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Subject: Concerns Regarding Significant and Potentially Adverse Impacts to Historic Resources in Aptos Associated with Segment 12 Auxiliary Lanes and Rail Trail Construction

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Dear Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission,
I continue to be concerned regarding potential significant and adverse impacts on the historic resources of Aptos as the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Segment 12 Auxiliary Lane and Rail Trail Project moves forward. Public Comment on the EIR closes June 2, 2023.
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Appendix C is the Historic Resource evaluation:
https://sccrtc.org/wp-content/uploads/Highway1AuxLanes_TechStudies/Hwy1_AuxLanes_HPSR-redacted.pdf

I am concerned that the only eligible historic resource is the Bayview Hotel, but the Rice House and Jose Arano House are deemed ineligible for protection. You may remember that the RTC recently purchased the land on which the Rice House and Jose Arano House sit. (See page 25 of the report)

In a recent meeting with Bayview Hotel owner, Ms. Cristina Locke, and RTC Director Mr. Luis Mendez and Ms. Sarah Christensen, it became known that the RTC intends to obtain the right-of-way for a significant amount of land in front of the Bayview Hotel, claiming nearly 50% of the parking area adjacent to the railroad tracks. The RTC staff claim that they may already own this land as part of the acquisition of the rail line in 2012, but have not been able to provide documentation of that claim. This would alter the historic context of the Bayview Hotel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places as NR1.

Because your Commission will not meet before the close of Public Comment on the Project EIR, I request that this letter be distributed to the full Commission, and that each Commissioner be encouraged to submit written comment on the Segment 12 EIR Historic Resources analysis and determinations.

Thank you for your work to preserve the important historic and cultural resources in our County.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner