REQUEST FOR HISTORIC AND SCENIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTION

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION OF REDLANDS, INC., APPLICANT

PUBLIC HEARING to consider **Historic Resource Designation No. 137** – A request to consider a recommendation to the City Council for a nomination for designation as a Local Historic Resource of a two-story brick building utilized as the Redlands Masonic Lodge located at 131 Cajon Street (APN: 0171-301-02-0000). This application is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines

HISTORIC AND SCENIC PRESERVATION MEETING: OCTOBER 7, 2021

Planner: Loralee Farris, Principal Planner

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Chairperson declares the meeting open as a public hearing.
- 2. Chairperson calls upon staff for report.
- 3. Chairperson calls for questions/comments from members of the Commission.
- 4. Chairperson calls upon applicant, or its representative, for comments/testimony.
- 5. Chairperson calls for comments/questions/testimony from members of the public (3 minutes per speaker).
- 6. Chairperson calls upon the applicant, or representative, for rebuttal comments (5 minutes).
- 7. Chairperson closes the public hearing.
- 8. Commission considers the motion(s) and votes.

SYNOPSIS

1. Historic Designation: The property contains an existing 14,911 square-foot multi-

tenant commercial building, historically used as the Redlands Masonic Lodge. The building is two stories, with a partial third

story, and has a brick exterior.

2. Existing Land Use: The primary tenant is the Redlands Masonic Lodge. Smaller

suites within the building are used to a variety of office uses.

3. Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission submittal dates:

(A) Date Submitted: September 22, 2021

(B) Date Accepted as Complete: September 23, 2021

(C) Historic and Scenic Preservation

Commission Meeting: October 7, 2021

- 4. Attachments: A. Aerial Location Map
 - B. Proposed DPR Forms
 - C. Supporting Historic Documentation
 - D. Resolution No. 2021-13

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

The original building, constructed in 1909, was a 50' x 125' building constructed by Fred T. Harris and the Taylor Brothers brick contractors. The building is primarily two stories, with a partial third story, and it has been previously modified. In 1935, a one-story addition was added to the front and back of the building, expanding the dining room and adding a small stage and additional office space. The building represents one of the oldest commercial buildings in the City of Redlands that is still in use by the same organization that commissioned its original construction. The property owner, the Masonic Temple Association of Redlands, is requesting nomination of the building by the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, and designation of the structure by the City Council as a local historic resource. The historic designation would promote and encourage the long-term preservation of this valuable historic resource.

ANALYSIS

Designation as Historic Resource

RMC Section 2.62.180 provides that any person or group may request the nomination and designation of a resource by submitting an application to the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission. A nominated or designated resource may include single structures or sites, portions of structures, urban design features, manmade or natural landscape elements, or works of art that are aged 50 years or older.

Following the designation of the historic resource, any exterior alterations, demolition, moving of the structure, or other permanent change to the property will require future review by City staff and Commission, and will be subject to the provisions of RMC Chapter 2.26 (Application for Certificate of Appropriateness).

The criteria set forth in RMC Section 2.62.170 are used to determine if the nominated resource is significant. Based on the records and documents available, for 131 Cajon Street, staff recommends that the subject property satisfies the following criteria for designation.

1) Section 2.62.170(C): "It is strongly identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture, history or development of the city."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge are an organization that have notably contributed to the culture, history or development of the City. The initial origins of Redlands Lodge No. 300 began when Redlands

Citrograph editor, Scipio Craig, published a notice in his paper in 1887 asking East San Bernardino Valley men to register at this office if they were interested in forming a lodge. The organization has met in Redlands since 1890 and constructed the subject building, where they still meet, in in 1909. On June 12, 1909, the cornerstones of the new Masonic Temple was laid. A parade took place for its dedication on February 28, 1910.

In addition to Scipio Craig, some of the other notable members included Frank Meserve, a city mayor; George Hinckley, city superintendent of parks and water; H.P.D Kingsbury, a citrus grower, former mayor, and school board member; and Albert E. Taylor and Harold Taylor, owners of a notable brickyard in Redlands; and Paul W. Moore, early owner of the Daily Facts newspaper and the namesake of Moore Middle School. The Masons are noted in newspaper articles as being community-oriented and have been involved in fundraisers and events that have directly benefitted the community during their 131 year tenure in the City.

