

## HISTORIC HOMEOWNER VIDEO INTERVIEW PROMPTS

These prompts are designed to encourage detailed and personal responses, capturing both the practical and emotional aspects of historic homeownership, the benefits of the Mills Act, and the importance of traditional craftsmanship in preservation efforts.

Thank you for participating in our historic homeowner series. We'd like to learn more about you, your home, and your experiences with historic preservation in our community. Please make a short video answer the following questions in as much detail as you'd like.

### 1. Identify yourself and your home

- Please introduce yourself and tell us a little about your background.
- What is the address or name of your historic property?
- Which council district is your home located in?

### 2. Understanding historic preservation

- What does *historic preservation* mean to you personally?
- Why did you choose to own and care for a historic property?
- In your view, what is the importance of preserving historic homes and neighborhoods in our community?
- Are there particular features, stories, or elements of your home that you feel are especially important to preserve? Why?

### 3. The Mills Act experience

- How did you first hear about the Mills Act?
- What was your experience applying for the Mills Act contract?
- How has the Mills Act property tax abatement program helped you afford homeownership or maintain your historic property?
- Has the Mills Act enabled you to undertake restoration or maintenance projects that would have otherwise been difficult to afford?

### 4. Working with local craftsmen and restoration stories

- Have you needed to work with local craftsmen or artisans to restore or maintain your home?
- Can you share any stories or experiences about finding the right professionals for specialized restoration work (e.g., woodwork, tile, windows, masonry)?
- What challenges have you faced in sourcing materials or expertise for your historic home?
- Are there any memorable restoration projects or DIY efforts you'd like to share?

### 5. Reflections and advice

- What advice would you give to someone considering purchasing a historic home?
- How has owning a historic property impacted your sense of community or connection to local history?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share about your journey as a historic homeowner?

### Upload your video

<https://form.jotform.com/251315131452141>

### Closing

Thank you for sharing your story and helping us highlight the value of historic preservation in our community. Your experiences are vital in inspiring others to appreciate and protect our shared heritage.