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Historic Preservation Professional Consulting Services
For the City of Manhattan Beach

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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TO: Ms. Angelica Ochoa
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FROM: Sapphos Environmental, Inc.
(Ms. Alexandra Madsen and Ms. Carrie Chasteen)

SUBJECT: Open Hall Meeting Notes from March 20, 2019

Dear Ms. Ochoa:

This Memorandum for the Record (MFR) recounts the proceedings of the Historic Context Statement open house meeting held at the Fire Department in Manhattan Beach on March 20, 2019. The meeting was well attended with approximately 20–30 attendees. The presentation covered the below subjects, and was followed by public comment and discussion:

What is a Historic Context Statement?

Why is a Historic Context Statement Important?

What is Significance? Character-Defining Features? Integrity?

Types of information included in a Historic Context Statement:

Chronological Organization
Geographical Organization
Thematic Organization
Property Types
Architectural Styles and Character-Defining Features

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Community Feedback:

- Include relevant builders and architects
- Discuss pedestrian-only walk-through streets and how they create a sense of place
- Consider aerospace industry as theme
- Adobe and brick-built homes are unique property type worth mentioning
- Include post offices, banks, schools, churches, and other sites/objects with architectural significance or association with specific events or periods of time
- Include the water tower and unique developments such as Liberty Village
- Discuss demolished, but important, buildings such as Bruce's Beach
- Include historic photographs
- Many celebrities lived in area; include evaluation criteria for notable persons
 - Specifically, artists and other Hollywood professionals
- Public art
- Sand Dune Park and Polliwog Park
- WPA era
- Local businesses such as Ercoles, Moon's Market, Shellbacks, and Metlox
- Sepulveda
- Chevron
- Farming and agriculture
- Two State designated Landmarks

Source materials to include Jan Dennis' books, Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy (MBCHC) walk tour maps.

Additionally, the City of Manhattan Beach (Ms. Anne McIntosh) requested that attendees form a focus group to consider the Historic Context Statement's development at various stages of completion. The attendees comprising the focus group represents key informants who will assist the City and Sapphos Environmental, Inc. in gathering information pertinent to the Historic Context Statement and provide feedback on draft versions as needed. Attendees at the meeting were receptive to this role and agreed to assist in the completion and finalization of the Historic Context Statement.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this MFR, please contact Ms. Carrie Chasteen at (626) 683-3547, extension 102.

Sincerely,

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