



June 29, 2017

Lisa Howard
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975 Kirman Ave.
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Re: Section 106 consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, for the CLC Main Entrance Concrete Steps Replacement project (UT 2017-4934)

Dear Ms. Howard,

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received June 5, 2017 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

Project Description

The Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VA) proposes to replace the existing concrete steps located at the main entrance of CLC/Building 10 at the Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center at 975 Kirman Avenue in Reno. The concrete steps between the Flag Circle sidewalk and the glass entrance doors will be replaced in-kind. The existing concrete in this area dates to 1982. The existing concrete stair walls will not be disturbed.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The VA has identified the direct APE as the staircase and nearby sidewalk where construction and temporary staging will occur. The indirect APE has been identified as extending to the Flag Circle, which has a direct view of the project area. The SHPO concurs with the adequacy of the APE for this undertaking.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

The indirect APE contains one historic resource, the Flag Circle, which is considered a contributing resource to the National Register of Historic Places-eligible Veterans Hospital District (SHPO Resource D191). Although the staircase lies within the boundary of the historic district, it was constructed in 1982-83 and is not a contributing resource to the district.

Consultation with Interested Parties

If the consultation with the affected Native American tribes, local government, or general public was conducted for this undertaking, please forward a summary of those consultation efforts for inclusion in the project file.

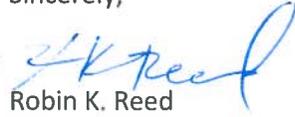
Determination of Effect

The VA has determined that the undertaking will have No Adverse Effect on historic properties since the stairs will be replaced in-kind and will not affect the Flag Circle's setting. The SHPO concurs that the undertaking will result in **No Adverse Effect**.

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Should you have questions concerning this correspondence, please contact SHPO staff architectural historian Kristen Brown at (775) 684-3439 or by email at knbrown@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



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