The Marin County Civic Center and the World Heritage Nomination List

Report to the Marin County Board of Supervisors
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The Grand Canyon
COMMUNITY OF MARIN

Monticello
Abu Simbel Temples
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Venice and its Lagoons
Borobodur
World Heritage Site Criteria for Cultural Sites

1. To represent a masterpiece of human creative genius

2. To exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design

3. To bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared

4. To be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history

5. To be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change

6. To be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance. (The Committee considers that this criterion should preferably be used in conjunction with other criteria);
U.S Tentative List

Cultural Properties:
- Civil Rights Movement Sites, Alabama
- Dayton Aviation Sites, Ohio
- Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, Ohio
- Thomas Jefferson Buildings: Poplar Forest and Virginia State Capitol
- Mount Vernon, Virginia
- Poverty Point State Historic Site, Louisiana
- San Antonio Franciscan Missions, Texas
- Serpent Mound, Ohio
- Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings, Arizona, California, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin

Mixed Property:
- Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, Hawaii

Natural Properties:
- Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary, American Samoa
- Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia
- Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona
- White Sands National Monument, New Mexico
Tentative List Process

- Properties apply for inclusion on the US Tentative List
- Get Stake holder support
- NPS reviews application
- Based on comments application is revised
- NPS recommends properties that meet requirements
- Properties are published in the Federal Register
- Comment period
- Recommended properties reviewed by the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO
- Assistant Secretary Fish and Wildlife announces Tentative List
Stakeholder Support Letters

Governor of Arizona
Governor of California
Governor of Illinois
Governor of New York
Governor of Oklahoma
Governor of Pennsylvania
Governor of Wisconsin
Stakeholders cont’d

Senator John McCain
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton
Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Tom Coburn
Senator James Inhofe
Senator Robert Casey, Jr.
Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Russell Feingold
Senator Herb Kohl
Stakeholders cont’d

Congressman Ron Kind
Congressman Harry Mitchell
Congresswoman Diane Watson
Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey
Congressman Adam Schiff
Congressman Bobby Rush
Congressman Danny Davis
Congressman Jerrold Nadler
Congressman John Sullivan
Congressman Bill Shuster
Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
Congressman Paul Ryan
Stakeholders cont’d

Mayor of Chicago
Mayor of Los Angeles
Mayor of Scottsdale
Mayor of Racine
Mayor of Madison
Mayor of Bartlesville
Mayor of PasadenA
Chicago Alderman
Commission on Chicago Landmarks
Los Angeles Conservancy
City of New York Landmarks Preservation Commission
Arizona State Parks, State Historic Preservation Office
California Department of Parks and Recreation,
Office of Historic Preservation
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
New York State Historic Preservation Office
Oklahoma Historical Society
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Wisconsin Historical Society
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World Heritage List Nomination Process

- Properties begin the WHL application
- Federal Register
- Public Comment
- Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage calls on the Assistant Secretary
- Panel’s recommendation’s are published in the Federal Register
- Public Comment
- NPS Office of International Affairs notifies elected officials
- Properties are notified they may submit their application (process is here)
- Based on comments, application is revised
- A workshop of international experts in the field is convened to review and comment on the application
- Based on comments application is revised
- Draft nomination goes to World Heritage Centre in Paris for technical review
- Federal Interagency Panel for WH convenes again to review and recommend
- The Panel’s recommendation goes to the Assistant Secretary
- Nomination is printed and bound
- Nomination sent through various agencies and ultimately to Paris
- ICOMOS sends an official “mission” to the US to review the nominated sites
- ICOMOS issues a report and recommendation to UNESCO WHC
- WHC votes on inscription at their annual meeting
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Frank Lloyd Wright
1867 -1959
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Frederick C Robie House (1908-10)
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Taliesin 1911-1925
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Hollyhock House (1919-21)
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Fallingwater (1934-39)
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S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
Administration Building and Research Tower
(1936-39; 1943-50)
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Taliesin West (begun 1938)
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (1943-59)
The Price Tower (1952-56)
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Marin County Civic Center (1957-70)
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2. Clerk of the Board
3. Secretary to the Conservancy
4. Department of Public Works
5. County Counsel
6. Board of Supervisors
Recommended Next Steps

• Accept staff report and authorize President to execute Communication Plan and Memorandum of Agreement
• Authorize CAO, with County Counsel review as required, to implement steps for nomination process
• Direct staff to return to BOS with update upon completion of the application to the NPS
• Direct staff to work with Civic Center Conservancy and other organizations to garner local support for World Heritage status
• Prepare Civic Center for site tours in summer/fall 2013