3) Section 2.62.170(D): "It is one of the few remaining examples in the city possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge represents one of the oldest buildings in the City that is still used and operated by the original organization that commissioned its construction in 1909. The building utilizes brick construction, accented with stone and concrete with rusticated quoins accenting the front corners of the building and adorns the words "Masonic Temple" engraved in large letters on a stone section above the entry. The brickwork contains a band of articulated dental work, below the roof molding. The design and brick material utilized for the building distinguish it as part of the downtown core of the City. While many institutional resources were constructed in Redlands during this early development period of the City, few of them remain; resulting in the Masonic Temple as being one of the few remaining examples.

4) Section 2.62.170(I): "It is a particularly good example of a period or style."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge is consistent with the City's Historic Context Statement theme of "Early Development of Redlands (1867-1913)", which includes club/organizational buildings associated with Redlands' earliest patterns of institutional development. The property retains its historic association with Redlands Lodge No. 300, and also retains its integrity of location, design, and feeling. While the building has been modified, which additions to the front and rear occurring in 1935, these additions have gained historic significance in their own right. Minor modifications, such as window change-outs appear to have occurred over time, however, the majority of the features that illustrate its original style and appearance in terms of massing, proportions, and design are still in-tact and the building remains easily recognizable and retains the features that characterized its appearance during its

historical period. The building also earned a Heritage Award from the Redlands Area Historic Society in 1984 as a good example of local architecture that has been maintained in good condition.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed nomination and designation is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3). Section 15061(b)(3) is referred as the "general rule" and applies to those projects where it is seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed application is limited to the historic designation of the property located 131 Cajon Street as a historic resource, and will in no way result in a significant effect on the environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the analysis above, staff recommends that the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission make a recommendation to the City Council that the Redlands Masonic Lodge be nominated and designated as a Historic Resource in accordance with Section 2.62 of the Redlands Municipal Code.

MOTION

If the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission deems it appropriate, staff recommends the following motion.

Historic Resource Designation:

"I move to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, determining that the designation of a historic resource is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), and to nominate and recommend that the City Council designate the Redlands Masonic Lodge located at 131 Cajon Street to be eligible to become a Historic Resource in accordance with Chapter 2.62 of the Redlands Municipal Code."

ATTACHMENT A Aerial Location Map



ATTACHMENT B Proposed DPR Forms

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ATTACHMENT C Supporting Historic Documentation

REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Redlands Heritage Award 1984

Masonic Temple

131 Cajon Street

1909

On September 5, 1908, the Citrograph announced "A prospective view of the proposed new Masonic Temple to be erected on Cajon Street. has been on view in the front window of the Dostal Hardware Store this week. The building is to be 50 x 125 feet, two stories, of brick, marble and concrete. The drawing makes a very pretty picture indeed." The Masons had been meeting in Redlands since 1890 in buildings such as the Odd Fellows Hall on the corner of Orange and Water Streets (Redlands Boulevard), the McGinness Hall on West State Street, and the Post Office Building on the corner of State and Fifth. Finally on June 12, 1909, the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple was laid with big fanfare. A parade of Masons from all over the state participated and the band of the high school was present. The architect of the new building was Fred T. Harris and Taylor Brothers, brick contractors, were awarded the \$21,000 contract for the building. On February 28, 1910 another large parade was given for the dedication of the completed building. At the end of the parade an artificial stone weighing seven tons was placed over the entrance. It said "Masonic Temple" and Taylor Brothers had to build a special crane to do the job. On March 4, 1910, the Honorable Frank P. Meserve, a clothing business owner in Redlands, gave a speech in the newly completed building. It was called "From Tenement to Temple." Meserve was instrumental in the initial efforts of organization of the Masonic Lodge and was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Originally the building entrance had sandstone columns supporting a small balcony. Rusticated quoins accentuated the two-story corners of the building, contrasting with the brickwork of the walls. In 1935, the temple was extended toward Cajon Street and the remodeling included a dining room, kitchen and first floor offices. The cornerstone was moved forward during this expansion process.

