



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 11, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Planning Division, Community Development Department  
**SUBJECT:** Mills Act Historic Property Contract For 612 East Valerio Street

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council grant an exception to the Mills Act contract limits outlined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 22.22.160.C.4(m) for a designated Structure of Merit property at 612 East Valerio Street and authorize the Community Development Director to execute a historic property contract.

### DISCUSSION:

Property owners, Jake and Joanne Cryan, are seeking the approval of a Mills Act contract which allows a tax reduction incentive program for historically significant properties. The City established its Mills Act program in 2009.

The Mills Act is a state law enacted in 1972, which allows owners of designated historic properties to enter into a contractual recorded agreement with the municipality within which the historic property is located to preserve, maintain, and rehabilitate the structure. The Mills Act contracts approved with the City require the property owner to propose and itemize a ten-year rehabilitation plan to improve, maintain and repair their properties. In exchange, property owners receive a significant reduction in local property taxes.

The Mills Act incentive program established set limits on the maximum number of contracts allowed per year (8), set a maximum threshold on assessed property valuation in order to qualify, and placed a limit on the overall expected revenue loss. The Ordinance, however, included provisions to allow City Council the ability to approve exceptions to exceed these limits. In order to approve the requested contract, Council must grant an exception to exceed the property assessed valuation cap of \$1.5 million.

Staff believes that the City will experience little financial impact from the execution of this historic property contract. Both staff and the Historic Landmarks Commission recommend approval of an exception to exceed the property valuation cap limit for this property and request Council authorize execution of the historic property contract (see Attachment 1).

## **Background:**

The structure at 612 East Valerio Street was built circa 1908, in the Queen Anne Free Classic architectural style. The house was designated as a Structure of Merit as it is an exceptional example of the Queen Anne Free Classic style that is illustrative of the growth and development of Santa Barbara's middle class residential neighborhoods during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In Santa Barbara, the style became popular at the turn of the century, when much of the city was being developed. Examples of the Queen Anne Free Classic style can be found in the City's older residential neighborhoods including the Upper and Lower Eastside neighborhoods and the Westside neighborhoods. This architectural style characterizes Santa Barbara's late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential expansion that was largely driven by the growth in the City's resort industry and improvements to the transportation system. The house embodies elements that demonstrate an outstanding attention to design, detail, materials and craftsmanship as it features wood, diamond-shaped, divided light windows that are also in the top panes of the wood, front door. The house has simple brackets under the eaves, and elegant, simple, classical style columns on the rounded front porch.

### Eligibility and Program Guidelines for Mills Act Contract Applications

Council approved by Resolution Administrative Rules and Guidelines for all Mills Act contract applications. To enter into a Mills Act contract, a property owner's structure must already be designated a City Landmark, Structure of Merit or listed as a contributing resource to a Historic District. An individual property may also not exceed \$1.5 million in total tax assessed value to qualify for the tax abatement program. The assessed valuation cap limit was intended to maximize benefits to as many properties as possible given the proposed cap in total program revenue loss. If no caps were in place, larger higher-assessed properties could significantly impact the overall program cap limits. The Community Development Director is authorized to execute the contracts if all standards are met, and also executes contracts once the exception is approved by Council.

Ordinance amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 22.22 (Historic Structures Ordinance) were adopted to authorize and implement the Mills Act program including a provision that allows Council to grant exceptions.

*SBMC Section 22.22.135 C-4m reads as follows:*

*"Historic Property Contracts that exceed the limits identified in this Section shall only be approved and executed after and upon the express approval of the City Council."*

In 2009, Council agreed that the proposed Mills Act program had been crafted with sufficient mechanisms in place to limit total city tax revenue loss and that limits on the number of contracts or a cap on the amount of total tax revenue loss. The Council agreed with staff that all reference to caps should not be included in the municipal code itself, but

rather in the administrative guidelines approved by Council Resolution in order to allow the Council to more readily modify the program caps in the future, if deemed necessary.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Staff originally estimated the initial years of the total annual city tax revenue loss to be in the \$6,000 to \$15,000 range. Staff believes this estimate is still accurate given the amount of contracts executed to date. The revenue loss is variable and is expected to incrementally grow since it is based on the number of actual contracts executed, the amount of assessed property values, and the percentage of actual tax revenue the City actually receives from the Tax Assessor's Office from each property.

