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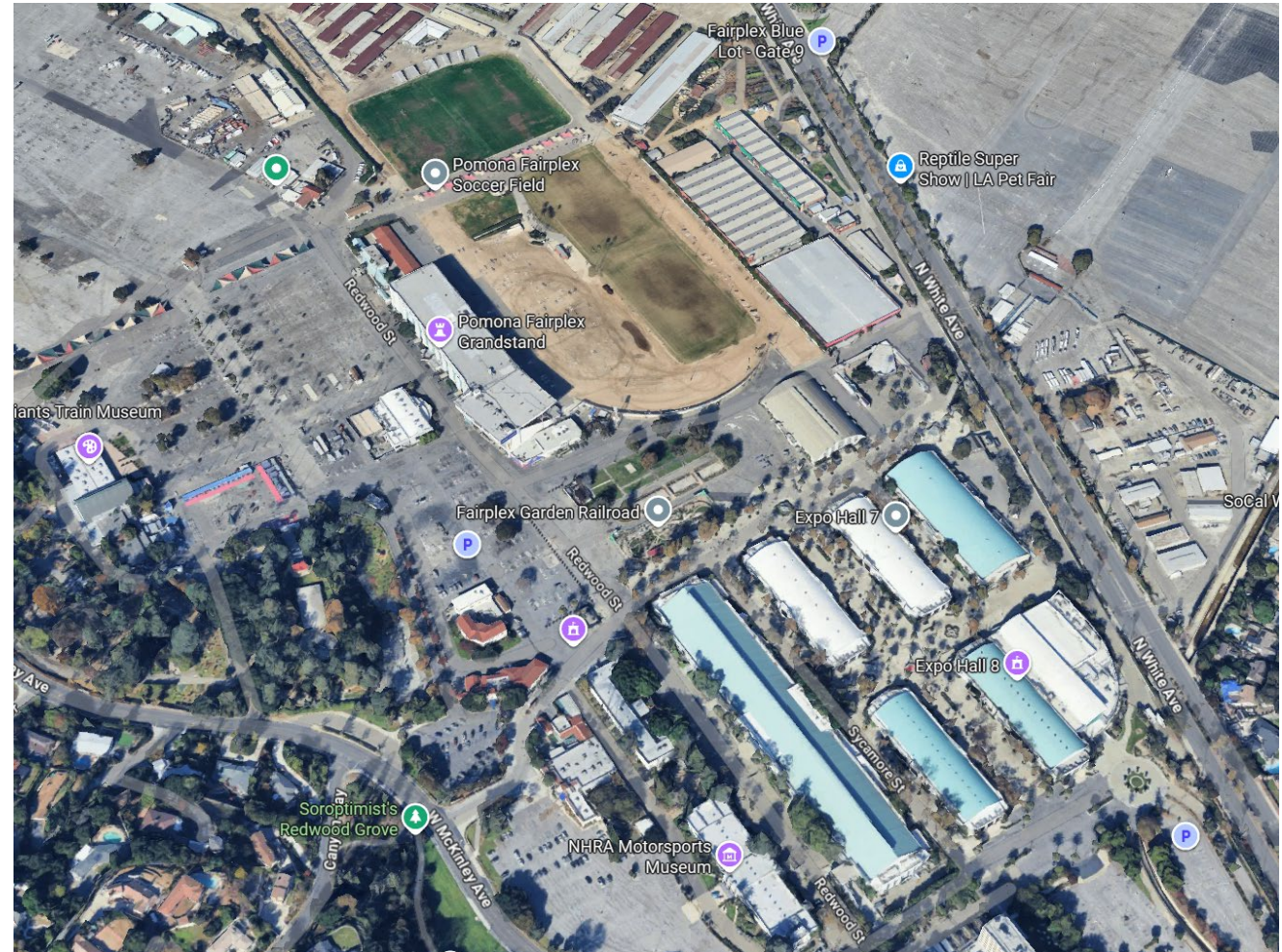
A REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE FAIRPLEX AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

