

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
HISTORICAL RESOURCES RELOCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY RFP

- 1. Are there currently any buildings that are slated to be moved to the “relocation area?”** No.
- 2. Does the feasibility study contemplate demolishing all or some of the existing non-significant buildings within the project boundary to create space so historical buildings elsewhere in downtown can be relocated to the project area?** Yes, it is envisioned that some non-significant structures could be removed and historical buildings could be relocated to those sites. Any existing designated historical buildings, or those which qualify for designation, would remain.
- 3. What is the scope of the “financial/economic consultant?” What are their deliverables?** The financial/economic consultants will need to evaluate the various alternatives resulting from the study. The consultant will need to evaluate the potential costs to the Redevelopment Agency associated with each alternative. Deliverables will include but are not limited to cost estimates for each alternative.
- 4. Has criteria for the site been established yet? (Minimum size, zoning, topography, etc?)** No. CCDC has done preliminary research and will provide the consultant with information relative to ownership, land use and development potential within the study area. The ultimate size and boundary of any “relocation area” will be evaluated based on results of the study. The Downtown Community Plan and the Centre City Planned District Ordinance (PDO) provide guiding land use regulations for the area.
- 5. Are civil and geotechnical engineers, hazmat or archeological consultants needed on the team?** No, this study is intended only to provide information as to the feasibility of establishing a relocation area and provide alternative strategies for potential relocation of historical resources. This study is not intended to address any specific development proposals including grading, site design, etc.
- 6. Have any of the buildings in the project area been evaluated for historic significance (i.e. have Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms been completed, are any listed on the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or San Diego register? If so, are the evaluations deemed satisfactory or is additional work required?** Yes. There is currently one locally designated resource and twelve known potentially eligible resources identified as part of the 2005 East Village Combined Historical Property Survey within the project boundaries. As part of the survey, consultants prepared DPR forms for each surveyed property, along with historic photographs for some of the properties. These DPR forms were prepared over the span of four years starting in 2001. The properties identified as potentially eligible as well as any building that is currently over 45 years of age should be re-evaluated and DPR forms (A and B) updated and/or prepared.

- 7. Can we assume that existing buildings located in the project site that are eligible for the National Register or California Register or local designation shall not be moved or destroyed?** Yes. It is not the intent to relocate existing or future designated buildings.
- 8. Would the buildings to be moved from downtown to the project site be moved roughly at the same time or over a period of several years?** If a relocation area is established, it is anticipated that buildings would be relocated as they become threatened.
- 9. Have the threatened resources in downtown that may need to be moved been identified? How many and what types of historic buildings could be relocated to the project area? Single family houses, commercial, multiple story, etc.** No. The type and size of structures appropriate for relocation will need to be identified as part of the feasibility study.
- 10. Why was this location selected as the project site?** This area was identified by a local historic preservation group and is not currently planned for redevelopment.
- 11. Moving historic buildings is the least satisfactory means of historic preservation and it is something to be avoided whenever possible. Why consider establishing a relocation district?** While Downtown Community Plan policies strongly encourage preservation, retention and rehabilitation of designated resources, some loss of properties may inevitably occur to accommodate growth and population goals. The consideration of the establishment of a relocation district could serve as an alternative to demolition.
- 12. Once a consultant is selected, is there an opportunity for a non-selected firm to appeal the decision?** After the selection process is complete and approved, and prior to legislative action on the contract, a non-selected firm has the ability to request information regarding the selection process and obtain copies of all solicitations (except portions otherwise deemed confidential).