

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Inspections**

AGENDA DATE: **December 11, 2018**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Providencia Velazquez, (915) 212-1567, velazquezpx@elpasotexas.gov**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **All districts**

SUBJECT:

A resolution regarding the proposed National Register of Historic Places nomination for Ray Sherman Place (4528 Blanco Avenue) and Tays Place (2114 E. Magoffin Avenue), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.
Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of El Paso

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Ray Sherman Place, built in 1953, was the fourth public housing project to be constructed in the City of El Paso. Named for former mayor of El Paso (1931-1937) and proponent of slum clearance and public housing reform, Ray Sherman, the complex is now the second oldest extant public housing project in the city, after Tays Place (1941).

Tays Place was built in 1941 as one of the first public housing projects in the city. It is significant as the first segregated public housing development in El Paso, built to house low-income white and Hispanic families in the northern section and African American families in the southern section.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Philip Etiwe _____
Director, Planning and Inspections Department

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor is authorized to sign a letter in support of the proposed National Register of Historic Places nomination of Ray Sherman Place (4528 Blanco Avenue) and Tays Place (2114 E. Magoffin Avenue).

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF EL PASO:

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Russell Abeln
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Philip Etiwe, Director
Planning and Inspections

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2018

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

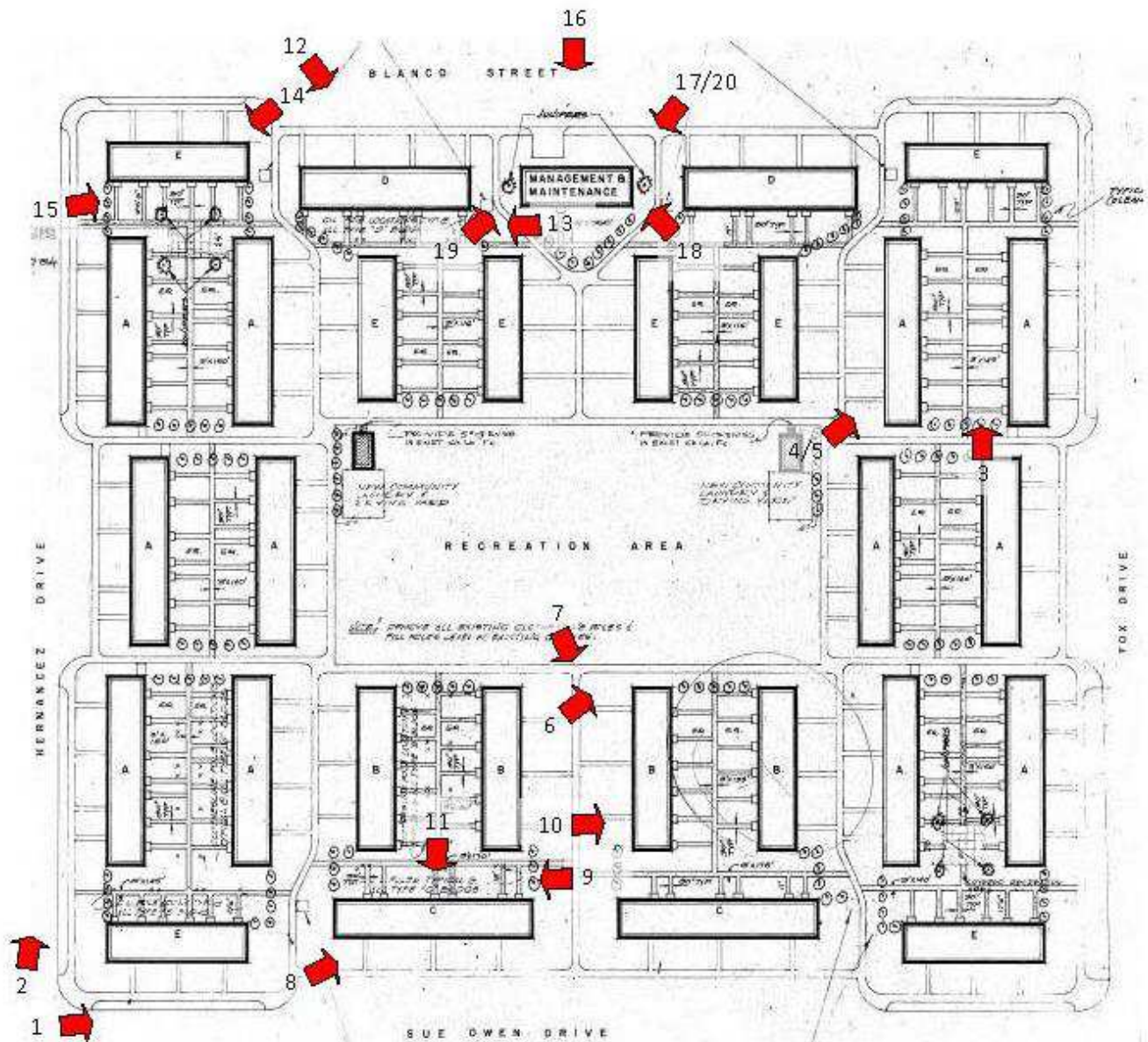
FROM: Philip Etiwe, Director, Planning and Inspections Department

SUBJECT: National Register of Historic Places nominations of Ray Sherman Place (4528 Blanco Avenue) and Tays Place (2114 E. Magoffin Avenue)

The National Register nominations of Ray Sherman Place and Tays Place define the significance of each as associated with community planning and development, social history, and politics/government, and create an inventory of all the properties in the district with brief architectural descriptions of each building type and a social history of the occupants and events. This nominations will enable the properties to qualify a 20% federal investment tax credit and a 25% state tax credit if rehabilitated for commercial use per the Secretary Of The Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and for technical assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office for properties within a National Register district.

Attachments: Site Plans

RAY SHERMAN PLACE SITE PLAN



TAYS PLACE SITE PLAN



Figure 5 – Key Plan locations of exterior photographs, typical one and two story apartment buildings. Accessibility Alterations for Tays Complex – TX3-002 / TX3-003; sheet number C1R - Site Plan TX3-002 / TX3-003, dated March 1993, revised January 1995. Courtesy of HACEP.



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Mayor

Dee Margo

December 11, 2018

City Council

District 1

Peter Svarzbein

Gregory Smith
National Register Coordinator
History Programs Division
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

District 2

Alexsandra Annello

District 3

Cassandra Hernandez

Dear Mr. Smith:

District 4

Dr. Sam Morgan

On behalf of the City of El Paso, this letter is submitted in support of the National Register of Historic Places nominations of Ray Sherman Place (4528 Blanco Avenue) and Tays Place (2114 E. Magoffin Avenue), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

District 5

Dr. Michiel R. Noe

A National Register nomination will yield many benefits including the survival of the areas' unique architectural character for future generations and preservation; the opportunity for a contributing commercial property within the district to qualify for a 20% federal investment tax credit and a 25% state historic tax credit if rehabilitated for commercial use per the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and technical assistance from the SHPO for properties within a National Register district.

District 6

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District 7

Henry Rivera

District 8

Cissy Lizarraga

Should you have further questions, please contact me at MargoDR@elpasotexas.gov.

City Manager

Tommy Gonzalez

Sincerely,

Dee Margo
Mayor of El Paso

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