

Important Notice: Property and Business Owners, Residents, and Tenants along Isleton's Historic Chinese and Japanese Commercial District fronting Main Street.

Dear Citizens of Isleton,

As part of our commitment to preserving the rich heritage of our Isleton community, the City of Isleton has a newly appointed Isleton Historic Preservation Review Board (IHPRB), to support all who own, work, or reside within the National Heritage Area which is designated on the National Register of Historic Places known as Isleton's Chinese and Japanese Commercial Districts – specifically all addresses that front Main St. come under this Ordinance.

Isleton's nationally recognized honorary listing bestowed by the US Congress and National Park Service (NPS), has been in place since 1991 and carries with it significant responsibility. It is a shared role where every citizen must work together in the maintenance and betterment of the quality and character of our time-honored and storied Main Street.

Our traditionally Chinese and Japanese Commercial District has intrinsically significant cultural, historic, and entrepreneurial value. For this reason, the IHPRB is now in place to uphold current guidelines and to provide any qualified applicant with guidance to resolve design Proposals – as well as potential funding and building resources that may pertain to your Projects.

For any proposed change to your building within Isleton's Chinese and Japanese Commercial Districts, its Guidelines and Regulations have been amended and applied to support our District's heritage, preservation, and historic integrity.

The National Heritage Area Act and National Register of Historic Places regulations provide the legal framework that the Isleton Historic Preservation Review Board (IHPRB) interprets to protect and conserve the cultural, architectural, and historic significance of our community.

National Historic Integrity - Isleton's Chinese and Japanese Commercial Districts

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Act (NHA). The Sacramento San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area was created by Congress in 2019. It is the first – and so far the only – NHA in California, a distinction that underscores the region's historic and cultural value in a state better known nationally for its coastal cities and resources. The Delta NHA boundary extends from Sacramento to Stockton to Vallejo with the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers at its heart.

The history of California's Delta and Carquinez Strait is a rich tapestry of indigenous peoples and immigrants from around the world, natural beauty and wildlife, engineering marvels, bustling metropolitan areas, and picturesque rural towns. The native peat soils provide fertile cropland and its water supports 27 million Californians.

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

The National Register of Historic Places is the United States federal government's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation for their historic significance or "great artistic value". A property listed in the National Register or located within an NRHP District may qualify for tax incentives derived from the total value of expenses incurred in preserving the property.

Community Responsibilities, Compliance Requirements, And What You Need to Know

Property Owners, Business Owners, Residents, and their Tenants all contribute to the overall character of this district and are responsible for maintaining the historic integrity of its buildings, and any modifications must be aligned with historic preservation standards. This includes adhering to specific Planning and Building guidelines that govern all forms of renovations, repair, and alteration to the exterior of your property – such as additions, material changes to façades, roofing, windows, siding, paint, etc.

Certificate Of Appropriateness (COA)

For all Main Street buildings, you are required to submit a COA for Review and Approval in advance of any changes to your building, street front landscaping, or fencing. The COA Form is available on the City's website and at Isleton City Hall. ***Please note: Administrative and Civil penalties may apply for non-compliance.***

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Hours: Mon – Thu 8:00 am - 5:00 pm / Fridays: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Closed: 12 noon - 1:00 pm for Lunch / *Closed on Weekends and Holidays*

Resources, References, and Assistance

We encourage you to explore the following available resources, including:

- Local Preservation Office [IHPRB]: Guide compliance and offer assistance.
- Historic Societies: These organizations often host workshops and educational events.
- Financial Incentives: Some programs offer tax credits for historic preservation efforts.
- National Heritage Area Act
- Historic Districts in the United States
- California State Laws Relating to Historic Preservation
- Federal Laws Relating to Historic Preservation
- Understanding How Accessibility and the ADA Applies to Historic Properties

By preserving our historic district, we contribute to the unique character and charm of our neighborhood. Let's work together to maintain Isleton's legacy for current and future generations.

We appreciate your cooperation in safeguarding Isleton's heritage. If you have any questions or need further information, we are here to help. So, please contact the Isleton Historic Preservation Review Board (IHPRB) by email at dianaobrien@cityofisleton.com, or by calling City Hall directly at (916) 777-7770.

Thank you,

Paul Cantelli and Lori Kent, IHPRB Co-chairs

John Randolph, IHPRB Board Member

Pamela Bulahan, Mayor of Isleton and IHPRB Board Member