

# San Gabriel Historic Context Statement

## Frequently Asked Questions

➤ **What is a Historic Context Statement, and what is it used for?**

A Historic Context Statement is a written document that establishes a framework for evaluating historic properties. It describes the broad patterns of historical development of a community that are represented through its buildings and other aspects of its built environment. A Historic Context Statement is an important planning tool. It helps decision makers and others determine which properties in a community merit recognition as historical resources, and are often used as the foundation for historic resource surveys.

➤ **How is a Historic Context Statement structured?**

A historic context statement is typically organized around a series of broad contexts and themes that are represented through the built environment of a community. A focused narrative discussion is developed for each context and theme. The document also identifies property types associated with each context and theme, as well as eligibility standards and integrity considerations that should be met for these property types to be eligible as historical resources.

➤ **Who will be preparing the Historic Context Statement?**

A team of architectural historians from Architectural Resources Group (ARG) will be preparing the Historic Context Statement. Members of the consultant team are highly qualified and meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards. The consultant team will be working closely with City staff, the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission, the San Gabriel City Council, and members of the local community.

➤ **How long will it take to prepare the Historic Context Statement?**

It is expected to take approximately one year to complete the Historic Context Statement. More information about the project schedule is provided on the City website.

➤ **Will my property be designated as part of this process?**

No. No properties will be formally evaluated or designated as part of this project. Landmarking is a completely separate process that is subject to public notification, participation, and review.

➤ **Can I get involved?**

Yes! The City encourages everyone to share their knowledge of San Gabriel history. More information about how to participate is provided on the City website.

➤ **Where can I learn more about Historic Context Statement?**

For more information about Historic Context Statement, please visit the [California Office of Historic Preservation \(OHP\) website](#). For more information about historic preservation in San Gabriel, please visit the [City of San Gabriel website](#).

➤ **I have more questions. Who should I contact?**

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