Originally the ground floor of the building was occupied by doctors. The second floor is the meeting hall and the third floor has locker rooms, closets and an organ loft. Hot water heating was featured in the building. The Redlands Review said, "The building shows that it conforms architectural style of accepted and ancient orders of architecture."

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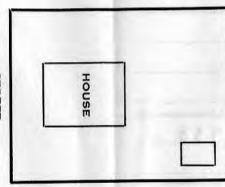
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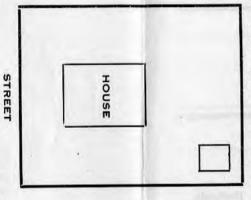
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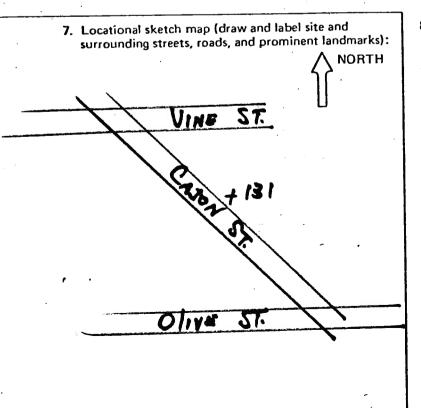
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2. Historic name, if known:		
3. Street or rural address 131 Cahon Street		
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4. Present owner, if known:	Address:	
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DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original

This brick building has two stories and a partial third story. There are cut stone quoins at the outer corners of the first and second stories. A center entry extends to glass doors recessed toward the rear. The entry has ornamental iron work across the top and two upper corners. A square design in brick extends across the top of first and second floors. The words "Masonic Temple" are engraved in large letters on a plain stone section over the entry. There is a large plate glass window centered on each side of the entrance at the first floor. The second floor, which is set back from the building front, has three large windows spaced evenly across the front. The third floor is further recessed from the front and is brick with no apparent decoration.



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9. Condition: (check one)
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10. Is the feature a. Altered? b. Unaltered?
11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)
a. Open land D b. Scattered buildings D
c. Densely built-up . d. Residential .
e. Commercial . f. Industrial .
g. Other
12. Threats to site:
a. None known b. Private development
c. Zoning d. Public Works project
e. Vandalism f. Other
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16. Year of initial construction 1909 This date is: a. Factual x b. Estimated	
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18. Builder (if known):	
19. Related features: a. Barn . b. Carriage house . c. Outhouse . d. Shed(s) . e.	Format garden(s)
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22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates: Redlands Historical Society	• • • •

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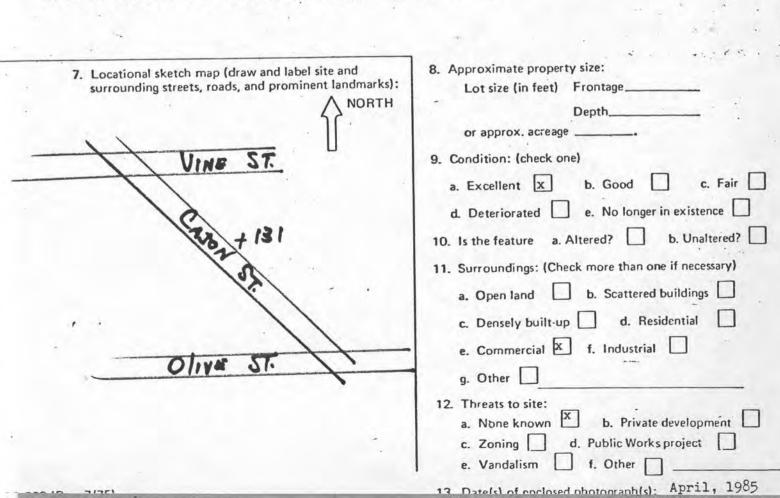
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City: Redlands	ZIP: 92373 County: San Bernardino
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5. Present Use: Offices, meeting hall	Original Use:same
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6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original

This brick building has two stories and a partial third story. There are cut stone quoins at the outer corners of the first and second stories. A center entry extends to glass doors recessed toward the rear. The entry has ornamental iron work across the top and two upper corners. A square design in brick extends across the top of first and second floors. The words "Masonic Temple" are engraved in large letters on a plain stone section over the entry. There is a large plate glass window centered on each side of the entrance at the first floor. The second floor, which is set back from the building front, has three large windows spaced evenly across the front. The third floor is further recessed from the front and is brick with no apparent decoration.