Four contracts have been executed since adoption of the program. City staff received six applications for 2014. With a total of ten contracts, staff believes that little financial impact will result with the execution of this contract. Both staff and the Historic Landmarks Commission recommend approval (see Attachment 2) of an exception for this property and request Council authorize execution of the historic property contract. The assessed property value of 612 East Valerio Street is \$2.1 million.

The planned rehabilitation project at 612 East Valerio Street is an excellent candidate project for a Mills Act contract. When the current owners purchased the house it had been divided into a duplex, the current owners have already returned the home to a single family residence and have prepared a plan to continue repairing and preserving their property. The owners' plan includes repairing termite damage, deteriorated doors, windows, roof and the front sandstone wall as well as replacing deteriorated plumbing and repainting the exterior of the house. The plan will ensure that the designated Structure of Merit will continue to have important architectural influence on the heritage of the City.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Proposed Mills Act Contract Draft  
2. Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes dated July 16, 2014

**PREPARED BY:** Nicole Hernandez, Urban Historian

**SUBMITTED BY:** George Buell, Community Development Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office

RECORDING REQUESTED BY, )  
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO: )  
City of Santa Barbara )  
Community Development Department )  
630 Garden Street )  
P.O. Drawer 1990 )  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
Attn: Community Development Director

SEND ANOTHER COPY TO:

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**HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT**  
**(“MILLS ACT CONTRACT”)**

**between**

**THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**a municipal corporation**

**and**

**Jake and Joanne Cryan**  
**612 East Valerio Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103**

**Owner of the property located at**

**612 East Valerio Street**

**APN: 027-270-002**

## HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

### ("MILLS ACT CONTRACT")

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, by and between the City of Santa Barbara, a municipal corporation ("City") and Jake and Joanne Cryan (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Owner").

#### RECITALS

1. California Government Code section 50280, et. seq. allow cities the discretion to enter into contracts with the owners of qualified historic properties, as that term is defined in Government Code section 50280.1, for the purpose of providing for the use, maintenance, protection, and rehabilitation of such historic property so as to retain its characteristics as property of historic significance.

2. Owner holds fee title in and to that certain real property, together with associated structures and improvements thereon, generally located at the street address 612 East Valerio Street Santa Barbara, California ("Historic Property"). A legal description of the Historic Property is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and incorporated herein by this reference.

3. On November 11, 2014, the City Council designated the Historic Property as an historic resource pursuant to the terms and provisions of Title 22 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

4. City and Owner desire to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of protecting and preserving the characteristics of historical significance of the Historic Property that help preserve and maintain the community's unique civic identity and character.

5. Owner, in consideration for abiding by the terms of this Agreement, shall be entitled to qualify for a reassessment of valuation of the Historic Property, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3, Part 2, of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and any corresponding adjustment in property taxes resulting therefrom.

## TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and Owner in consideration of mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Preservation of Historical Property. During the term of this Agreement, the Historic Property shall be subject to the following conditions, requirements, and restrictions:

A. The Rehabilitation Plan. Owner has proposed a specific list of projects, acceptable to City, that are to be undertaken and completed for the rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of the Historic Property during the term of this agreement (hereinafter the “Rehabilitation Plan.”) The proposed Rehabilitation Plan is listed in Exhibit “B,” which exhibit is incorporated herein by this reference. Owner shall conduct at least one of the projects listed in the Rehabilitation Plan during each year of this agreement. All such projects shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and the City of Santa Barbara design guidelines.

