



Petition Initiation Request

Planning Division
Community & Economic Development Department

To: Planning Commissioners

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CC: Wilf Sommerkorn, Planning Director; Frank Gray, Community & Economic Development Director; Mary De La Mare-Schaefer, Community & Economic Development Department Deputy Director; Pat Comarell, Assistant Planning Director; file

Re: Initiate petition to grant the Historic Landmark Commission the ability to initiate petitions relating to historic preservation.

The Planning Staff is requesting that the Planning Commission initiate a petition to study the feasibility of amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow the Historic Landmark Commission the initiate petitions relating to historic preservation. Currently, only the Mayor, City Council member, Planning Commission or a property owner may initiate a zoning amendment (either zoning text or zoning map). The Historic Preservation Overlay Zone is within the Zoning Ordinance and there may be times when the Historic Landmark Commission may deem it appropriate to request either amendments to the text of the ordinance that relates to historic preservation process or regulations or the designation or amendment of an historic district, which is a zoning map amendment.

Once a draft ordinance is prepared, the text amendment will be taken through the formal City adoption process including citizen input and public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council. The Historic Landmark Commission will also provide input on the matter prior to the Planning Commission public hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Coffey, x6188.

Thank you.