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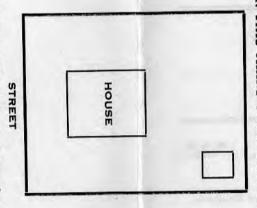
Application for Building Permit

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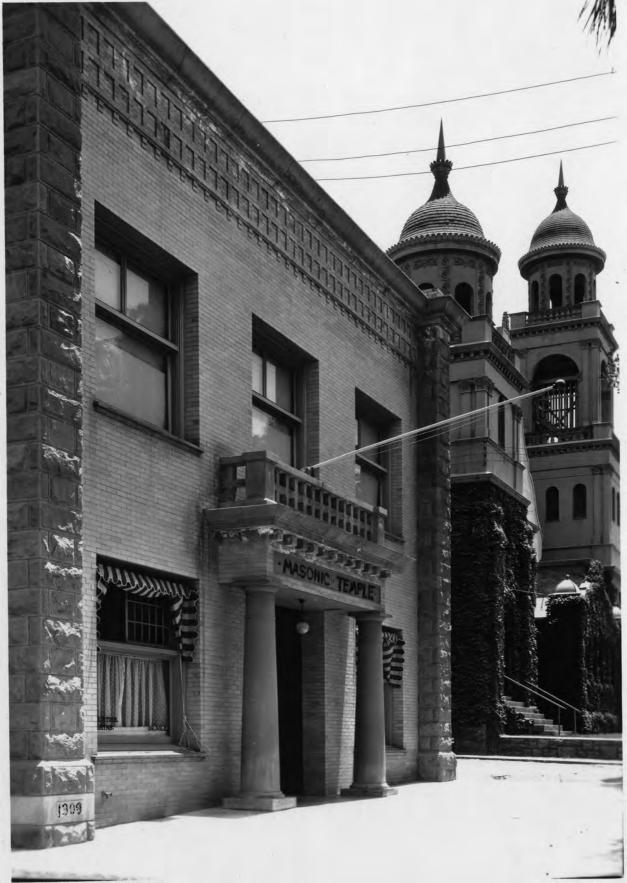
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State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Common name: Masonic Temple

2. Historic name: Redlands Lodge No. 300, Free and Accepted Masons

3. Street or rural address: 13.1 Cajon St.

City Redlands Zip 92373 County San Bernardino

4. Parcel number: ___0171-301-02

5. Present Owner: ______ Address: _____

City _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private ____

6. Present Use: Masonic Temple Headquarters Original use: Masonic Temple Headquarters

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Downtown Storefront

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This turn-of-the century building has irregular stories on a rectangular plan.

The roof on all stories is flat. The wall material on the front exterior is

brick set in stretcher bond style. Just below the roofline,
a laticework pattern is utilized in a corbelling treatment using the same simulated stone
block material

Quoins of cut stone are arranged vertically at the corners of the first and second stories, front of the building. The inscription, "1909" is set in granite stone and placed on the first story quoin, left side. At center, the main structure opening is a flat, recessed porch decorated with iron work trim which ornately forms an arch.

Above the main structure opening is the inscription "MASONIC TEMPLE" with the appearance of cut stone and a small, round sign inscribed, "MASONIC TEMPLE" hange over the main opening as well. There are two windows, first story, one on each side of the main opening, 3 flat second story windows are visible from the street. The recessed entryway is of simulated stone block material, and wood paneling surrounds the doorway. Structural opening has two glass doors with a single paned, transom window of stained glass with the Masonic emblem. The recessed entryway area floor is of mosaic tile.