The projects in the Rehabilitation Plan are listed in chronological order by the contract year(s) in which the projects are expected to commence. In addition, the project list provides an estimated cost of completion for each project. The project commencement dates and cost estimates are provided for purposes of illustration. A project does not have to be completed within a single contract year, nor do all of the listed projects have to be completed during the term of the agreement. However, during each year of this contract, Owner is required to spend an amount at least equal to the annual property tax savings realized by Owner on one or more of the projects listed in the Rehabilitation Plan. Without altering Owner’s obligation to invest the annual tax savings in the rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of the Historic Property, the Rehabilitation Plan may be amended or altered from time

to time by written agreement executed by the City Community Development Director or the Director's designee and Owner.

B. Maintenance Plan. In addition to the Rehabilitation Plan described in Subsection 1(A) above, Owner shall preserve and maintain the characteristics of the cultural and historical significance of the Historic Property. Attached hereto as Exhibit "C," and incorporated herein by this reference, is a listing of character defining features and the minimum standards and conditions for maintenance, use, protection, and preservation of the Historic Property, which shall apply to the Historic Property and with which Owner shall comply throughout the term of this Agreement. In addition, Owner shall comply with the terms of the City's Historic Structures Ordinance (Chapter 22.22) of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code), and shall obtain any applicable permits necessary to protect, preserve, restore, and rehabilitate the Historic Property so as to maintain its historical and cultural significance. At a minimum, during the term of this agreement Owner shall maintain the exterior of the Historic Property in a condition that is at least equal to the condition documented in Exhibit "D." The condition of the exterior of the Historic Property on the effective date of this Agreement is documented in photographs attached as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference.

C. Public View of the Historic Property. Owner shall not construct, install, allow, or maintain any wall, fence, or landscaping along the right of way frontages of the Historic Property so as to prevent the viewing of the Historic Property from the public right-of-way.

2. Periodic Examinations. Upon reasonable advance notice, Owner shall allow reasonable periodic examinations of the interior and exterior of the Historic Property by representatives of the County Assessor, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Board of Equalization and City, as may be necessary to determine Owner's compliance with the terms and provisions of this

Agreement.

3. Provision of Information of Compliance. Owner hereby agrees to furnish City with any and all information requested by City, which City deems necessary or advisable to determine eligibility of the Historic Property and compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Owner shall provide the City with photographs and receipts documenting the progress and expenditures on the required Rehabilitation Plan project(s) during each year of the agreement.

4. Effective Date and Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective and commence on 2014, (“Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect for a term of ten (10) years thereafter.

5. Yearly Renewal. Each year upon the anniversary of the Effective Date (“Renewal Date”), an additional one (1) year shall automatically be added to the remaining term of the Agreement unless a notice of nonrenewal is delivered as provided in Section 3 of this Agreement.

6. Nonrenewal. If either the Owner or City desires in any year not to renew this Agreement, Owner or City shall serve a written notice of nonrenewal upon the party in advance of the Renewal Date (“Notice of Nonrenewal”). The Notice of Nonrenewal shall be effective only if served by Owner upon City at least ninety (90) days prior to the Renewal Date, or if served by City upon Owner, the Notice of Nonrenewal shall be effective only if served upon Owner at least sixty (60) days prior to the Renewal Date. If either City or Owner serves a Notice of Nonrenewal in any year, this Agreement shall remain in effect for the balance of the term then remaining.

7. Owner Protest of City Nonrenewal. Within fifteen (15) days of Owner’s receipt of the Notice of Nonrenewal from City, Owner may file with City a written protest of the Notice of Nonrenewal. Upon receipt of the written protest, the City Council shall set a hearing prior to the expiration of the Renewal Date of this Agreement. Owner may furnish the City Council with any

information which Owner deems relevant and shall furnish the City Council with any information it may require. The City Council may, at any time prior to the annual Renewal Date, withdraw its Notice of Nonrenewal.

