



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Creation of Historic Districts and Preservation of Rural Areas Discussion

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Discuss the creation of historic districts and the preservation of rural areas; and
2. Provide direction to City staff.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Background**

On May 4, 2022, the City Council requested a future agenda item to discuss the creation of historical districts and preserving rural areas.

#### **Historic Preservation/Historic Districts**

The City currently does not have a historic preservation ordinance or any historic districts. However, local jurisdictions in California have the authority to adopt a local ordinance with regulations for protecting historic properties.

Historic preservation ordinance provisions may apply to individual structures, features, landmarks, or sites, and/or may apply to a district or defined geographic area. A local historic district is an entire area or group of historic structures, features, landmarks, or sites deemed significant to a city's cultural fabric that are protected by public review. They are typically downtown commercial areas, main streets, and residential neighborhoods, and could potentially include rural areas.

Understanding local preservation goals is a crucial first step in the drafting process, and every effort should begin with a clear and succinct purpose statement.

- What is the historic value that the community wishes to preserve and where is it?

**STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Livable and Economically Prosperous Community

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.