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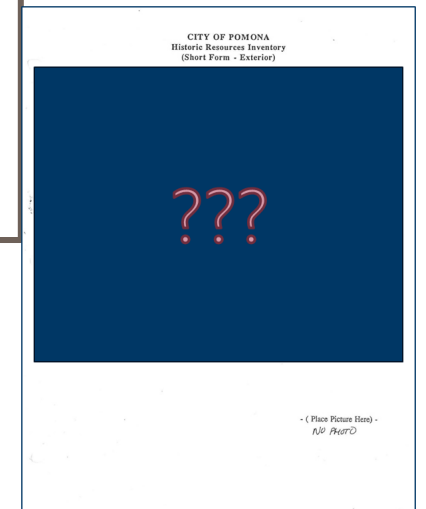
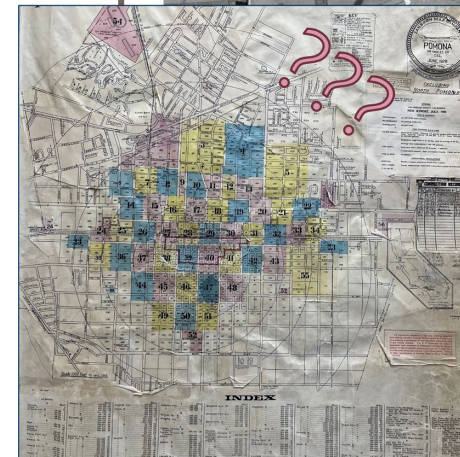
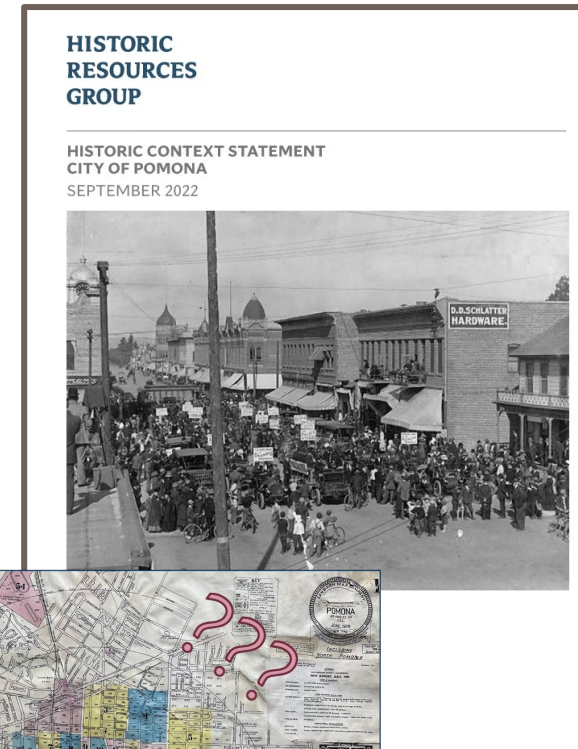
- The City of Pomona initiated this request to designate a portion of the 500-acre Fairplex as a local historic district





RESEARCH MATERIALS

- Site Visits
- Library Archives
- City of Pomona Sanborn Map (1928-1958)
- Building Permits (1959-2015)
- Historic Resources Inventory (1992)
- Historic Aerial Photographs (1938-1970)
- City of Pomona Historic Context Statement (2022)
- Cultural Resource Assessment (2011)





PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Period of time that makes the area historic
- Can be a single date, or year. Can be many years.
- 1922-1961