8. Breach of Agreement; Remedies.

A. Notice of Breach; Opportunity to Cure. If Owner breaches any provision of this Agreement, City may give written notice to Owner by registered or certified mail detailing Owner's violations. If such violation is not corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of City within thirty (30) days after the date of notice of violation, or within such a reasonable time as may be required to cure the violation (provided the acts to cure the violation are commenced within thirty (30) days and thereafter diligently pursued to completion), the City may, without further notice, declare Owner to be in breach of this Agreement. Upon City's declaration of Owner's breach, City may pursue any remedy available under local, state, or federal law, including those specifically provided for in this section.

B. Remedy - Cancellation. City may cancel this Agreement if City determines, following a duly noticed public hearing in accordance with Government Code section 50285, that Owner breached any of the conditions of the Agreement, Owner allowed the Historic Property to deteriorate to the point that it no longer meets the standards for a qualified historic property, or Owner failed to maintain and preserve the Historic Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If this Agreement is cancelled, under this paragraph, Owner shall pay a cancellation fee to the Office of the Auditor for the County of Santa Barbara as required by Government Code section 50286.

C. Alternative Remedies. As an alternative to cancellation of this Agreement for Owner's breach of any condition, City may bring an action in court necessary to enforce this Agreement including, but not limited to, an action to enforce this Agreement by specific performance, injunction,

or receivership.

9. Destruction of Property; Eminent Domain; Cancellation. If the Historic Property is destroyed by earthquake, fire, flood, or other natural disaster such that in the opinion of the City Building Official more than seventy-five percent (75%) of its market value immediately prior to the damage is lost, this Agreement shall be cancelled because the historic value of the structure will have been destroyed. If the Historic Property is acquired in whole or in part by eminent domain or other acquisition by any entity authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain, and the acquisition is determined by the City Council to frustrate the purpose of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be cancelled. No cancellation fee pursuant to Government Code section 50286 shall be imposed if the Agreement is cancelled pursuant to this Section.

10. Waiver. City does not waive any claim of default by Owner if City does not enforce or cancel this Agreement. All other remedies at law or in equity which are not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or in City's regulations governing historic properties are available to the City to pursue in the event that there is a breach of this Agreement. No waiver by City of any breach or default under this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other subsequent breach thereof or default hereunder.

11. Binding Effect of Agreement. Owner hereby subjects the Historic Property to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Agreement. City and Owner hereby declare their specific intent that the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth herein shall be deemed covenants running with the land and shall inure to and be binding upon Owner's successors and assigns in title or interest to the Historic Property. Each and every contract, deed or other instrument herein after executed, covering or conveying the Historic Property, or any portion thereof, shall conclusively be

held to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to the covenants, reservations and restrictions are set forth in such contract, deed or other instrument.

12. Covenants Run with the Land. City and Owner hereby declare their understanding and intent that the burden of the covenants, reservations and restrictions set forth herein touch and concern the land in that it restricts development of the Historic Property. City and Owner hereby further declare their understanding and intent that the benefit of such covenants, reservations and restrictions touch and concern the land by enhancing and maintaining the cultural and historical characteristics and significance of the Historic Property for the benefit of the public and the Owner.

13. Notice. Any notice required to be given by the terms of this Agreement shall be provided at the address of the respective parties as specified below or at any other address as may be later specified by the parties hereto:

City: City of Santa Barbara  
Planning Division  
630 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Owner: Jake and Joanne Cryan  
612 East Valerio Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

14. Effect of Agreement. None of the terms, provisions or conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between the parties hereto and any of their heirs, successors or assigns, nor shall such terms, provisions or conditions cause the parties to be considered joint venturers or members of any joint enterprise.

