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re: ED18-018, UP18-008, LLA18-001, APN 011-278-01&-02 at 703-723 Third St, 898 Lincoln Ave, Wick Polite/  
Rick Williams

Dear Mr. Steve Stafford,

Records at this office were reviewed to determine if this project could adversely affect cultural resources.  
**Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures. The review for possible historic-era building/structures, however, was limited to references currently in our office and should not be considered comprehensive.**

**Project Description:** To construct a new 120-unit, 73'-tall, apartment building with 121 garage parking spaces, a majority will be provided through mechanical parking systems or lifts.

**Previous Studies:**

XX This office has no record of any previous cultural resource studies for the proposed project area (*see recommendation below*).

**Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:**

XX Based on an evaluation of the environmental setting and features associated with known sites, Native American resources in this part of Marin County have been found along the general margin of the bay and its associated wetlands, near sources of water (including perennial and intermittent springs and streams), and near the interface between low-lying terrain and higher elevation foothills. The proposed 703 Third St Apartments project area is located on an alluvial plain located approximately sixty meters north of San Rafael Creek. Given the environmental sensitivity of the proposed 703 Third St Apartments project area, there is a high potential of unrecorded Native American resources in the proposed 703 Third St Apartments project area.

Additionally, the 1894 and 1907 Sanborn Maps indicate six former buildings within the project area. With this in mind, there is a high potential for buried historic-period archaeological resources in the proposed 703 Third St Apartments project area.

Given the potential for archaeological resources in the proposed 703 Third St Apartments project area, our usual recommendation would include archival research and a field examination. The proposed project

area, however, has been highly developed and is presently covered with asphalt, buildings, or fill that obscures the visibility of original surface soils, which negates the feasibility of an adequate surface inspection. Therefore, prior to demolition or other ground disturbance, we recommend a qualified archaeologist conduct further archival and field study to identify archaeological resources, including a good faith effort to identify archaeological deposits that may show no indications on the surface.

Field study may include, but is not limited to, hand auger sampling, shovel test units, or geoarchaeological analyses as well as other common methods used to identify the presence of buried archaeological resources. Please refer to the list of consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>.

- XX We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916)373-3710.

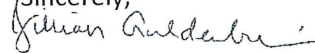
#### **Built Environment Recommendations:**

- XX The 1950 USGS Mt. Tam 15' quad depicts an urban area, indicating one or more buildings in the proposed project area. Since the Office of Historic Preservation has determined that any building or structure 45 years or older may be of historical value, if the project area contains such properties, it is recommended that prior to commencement of project activities, a qualified professional familiar with the architecture and history of Marin County conduct a formal CEQA evaluation.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

For your reference, a list of qualified professionals in California that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be found at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>. If archaeological resources are encountered during the project, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds should be halted until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation. If you have any questions please give us a call (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,  
  
Jillian Guldenbrein  
Researcher