First Fair - 1922





1923







1938





Pomona Assembly Center - WWII

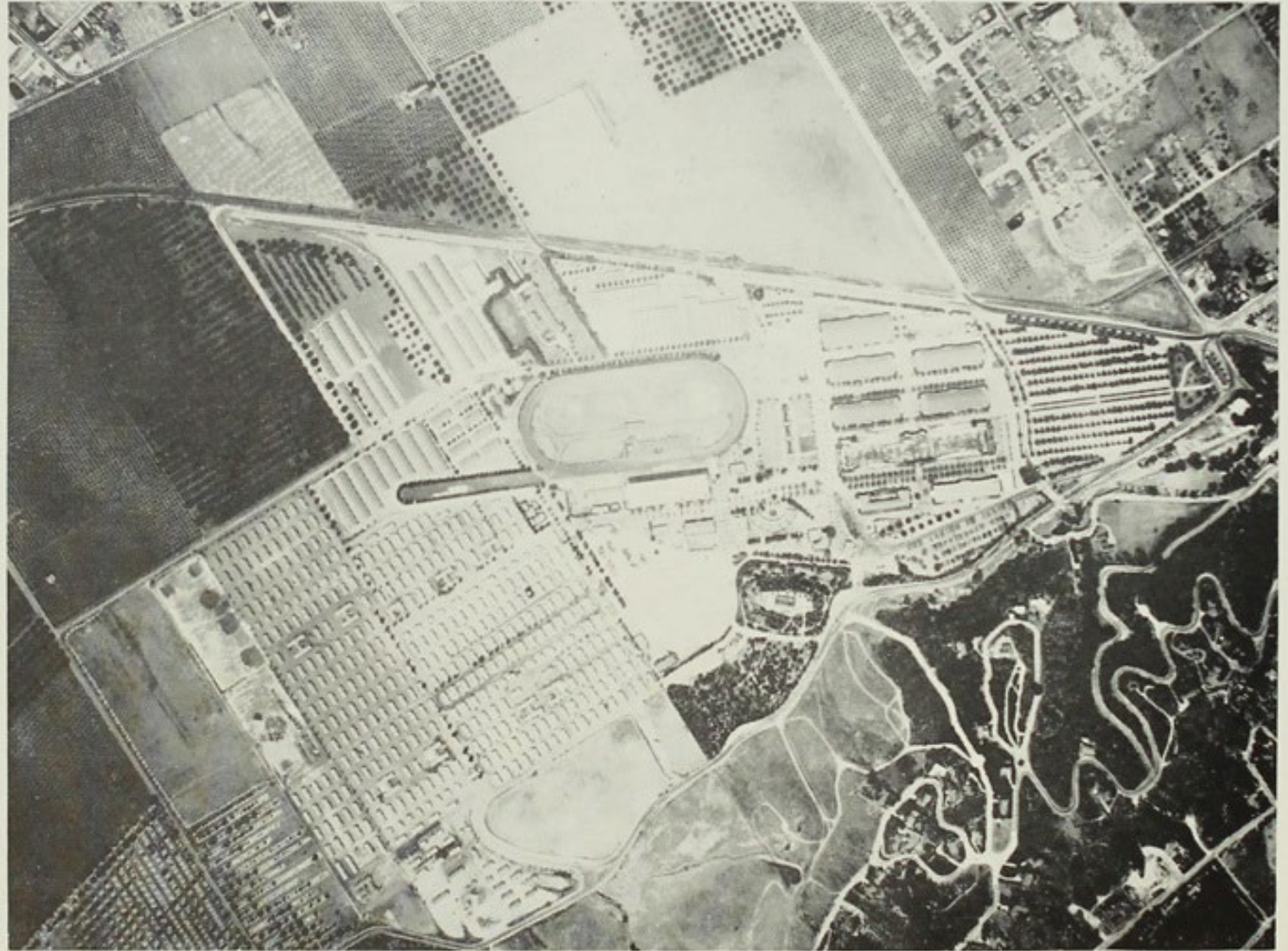


FIGURE 16-f—POMONA ASSEMBLY CENTER



Pomona Assembly Center - WWII

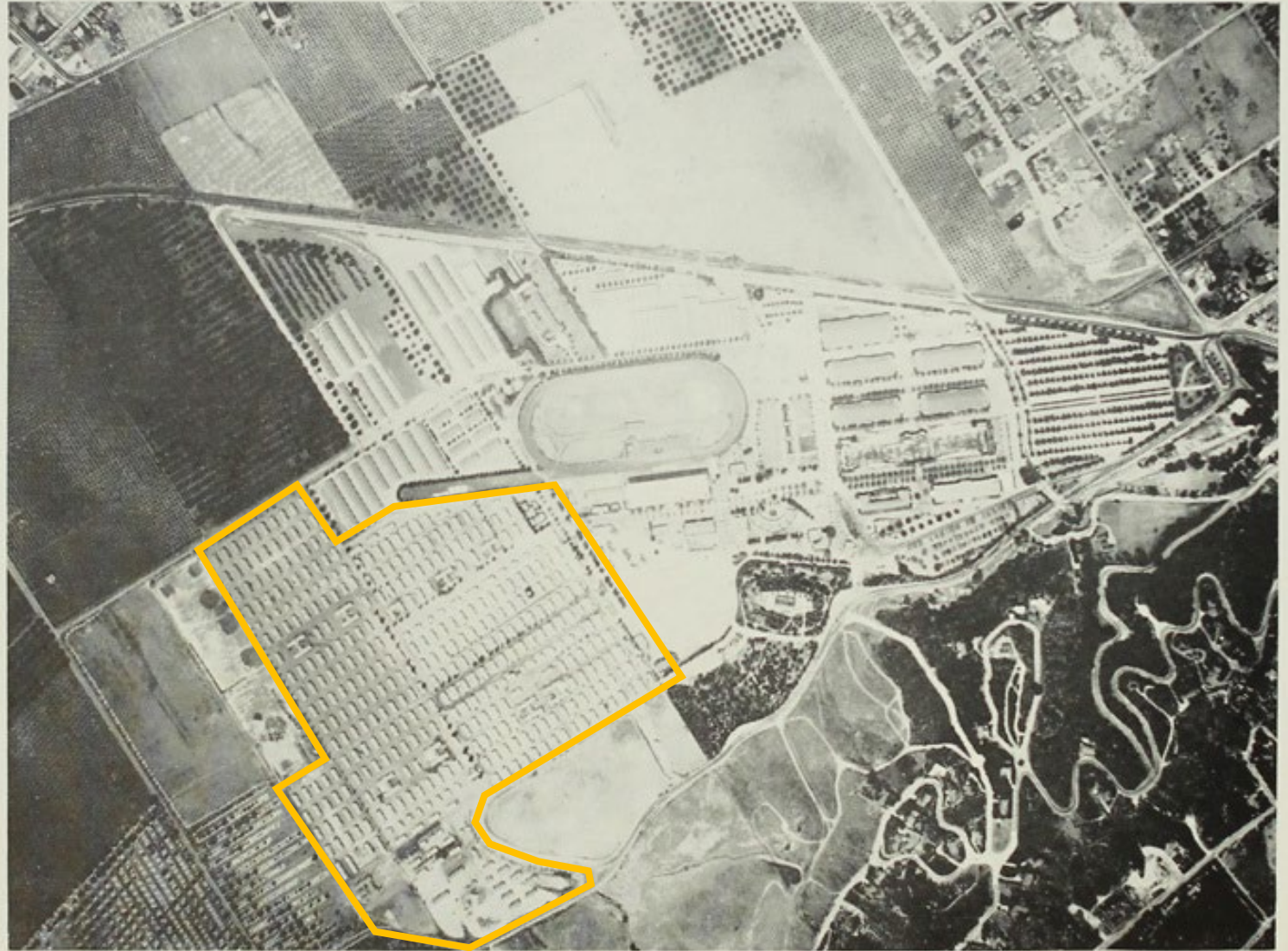


FIGURE 16-f—POMONA ASSEMBLY CENTER



Pomona Assembly Center - WWII







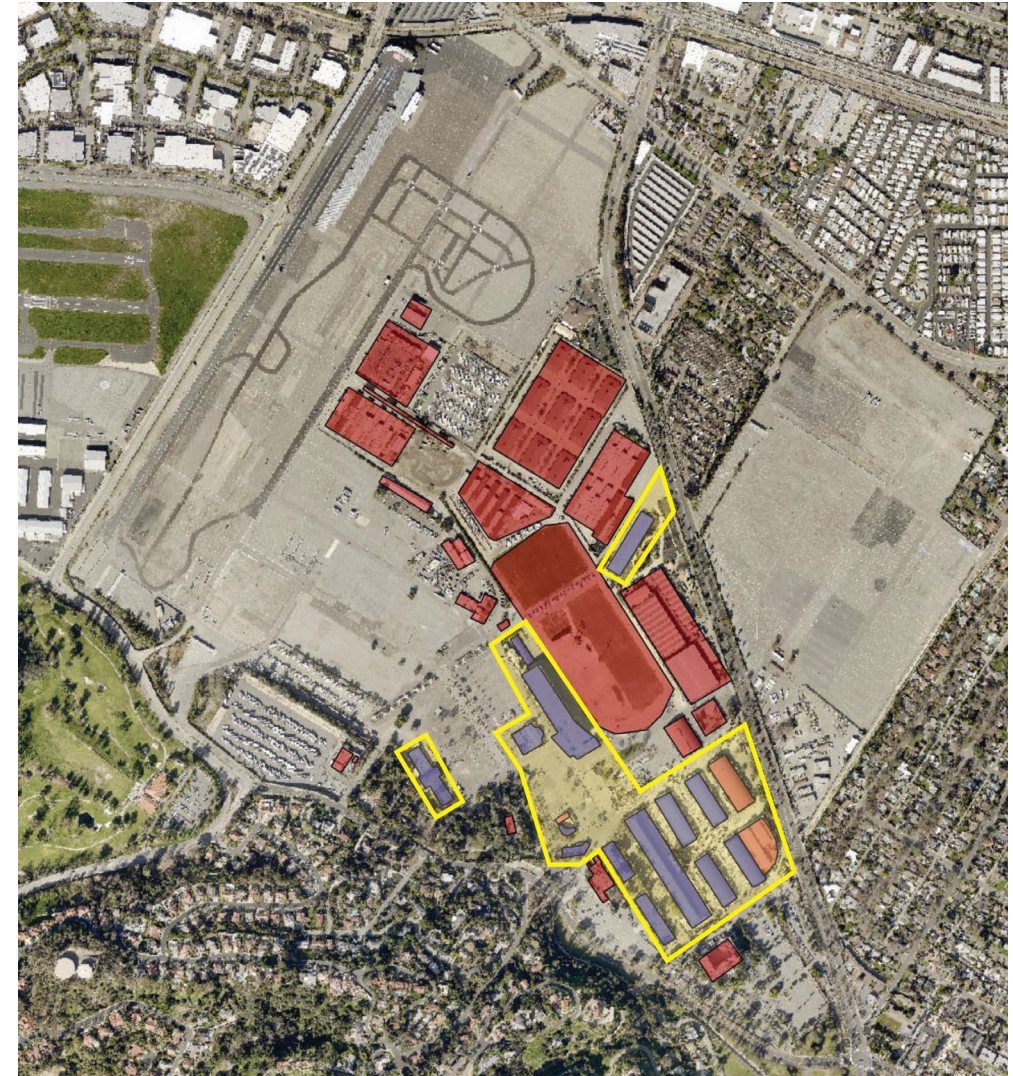
Proposed District Boundaries





PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

- District has 3 sections:
 1. Flower Building
 2. Main Fairgrounds
 3. Show Barn (Carnation Dairy Barn)
- Reasons:
 - Too much vacant land
 - Too many noncontributing resources
- Protects what's important
- Provides flexibility for Fairplex





HISTORIC AERIALS

1948



DATE

PRESENTATION TITLE

1953



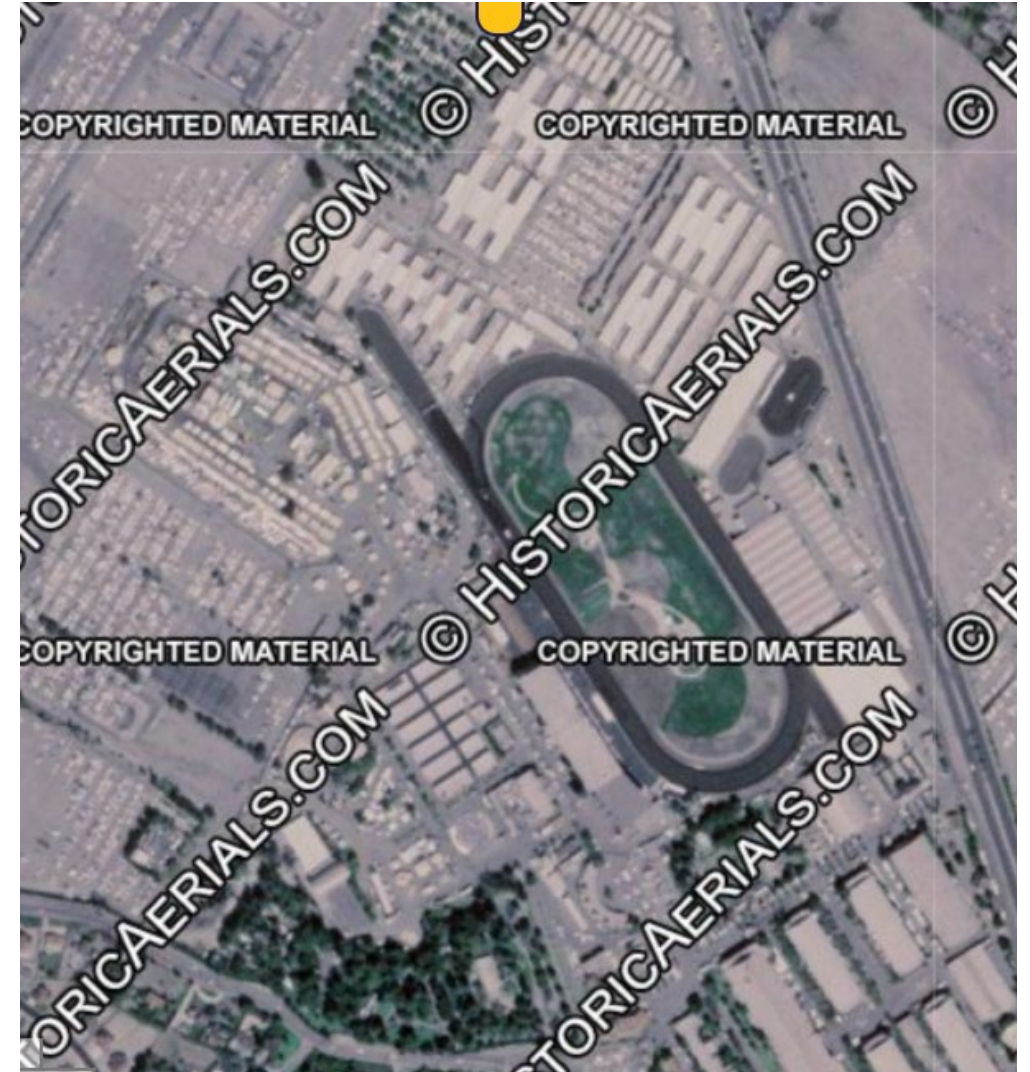


HISTORIC AERIALS

1965



1985



DATE

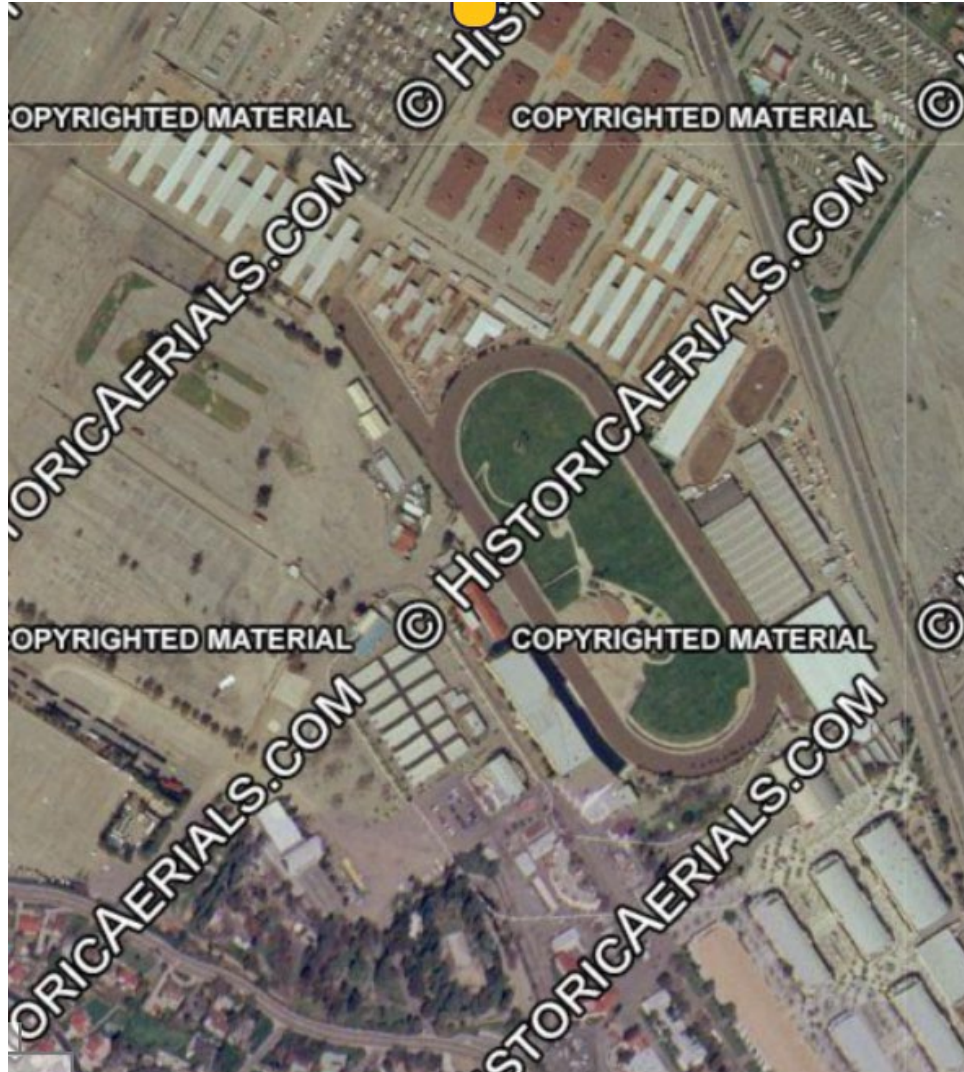
PRESENTATION TITLE

Development Services Department | Planning Division



HISTORIC AERIALS

1993



2018



DATE

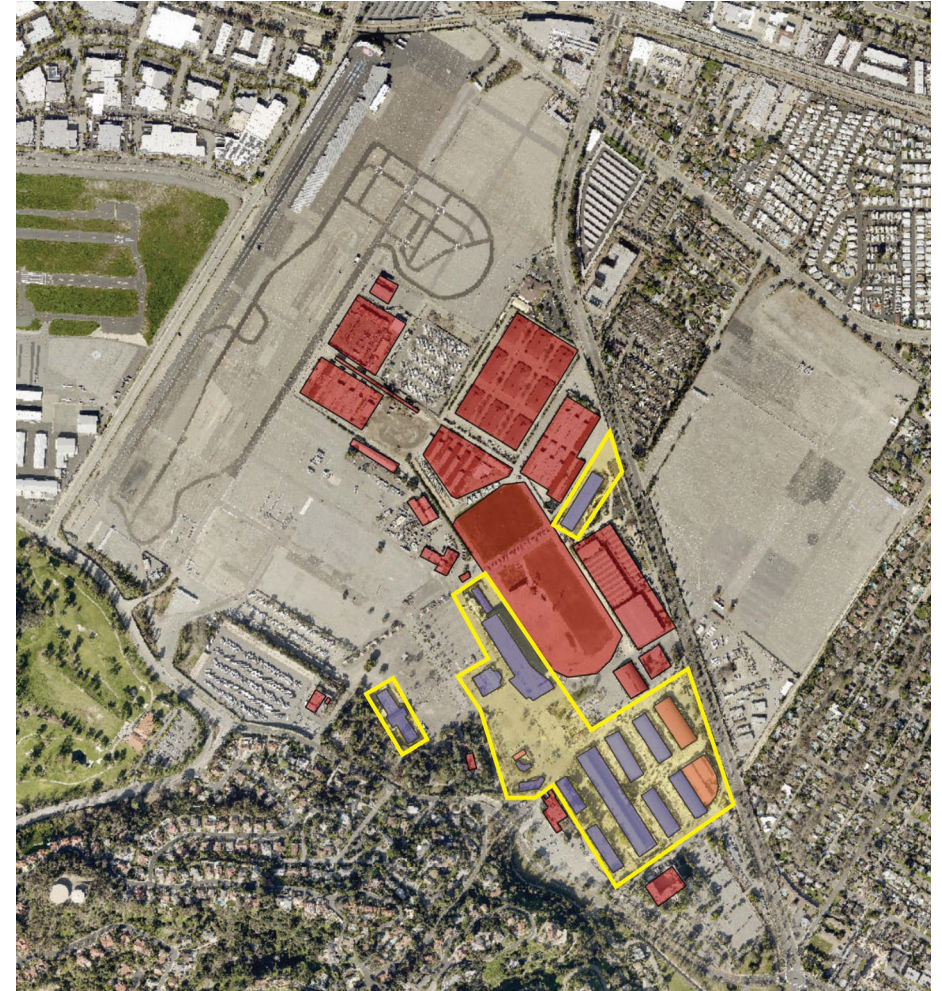
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CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

- Flower Building
- Show Barn
- Exhibit Halls
- Millard Sheet Building
- NHRA Museum Building
- Grandstands
- Avalon Restaurant
- Longboard Bar
- Administration Building I and II





























DESIGNATION CRITERIA

- Eligible for the National Register
 - Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A).
 - Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C).
- Eligible for the California Register
 - Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States (Criterion 1).
 - Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values (Criterion 3).



