



Welcome to Historic Campbell

For many years potential and current residents of the City of Campbell have been unclear what it means to have a property listed on the City's Historic Resource Inventory. The Historic Preservation Board in concert with the City of Campbell have created this document to help explain the key features of the Historic Resource Inventory and why it is great to own and maintain a historic home in Campbell.

The Historic Resource Inventory

The City of Campbell's Historic Resource Inventory includes designated historic properties that are of important historical value to the City. The City also maintains a list of properties that are eligible for designation.



How is a property placed on the Historic Resource Inventory?

Designation of historic resource inventory properties, landmarks and historic districts may be initiated by the City Council, Civic Improvement Commission, Planning Commission, Community Development Director, or upon application of the property owner. Once the property has been nominated the Historic Preservation Board can approve or deny this nomination. If approved, the Historic Preservation Board forwards this nomination to the Planning Commission and the City Council for approval. Public hearings are held at each step to hear recommendations and comments. Once a property is designated a letter is sent to the property owner and the county recorders office.

What does it mean for a property to be designated on the city's Historic Resource Inventory?

Having a property designated on the Historic Resource Inventory means it is unique and deserving of recognition and protection for the benefit of the owner and the community. The property is considered important in helping Campbell maintain its heritage. In addition, properties designated on the Inventory can apply for reduced property taxes through the Mills Acts contracts, take advantage of the State Historic Building Code, and make use of the Adaptive Reuse exceptions for building standards. Federal tax credits are also available for rehabilitation of commercial properties.



Would having a property designated on the city's Historic Resource Inventory affect the value of the home?

There is no impact on resale values. The value of the house is based on the current valuation of each individual home. Having a property designated on the Historic Resource Inventory does not lower its value. In fact, if a homeowner maintains their historic home it could be more valuable than other non-historic homes.

For more information about the Historic Resources Inventory, The Historic Preservation Board, and the City of Campbell, visit: www.ci.campbell.ca.us