8.	Construction date: Estimated Factual
9.	Architect Fred T. Harris
10.	Builder Taylor Brothers

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth____
or approx. acreage _____

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

	Condition: ExcellentGood Fair Deteriorate	
14.	Alterations: front brought out/aluminum awnings	
15.	Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Residential Other:	Scattered buildings Densely built-up
16.	Threats to site: None knownPrivate development Public Works project Other:	Zoning Vandalism
17.	Is the structure: On its original site? Moved?	Unknown?
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131 Cajon Street19. Cont'd Significance

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Originally the building entrance had sandstone columns supporting a small balcony. Rusticated quoins accentuated the two-story corners of the building, contrasting with the brickwork of the walls. In 1935, the temple was extended toward Cajon Street. The first floor includes a dining room, kitchen and first floor offices. The corner-

stone was moved forward during this expansion process.

Originally the ground floor of the building was occupied by doctors. The second floor is the meeting hall and the third floor has locker rooms, closets, and an organ loft. Hot water heating was featured in the building. The Redlands Rewizew said, "The building shows that it conforms architectural style of accepted and ancient orders of architecture."

This structure would be an important part of an Historic District.

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Redlands Citrograph Sept. 5, 1908
Building Permit March 22, 1909
Redlands Daily Review March 23, 1909 p.5 Taylor Bros. constructing
May 28, 1909 p.2 Cornerstone laid
June 12, 1909 p.2 History of Masons begin Oct. 7, 1889 Parade
Arizona Standstone columns
June 13, 1909 p.2 Conerstone laying
June 12, 1909 p.2 7 ton entrance stone placed
Aug. 29, 1909 p.5
Dec. 29, 1909 p.5 3rd floor occupants
Feb. 6, 1910 Dedication plans pl4
Feb. 27, 1910 p.4 Dedication Friday

March 5, 1910 p.5 New Temple
Redlands Daily Facts April 30, 1935 p.5 \$1,500 fire escapes
Oct. 24, 1935 p.12 \$14,000 addition to front of the building

LOCAL HISTORY: MASONIC TEMPLE

Redlands lodge dates back to late 1800s

By JULIE FARREN

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The following year the lodge fluid its first meeting, which Crain and his father. William Craig, attended.
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Other notable members were Frank Meserve, the erty's mayor, George Hinckley, etty superinten-dent of parks and water, and H.V.D. kingsbury, etrus grower and school board member.



PHOTO BY JULIE FARREN

Cornerstone of Masonic Temple was laid in 1909.

lands Lodge numbers about 300 members, Reppsaid

The first meetings were held in the old Fellows Hall at the corner of Orange and Water streets now Redlands Boule card, McGinness Hall on West State Street and the Post Office building at the corner of Fifth and State streets.

The cornerstone of the Ma-some Temple at 131 Cajon St. was had in June 1909. The brick con-tractors were Albert E. Taylor and Harold Taylor, also Masons in the Redlands lodge. The Tay for brothers owned a bricky ard in Redlands, Repp said.

The Masonic Temple was dedicated in February 1910, and a parade was held in honor of the dedication. An artificial stone weighing seven tons and insertised with "Masonic Temple" was placed over the main entrance. It is still visible today.

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The Marons also award schol arships amountly to Redlands students.

Thomas O'Lear 44, received a \$400 scholarship from the Masons in June 1995 for an escay he wrote. He fised the scholarship money to attend two semesters at Sam Bernardino Valley College, where he studied police science and took reading and spelling classes.

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O'Lear a graduate of Bed-lants Adult School, and the gen-crosity of the masons has touched him deepth.
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"What I had seen of the men, I
wanted to emulate said Wiley
who presently is Worshippith Magtor of Redlands Lodge No. 300.

Repp said every school in
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Repp said he has gotten much
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"I enjoy the fellowship of any thing," said Repp. "I also enjoy Masonry from the historic aspect of it. I'm a buff for history."

ATTACHMENT D Resolution No. 2021-13

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC AND SCENIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATION NO. 137 FOR THE BUILDING REFERED TO AS THE REDLANDS MASONIC LODGE LOCATED AT 131 CAJON STREET (APN: 0171-301-02-0000).

WHEREAS, the Masonic Temple Association of Redlands, Inc. has submitted an application for Historic Resource Designation No. 137 for an 14,911 square-foot multitenant commercial building, historically used as the Redlands Masonic Lodge. The building is two stories, with a partial third story towards the rear, and has a brick and stone exterior, located at 131 Cajon Street.

