neutra, an internationally-known architect who practiced in the International Style of architecture. The Residence was built in 1946-47, and the current owners are restoring the home to its original condition. The Mills Act tax reduction will help defray the costs. Marmol & Radziner Architects of Santa Monica is heading up the project. The firm previously restored Neutra's 1950 Kun House #2 in Los Angeles.

Edgar Kaufmann, a Pennsylvania department store tycoon, was no stranger to modern architecture. He commissioned the Residence as a winter retreat approximately ten years after moving into his famous Fallingwater Estate in Bear Run, Pennsylvania, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Bay Area

Oakland City Hall and the Thoreau Center for Sustainability at the Presidio of San Francisco are among 17 projects nationwide selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to receive the highly prestigious 1996 National Preservation Honor Awards. The awards will be presented in Chicago at the 50th National Preservation Conference. Honored for their work on the restoration and seismic retrofit of Oakland City Hall will be VBN Architects, Michael Willis & Associates, Carey & Company, Forell Elsesser Engineers and Oakland Heritage Alliance. Honored for their work on the Thoreau Center will be TLMS Architects, Equity Community Builders, The Tides Foundation, and the National Park Service Presidio Project Group and Plant Construction Company. The presentation ceremony highlighting the winners' achievements will take place on October 17. CPF extends a proud congratulations to the winners!

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AB 133 Appealed

As expected, the State of California has appealed a Superior Court decision that declared AB 133—the state law restricting the local landmarking of religious properties—unconstitutional. CPF, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage and other co-plaintiffs will again join together to fight this bill in court. We will keep you posted on court dates and our progress. In the meantime, AB 133 remains null and void. For more information, contact Jeff Eichenfield at 510/763-0972.

Legislative Updates

[This Legislative Update was originally prepared for publication in early August. Due to delays beyond our control, publication of the newsletter was delayed until the first week in September. Unfortunately, this shift in the publication date coincides with the last day of the session (August 30th), requiring either the further postponement of the newsletter to wait for the final actions on bills or publication of the newsletter immediately and providing our membership with a 1996 Legislative Wrap-Up in our next issue. We have decided on the latter and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.]

The California Legislature passed the Budget Bill and is in Recess as of September 1st. Hopefully you will take this opportunity to introduce yourself to your State Senators and Assembly Members. It is always easier to approach a Member or their staff for a vote if you have met them before.

As of August 30th, the following bills were up for consideration before the State Legislature:

I. Financing Restoration

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 December 31, 2001.

Comments: This is a top priority for CPF. Senator Milton Marks (term limit 1996) has done an excellent job in moving this important legislation through the Legislature.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: May 14, 1996

Status: Failed Passage, reconsideration granted.

II. California Environmental Quality Act

SB 1354 (Polanco)

Exempts the demolition of St. Vibiana's Church in Los Angeles from the limitation that a designated historic structure which has been damaged as the result of a natural disaster may only be demolished if the structure presents an imminent threat to the public or damage to adjacent property. Further, the bill exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act the location, development, construction, operation, or maintenance of any new building within the Downtown Central Business District Redevelopment Project Area. **Comments:** It is very important that CPF send a clear message that this type of legislation is unacceptable. When expressing your opposition to this bill please be sure to be polite — this is a very heated topic. It is also worth noting to people that may not be that interested in historic structures that the bill also exempts future construction in the Downtown Central Business District Project Area from CEQA.

Letters and phone calls should be made to both your State Assembly Member and State Senator. If SB 1054 passes

from the Assembly Floor it will quickly be passed to the Senate for action.

Position: Oppose

Last Amended Date: July 8, 1996

Status: Assembly Floor

AB 2840 (Hoge) - 710 Freeway

Adds a sunset clause to previously enacted legislation (AB 2556). This previously enacted legislation exempted the construction of the 710 Freeway from the requirement that the city or county enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation regarding the construction of a freeway. The previously enacted legislation does not have a sunset clause and would therefore remain in force.

Comments: According to the author's office this bill may or may not move this year. Passage of AB 2840 is important because the previously enacted bill (AB 2556) created an inequitable situation whereby only one freeway project in the state is exempt from the local government agreement requirement. The City of South Pasadena has thus been precluded from having a voice in a project that will dissect its community, increase ambient noise levels in homes and schools, and require the relocation or destruction of housing units, many of which are historic.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: As Introduced

Status: Senate Transportation Committee, hearing cancelled at the request of the author.

III. Bond Moneys

AB 1533 (Cortese) - The Park Bond Vehicle

Places a \$495 million bond measure on the November Ballot. Moneys in the bond will go for historic preservation activities through the Office of Historic Preservation, as well as for local and state park restoration.

Comments: This bill takes the place of AB 3014 (Cortese, Caldera, and Cunneen), in which the authors proposed to enact the State and Local Parks Improvements Bond Act of 1996 for the purpose of financing the

acquisition, development, expansion, restoration, rehabilitation, preservation, improvement, protection, interpretation, enhancement, and increased utilization of state and local park and recreation facilities.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date:

Status: Failed Passage.

IV. Historic Restoration

SB 1869 (Petris) - Historic State Capitol Commission

Re-establishes the Historic State Capitol Commission (Commission) and makes minor modifications to the make-up of the Commission. Additionally, the bill requires approval of management decisions by the Subcommittee on the Capitol Restoration Project (Subcommittee) of the Joint Rules Committee rather than the full Joint Rules Committee.

Comments: This is a general housekeeping bill. Supervision by the Subcommittee should streamline the administration process.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: June 13, 1996

Status: Assembly Rules Committee, hearing cancelled at the request of the Committee.

AB 2571 (Cortese) - Joice Bernal Ranch

Provides intent language that the Legislature provide funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of existing park facilities that are operated and maintained by the Santa Clara County Park and Recreation Department.

Comments: Assemblyman Cortese has been very helpful on historic preservation issues. This is a district bill that warrants support. According to the author's office, the bill will be amended the week of April 15th to name the Joice Bernal Ranch and Santa Teresa Springs as the existing park facility and to appropriate \$500,000 from the Public Resources Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Product Surtax Fund.

Position: Support

Last Amended Date: June 20, 1996

Status: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review

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