



June 6, 2024

By electronic transmission
City of Alameda Historical Advisory Board
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, California, 94501

Subject: Historic Building Study List correction project

Dear Historical Advisory Board Members:

As you may know, some of the addresses on the Historic Building Study List are incorrect, and some Study List properties are not shown accurately on the City's GIS map layer.

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) has discussed with planning staff the possibility of using AAPS volunteers to help correct the addresses and the GIS map layer. AAPS believes that this will be a major undertaking involving many hours of volunteer time and require at least a year and possibly several years to complete. However, AAPS is initiating this project given the Study List's importance to the City's historic preservation program and the need for the list to be accurate. Staff is very supportive of this proposal and will work with us to facilitate the project.

The project proposal is attached. We request HAB comments on this proposal and invite participation of HAB members in the correction project.

AAPS is aware of the efforts of HAB members to secure funding for a comprehensive update of the 1979–80 survey, which may lead to changes in the properties included on the Study List. We would like to thank the HAB members for taking the lead on this and express our support for your efforts. The Study List correction project is separate but complementary to any update of the 1979–80 survey, since the current Study List could provide a baseline for any Study List revisions that result from the survey update. It is therefore important that properties included on the current Study List are accurately represented for purposes of the survey update.

Please contact me at cbuckleyaicp@att.net or 510-523-0411 if you have questions or would like to discuss this project.

Sincerely,

Christopher Buckley, Chair
AAPS Preservation Action Committee

Attachment: Historic Building Study List correction project proposal

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Corrections to Historic Building Study List Addresses and GIS Layers Using AAPS Volunteers

AAPS PROPOSAL

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OBJECTIVE: Correct the address listings on the Historic Building Study List and the incorrect parcels shown on the Study List GIS map layer.

Note: The Historic Building Study List is a byproduct of the City's 1979–80 historical and architectural survey. Study List properties are considered candidates for Historical Monument designation. Demolition of properties on the Study List require approval by the Historical Advisory Board.

A. Scope of Work:

1. Check each address on the Study List to verify that it is correct. Consider using the 1979-80 survey cards to facilitate this.
2. After the correct addresses are verified, check them against the Study List GIS map layer to identify corrections needed to the layer.
3. For addresses believed to be incorrect, identify one or more alternative addresses that are candidates as the correct address.

B. Method:

Divide the Study List into sections organized by street for each volunteer to work on and report any inaccuracies, including providing a photo of the property believed to be incorrectly included on the List, and a photo of the corresponding property that was believed intended to be included.

C. Schedule/timing

Since there are about 4000 properties on the Study List, at least a year is probably needed and possibly several years. The duration of the project will significantly depend on how many volunteers can be recruited and how much time each volunteer can donate to the project.