WHEREAS, notice of this Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission public hearing for the Project was duly published in the Redlands Daily Facts by the Secretary to the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission held a public hearing and considered the staff report, oral report, the testimony and the written evidence submitted by and on behalf of the applicant and by members of the public; and,

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule) provides for exemption from environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project qualifies for this exemption; and,

WHEREAS, following the public hearing for the Historic Resource Designation the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission determined that approval of the requested Historic Resource would be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC AND SCENIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission recommends to the City Council that the proposed project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15061(b)(3), and there is no substantial evidence of any potentially significant impacts. The proposed application is limited to the historic designation of the property located 131 Cajon Street as a historic resource, and will in no way result in a significant effect on the environment.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission nominates the property at 131 Cajon Street to be eligible to become a Historic Resource, pursuant to Section 2.62 of the Redlands Municipal Code.

Section 3. The Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission recommends that

the City Council designate the property located at 440 Oriental Avenue as a Historic Resource pursuant to Section 2.62 of the Redlands Municipal Code based on the following criterion:

A. Section 2.62.170(C): "It is strongly identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture, history or development of the city."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge are an organization that have notably contributed to the culture, history or development of the City. The initial origins of Redlands Lodge No. 300 began when Redlands Citrograph editor, Scipio Craig, published a notice in his paper in 1887 asking East San Bernardino Valley men to register at this office if they were interested in forming a lodge. The organization has met in Redlands since 1890 and constructed the subject building, where they still meet, in in 1909. On June 12, 1909, the cornerstones of the new Masonic Temple was laid. A parade took place for its dedication on February 28, 1910.

In addition to Scipio Craig, some of the other notable members included Frank Meserve, a city mayor; George Hinckley, city superintendent of parks and water; H.P.D Kingsbury, a citrus grower, former mayor, and school board member; and Albert E. Taylor and Harold Taylor, owners of a notable brickyard in Redlands; and Paul W. Moore, early owner of the Daily Facts newspaper and the namesake of Moore Middle School. The Masons are noted in newspaper articles as being community-oriented and have been involved in fundraisers and events that have directly benefitted the community during their 131 year tenure in the City.

B. Section 2.62.170(D): "It is one of the few remaining examples in the city possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge represents one of the oldest buildings in the City that is still used and operated by the original organization that commissioned its construction in 1909. The building utilizes brick construction, accented with stone and concrete with rusticated quoins accenting the front corners of the building and adorns the words "Masonic Temple" engraved in large letters on a stone section above the entry. The brickwork contains a band of articulated dental work, below the roof molding. The design and brick material utilized for the building distinguish it as part of the downtown core of the City. While many institutional resources were constructed in Redlands during this early development period of the City, few of them remain; resulting in the Masonic Temple as being one of the few remaining examples.

C. Section 2.62.170(I): "It is a particularly good example of a period or style."

The subject property meets this criterion. The Redlands Masonic Lodge is consistent with the City's Historic Context Statement theme of "Early Development Redlands (1867-1913)", which includes of club/organizational buildings associated with Redlands' earliest patterns of institutional development. The property retains its historic association with Redlands Lodge No. 300, and also retains its integrity of location, design, and feeling. While the building has been modified, which additions to the front and rear occurring in 1935, these additions have gained historic significance in their own right. Minor modifications, such as window change-outs appear to have occurred over time, however, the majority of the features that illustrate its original style and appearance in terms of massing, proportions, and design are still in-tact and the building remains easily recognizable and retains the features that characterized its appearance during its historical period. The building also earned a Heritage Award from the Redlands Area Historic Society in 1984 as a good example of local architecture that has been maintained in good condition.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 7th day of October, 2021.

Kurt Heidelberg, Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Linda McCasland, Secretary to the Commission

I, Linda McCasland, Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission Secretary of the City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Historic

and Scenic Preservation Commission at a regular me October, 2021.	eting thereof held on the 7 th day of
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ABSENT:	
ABSTAINED:	
	Linda McCasland, Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission Secretary