DESIGNATION CRITERIA

■ Pomona District Criteria

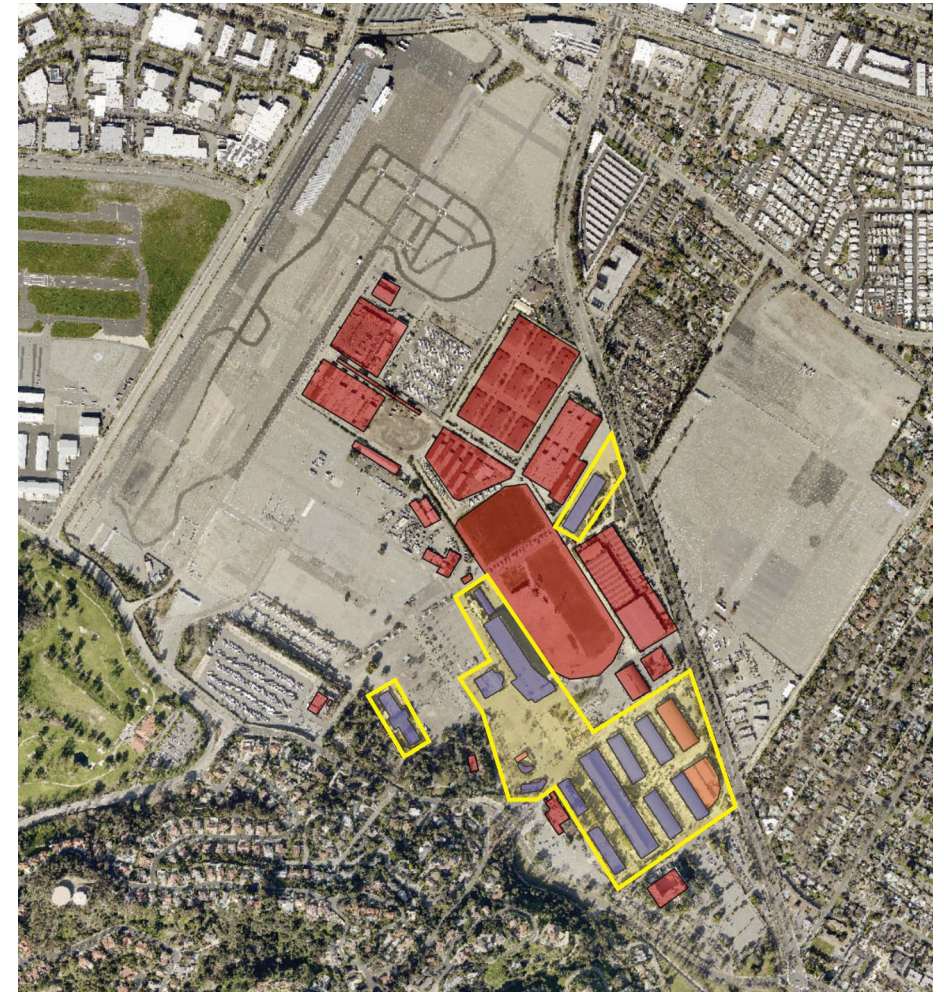
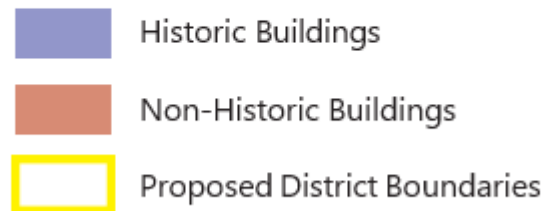
- It is a contiguous area possessing a concentration of eligible historic resources or thematically related grouping of structures which contribute to each other and are unified by plan, style, or physical development; and (b) embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction; represents the work of a master; or possesses high artistic values (*Criterion 4 in previous ordinance*);
- It reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of a park landscape, site design, or community planning (*Criterion 9 in previous ordinance*); and
- It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship (Criterion 3 in previous ordinance);
- It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city of Pomona's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history (Criterion 1 in previous ordinance);



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- April 1, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission recommended City Council designate a portion of the Fairplex as historic and determined other structures at the Fairplex were not historic.

Fairplex Historic Buildings





RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Conduct a public hearing and receive public testimony; and
2. Adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-075 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE POMONA FAIRPLEX, LOCATED AT 601 WEST MCKINLEY AVENUE AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (HDD-000111-2026)