

Dear Sir:

New construction in the National Historic Landmark District should not be allowed unless required to interpret the SF Presidio's history.

New construction, for whatever purpose, should be harmonious with the existing buildings. The height of any new construction should certainly not exceed at any point the height of existing buildings, but rather be lower so as to lessen its visual impact. The heights of the current bowling alley and Red Cross building should not be exceeded greatly for any construction at that site.

New hotel construction should not occur on Graham Street. Lodging would be appropriate in the 1890s Montgomery St Barracks or some other removed site.

Any new construction on Graham St would negatively impact on the current openness of the Main Parade Ground and Civil War Parade ground. The open view of the SF Bay from the Officer's Club on Moraga Street is consistent with history.

New construction or landscaping proposals should not interfere with the ability to parade historical re-enactors or other large groups of participants including horses and vehicles from the north end of the Main Parade Ground to the site of the original Presidio on Moraga St.

The National Historic Landmark District designation should freeze development of that area except for essential historical interpretation processes. The existence of a building in a prior time does not justify placing an unrelated building on that site. The reconstruction of a demolished historic building should be as exact as possible, but only occur when essential to interpret the historic district.

The archaeological exploration of the Spanish era Presidio must not be impeded by new construction or traffic.

Finally, I object to the timing of this deadline for comment occurring in the holiday season. The cumulative impact of the projects proposed for the Main Post area requires further study and increased public awareness. Although there has been some publicity about individual projects, the cumulative impact on the National Historic Landmark District of the contemporary art museum, the possibility of a 3 story hotel, the landscaping, the Disney Family museum, and the Center Against Violence has not been presented to the public.