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June 15, 2018

Lisa Howard
Director
VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System
975 Kirman Avenue
Reno, NV 89502

Re: Section 106 consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Community Living Center—Hospice and Palliative Care Project, 697 E. Taylor Street, Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada (UT 2015-3811)

Dear Ms. Howard,

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received March 22, May 11, and May 23, 2018 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

Project Description

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS) proposes to construct a one-story building at the northwest corner of E. Taylor Street and Kirman Avenue in Reno (APN #s 013-124-12, 013-124-13, and 031-124-14). Resources currently in the direct APE will be demolished prior to construction.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

VASNHCS has defined the direct APE for this undertaking as the parcels where work will occur. The submitted materials do not clearly define the indirect APE. Based on the maps provided in Appendix A, however, the SHPO assumes that VASNHCS has defined the indirect APE for this undertaking as the VASNHCS campus plus the nearby historic neighborhoods within view of the undertaking (Belli Addition, Burkes Addition, and Wells Avenue Neighborhood Conservation District). If this is the case, the SHPO concurs with the adequacy of the APE. If this is not the case, please submit a new map depicting the indirect APE for review by our office.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

The SHPO acknowledges that the resources in the direct APE were previously determined **not eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Based on the maps in Appendix A, the SHPO assumes that VASNHCS has identified the VASNHCS campus plus the nearby historic neighborhoods (Belli Addition, Burkes Addition, and Wells Avenue Neighborhood Conservation District) as historic resources in the indirect APE.

Consultation with Interested Parties

The SHPO assumes that consultation with the public, local government, Native American tribes, and other potentially-interested parties was conducted for this undertaking. Please forward a summary of consultation efforts for inclusion in the project file.

Determination of Effect

VASNHCS has determined that the proposed undertaking will result in **No Adverse Effect** to historic resources. The SHPO **concurs**.

Unanticipated Discovery

If buried and/or previously-unidentified cultural resources are identified during project activities, the SHPO recommends that all work in the vicinity of the find cease and our office be contacted for additional consultation per 36 CFR §800.13(b)(3).

Termination of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Regarding the May 11 phone call with the VASNHCS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and our office, it is our understanding that the ACHP and the VASNHCS propose to terminate the existing MOA (*Memorandum of Agreement Among the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Sierra Nevada Health Care System, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Purchase of Land for Medical Center Expansion and Parking for the Veterans Affairs Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Reno, Nevada UT 2015-3811, VA Project 654-823*) via an amendment. We look forward to receiving the amendment document for signature at your earliest convenience.

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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cc. Angela McArdle, ACHP