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RE: Public Response to Draft Environmental Impact Report for the California Department of General Services Resources Building Replacement Project

Ms. Coleman,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Preservation Sacramento, I wish to express our organization's support for the recommended project outlined in the Environmental Impact Report, retaining the Heilbron House in its existing location and maintaining the historic integrity of the building. The new construction around the Heilbron Mansion needs to be designed to impact the historic resource as little as possible, and the project must be conducted in a manner so that vibration, dust and any other activities do not harm the house.

We also recommend that the project incorporate Mitigation Measures 4.12-4 and 4.12-5, landscape elements to soften the visual transition between the historical resource and proposed new building, and restoration of lost features and spaces of the historical resource. These measures will offset the significant and unavoidable impacts of new construction on the resource. Exterior and interior repairs should be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation. We also recommend a public use for the Heilbron Mansion that will permit access to the building's interior once it is restored.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project, and as part of our mission to protect Sacramento's historic resources and districts, we appreciate the selection of an alternative that seems most likely to have a positive outcome for one of Sacramento's most iconic historic mansions.

Garret Root
President, Preservation Sacramento Board of Directors