15. Indemnity of City. Owner shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless City and its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from any actual or alleged claims, demands, causes of action,

liability, loss, damage, or injury to property or persons, including wrongful death, whether imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state or local governmental agency, arising out of or incident to (i) the direct or indirect use operation, or maintenance of the Historic Property by Owner or any contractor, subcontractor, employee, agent, lessee, licensee, invitee, or any other person; (ii) Owner's activities in connection with the Historic Property; and (iii) any restrictions on the use or development of the Historic Property, from application or enforcement of Title 22 of the City's Municipal Code, or from the enforcement of this Agreement. This indemnification includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines, judgments, awards, decrees, attorneys' fees, and related costs or expenses, and the reimbursement of City, its elected officials, employees, and/or agents for all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them. Owner's obligation to indemnify shall survive the termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement and shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by City, its elected officials, employees, or agents.

16. Binding Upon Successors. All of the agreements, rights, covenants, reservations and restrictions contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties herein, their heirs, successors, legal representatives, assigns and all persons acquiring any part or portion of the Historic Property, whether by operation of law or in any manner whatsoever.

17. Legal Costs. In the event legal proceedings are brought by any party or parties to enforce or restrain a violation of any of the covenants, conditions or restrictions contained herein, or to determine the rights and duties of any party hereunder, the prevailing party in such proceeding may recover all reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court, in addition to court costs and other relief ordered by the court.

18. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be

unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by subsequent preemptive legislation, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions thereof, shall not be effected thereby.

19. Recordation. No later than twenty (20) days after the Effective Date, City shall cause this Agreement to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Santa Barbara. Owner shall provide written notice of the contract to the State Office of Historic Preservation within six (6) months of entering into the contract.

20. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended, in whole or in part, only by written recorded instrument executed by the parties hereto.

21. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action at law or in equity brought by either of the parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for by this Agreement shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and the parties hereby waive all provisions of law providing for a change of venue in such proceedings to any other county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Mills Act Contract for 612 East Valerio Street as of the date and year first written above.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
a Municipal Corporation

OWNER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Casey  
City Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Jake Cryan)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Joanne Cryan)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Services Manager

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
George Buell  
Community Development Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Ariel Pierre Calonne  
City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant City Attorney

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_)

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same  
in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Exhibit "A"  
Legal Description

*The legal description from the grant deed, is attached as Exhibit "A"*

Escrow No. 310035-JWH  
Title Order No. 00310035

**EXHIBIT ONE**

Those portions of Lots 1 and 2 of Valerio Place, in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, according to the map thereof recorded in Book 4, Page 51 of Maps and Surveys, records of said County, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot 2, being the Southeasterly line of Valerio Place, distant thereon Northeasterly 52.50 feet from the Southerly corner of said Lot 1; thence Northwesterly along a line parallel with the Southwesterly line of said Lot 1, above mentioned, to its intersection with the Southeasterly line of Valerio Street; thence Northeasterly along said street line to the most Northerly corner of said Lot 2; thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of Lot 2 to the Easterly corner of said Lot 2; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Lot 2 to the point of beginning.



This is a true certified copy of the original document on file of record in my office. It bears the seal and signature of the County Clerk and Assessor.

*[Handwritten signature]*

COUNTY CLERK AND ASSESSOR, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY DEPUTY \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit “B”

Projects may be interior or exterior, but must utilize all of your tax savings. All projects that affect the exterior of the residence are subject to Historic Landmarks Commission/staff review and approval before work begins as required by Title 22. Work must meet all City requirements and the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

Retain copies of receipts and permits for submittal with the required annual reports.

The City of Santa Barbara does not make any of the Mills Act calculations and assumes no liability for the Mills Act calculations submitted by the applicant as part of the application or the Mills Act calculations of the Santa Barbara County Assessor’s Office.

