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From:

Glenn Silloway, President HSMB

I am pleased to send on behalf of the Board of the Historical Society of Morro Bay the attached documents to initiate the development of a Historic Preservation Ordinance for the City of Morro Bay. One document is a conveyance that describes our purpose and process, and the second is a draft Historic Preservation Ordinance.

This project of the Historical Society was triggered by a part of the General Plan update that outlines a multi-step program for the City to use to preserve its historic buildings and places. One of the first steps in the program is to adopt an ordinance so that further steps can be taken. Our purpose in submitting these documents is to help the City move forward on a timely basis to get this done. Historic resources are in jeopardy as we wait.

The draft ordinance was created by a dedicated committee of volunteers from all parts of our community. We started the process almost two years ago, including pandemic interruptions, but we are finally ready to take the next steps. We hope you will include this ordinance in your planning for 21-22.

We are ready to work with the City to see this to completion.