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RE: Recommendation of Approval of the Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2014-2016 Budget

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On January 15, 2014, February 5, 2014 and February 19, 2014, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held public hearings and took public comment on the Department's proposed FY2014-2016 Budget. After discussion, the HPC arrived at the comments below:

1. The HPC and Department staff discussed the recent low performance of the Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) performance measure trends and procedural ways in which performance can be improved;
2. The HPC is eager to work more closely with the Planning Commission on Department projects, such as community planning initiatives and legislation, that affect historic resources;
3. The HPC and Department staff discussed the proposed changes to the Historic Preservation Work Program and how staff will continue to address processing times and application backlog. The HPC would like to be updated on the progress of reducing the backlog throughout the year by reviewing data on an established backlog metric;
4. The HPC requested, and the Planning Director agreed, to include a new position in the proposed Budget dedicated to the HPC's Landmark Designation Work Program at 0.50 FTE in FY14-15 that will annualize to 1.00 FTE in FY15-16;
5. The HPC and Department staff agreed to begin scoping the Citywide Historic Survey in FY14-15; and
6. The HPC indicated that the Department should consider requesting additional resources, as needed, in the FY14-16 Budget to reduce the backlog.

Today, the HPC held its final public hearing on the Department's proposed FY2014-2016 Budget and **recommends approval** of the Budget. The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review of the Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Hasz", written over a horizontal line.

Karl Hasz, President
Historic Preservation Commission