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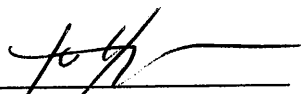
The City is embarking on the first Citywide historic resources survey. The Planning Department and its newly created Office of Historic Resources and the Getty Conservation Institute are awaiting responses in February 2007 to a Request for Proposals to identify firms to assist with the first phase of the project. The second phase of the project will not occur until years three to five (Fall 2008 to Fall 2011).

The first two years of the project will be "initiation phase" that will structure the field-work phase of the survey, and the project will be organized around thematic approaches, and will also include two or three pilot surveys to test the survey's methodology.

However, until the historic resources survey is completed, the City does not have information readily available about the historic value of non-landmarked structures, and the process in place for obtaining demolition permits does not require discretionary action or public hearings if the structure is not a historic monument or landmark, which can result in potentially historically significant structures being demolished, and important aspects of the City's historic resources lost for future generations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report within 60 days on the following:

1. Status update of the City's historic resources survey and selection of the two or three pilot surveys.
2. Feasibility and recommendations for an ordinance that would require a discretionary review by the Planning Department and/or Department of Building and Safety before demolition permits are issued for buildings 45 years old or older.
3. Information on other large cities' procedures and policies for handling applications to demolish non-historic structures that are 45 years old or older.
4. An assessment of any California Environmental Quality Act standards related to the demolition of non-historic structures and delineate the City's compliance process.

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