**MILLS ACT PROGRAM TEN-YEAR RESTORATION PLAN**

612 E. Valerio Street  
City of Santa Barbara

Year	Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
Year 1	Termite treatment and repair termite damage, install new wood fence along side property line, repair and repaint exterior stairs, repaint one room and replace outdoor lighting	\$8,294
Year 2	Repair original broken door knobs on original doors, trim trees that are damaging historic house, repaint peeling exterior paint as needed, replace broken window coverings, repair wood front porch	\$6,200
Year 3	Replace deteriorated plumbing, repair and repaint window casings, refurbish original bath tubs, install attic fan, install low flow toilets	\$8,100
Year 4	Repair exterior roof, trim trees that are damaging house, repair/replace garden fence	\$4,660
Year 5	Repaint interior , repair cracks and sagging ceiling, repair exterior door from garage	\$8,350

Year 6	Replace dirt and gravel drive to match existing, repair original sandstone wall in front and back of property.	\$9,200
Year 7	Install new tile in the kitchen, replace bathroom fixtures, trim trees	\$6,830
Year 8	Repair/replace wood floor sections. Repair cracks in front wall	\$9,300
Year 9	Repaint entire exterior of wood house	\$10,000
Year 10	Replace roof to match existing	\$30,000

To be attached to the Historic Property Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) as Exhibit B.

Projects may be interior or exterior, but must utilize all of your tax savings. All projects that affect the exterior of the residence are subject to Historic Landmarks Commission/Staff review and approval before work begins. Work must meet all City requirements and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Restoration Plan may be amended or altered by mutual agreement. Retain copies of all receipts and permits for submittal with the required annual reports.

## Exhibit “C”

### Property Maintenance Minimum Standards

During the term of this Agreement, Owners shall maintain the Historic Property in compliance with all regulations of the state Health and Safety Code including compliance with the adopted Uniform Housing Code as referenced in Chapter 22.04 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code. In addition, during the term of this Agreement, Owner shall:

1. Comply with Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 22.22.070, Duty to Repair and Maintain Structures of Merit consistent with maintenance plan for preservation of character defining features.
2. Not store non-operational vehicles on the Historic Property in locations that are visible from the public right of way;
3. Not maintain stagnant or standing water on the Historic Property;
4. Not suffer or maintain overgrown or decaying landscaping on the Historic Property. All landscape features should be maintained including, but not limited to grass, trees, and any planting.

Exhibit "D"

*Photos of the exterior are used as Exhibit "D"*



*Front, East, elevation of 612 East Valerio Street. (2014)*



*Streetscape view facing south 612 East Valerio Street. (2014)*



*Intricate front entrance of 612 East Valerio Street. (2014)*



*View of east and south elevations of  
612 East Valerio Street. (2014)*



*Detail of window in need of repair at  
612 East Valerio Street. (2014)*



*Detail of sandstone wall in need of  
repair at 612 East Valerio Street.  
(2014)*

**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES**

**July 16, 2014**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEM**

4. **612 E VALERIO ST**

R-2 Zone

(2:02) Assessor's Parcel Number: 027-270-002  
Application Number: MST2014-00242  
Owner: Jake Cryan

(Application for Mills Act Contract. The structure located at 612 East Valerio Street was built circa 1908 in the Queen Anne Free Classic architectural style, retains almost all its original features and is an exemplary example of its architectural style. The property owner is planning major maintenance and rehabilitation projects necessary to lengthen the life of the building.)

**(Review of a proposed Mills Act Program Ten-Year Restoration Plan and recommendation to the City Community Development Director for approval of the proposed Mills Act Contract.)**

Actual time: 1:51 p.m.

Present: Joanne Cryan, Owner

Staff comments: Nicole Hernández, Urban Historian, stated that the property owner has applied for the Mills Act Historic Property Tax Incentive Program. Staff reviewed the ten year restoration plan carefully and found it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and will restore the house to extend its life for many years.

**Motion:** To recommend that the Community Development Director authorize the execution of a Mills Act contract for the structure located at 612 E. Valerio Street.

Action: Orías/Winick, 6/0/0. (Murray/Shallanberger/Sharpe absent.) Motion carried.

Staff notes: The City Council approved the Mills Act Historical Property Contract (reduced property tax incentive) Program and placed maximum limits to 8 contracts per year. This provision was initiated in 2009.