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VIA EMAIL (jduenas@cityofukiah.com)

Ms. Josefina Dueñas, Mayor
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Subject: The Palace Hotel, 272 N. State Street, Ukiah

Dear Mayor Dueñas:

I have been contacted by a member of the public, Mr. Dennis Crean, regarding the status of the Palace Hotel in your city. I understand that this building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the subject of possible demolition. Mr. Crean cited Public Resources Code Section 5028 in his inquiry and request for my intervention. For ease, that code is:

Section 5028

(a) No structure that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, on the California Register of Historic Places, or on any local public register of historic places, and that has been damaged due to a natural disaster, including, but not limited to, an earthquake, fire, or flood, may be demolished, destroyed, or significantly altered, except for restoration to preserve or enhance its historical values, unless the structure presents an imminent threat to the public of bodily harm or of damage to adjacent property, or unless the State Office of Historic Preservation determines, pursuant to subdivision (b), that the structure may be demolished, destroyed, or significantly altered.

(b) Any local government may apply to the State Office of Historic Preservation for its determination as to whether a structure meeting the description set forth in subdivision (a) shall be demolished, destroyed, or significantly altered. That determination shall be based upon the extent of damage to the structure, the cost of rehabilitating or reconstructing the structure, the structure's historical significance, and any other factor deemed by the State Office of Historic Preservation to be relevant. In making that determination, the State Office of Historic Preservation shall consider the recommendation made by a team selected by the State Office of Historic Preservation, composed of three residents with historic preservation expertise who reside in the affected county. The determination of the State Office of Historic Preservation shall be issued no later than 30 days after the structure was damaged, or 30 days after the receipt of the application, whichever occurred later.

As this is all the information that I have regarding the matter, I would appreciate your sharing with this office the situation and any future actions that the City and/or property owners may have regarding the hotel? This will be most helpful to understanding what, if any, regulatory role this office may have.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer