MEMORANDUM

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To: Chairman Haven Burkee and Historic Architectural Review Commission Members

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Subject: CLG Advisory Review: HARC Recommendation for The Armory and West Martello Tower

Introduction

This memorandum transmits two Certified Local Government (CLG) advisory review letters to the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC) for consideration and commission recommendations regarding updating two National Register Nominations. The two properties are The Armory and West Martello Tower. As a CLG review, the commission's role is procedural and advisory in nature. The board is requested to provide any comments and to issue a recommendation clarifying support versus opposition for each item.

Background

The City of Key West participates in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, which recommends that certain historic preservation matters be reviewed by the local preservation commission in an advisory capacity prior to final action. In this role, the commission does not approve or deny the applications; rather, it provides comments and a recommendation.

Two CLG review letters have been received and are attached for consideration, one for The Armory (600 White Street) and one for West Martello Tower (1100 Atlantic Blvd). Each letter contains additional information regarding damage and repairs to the sites from Hurricane Irma. This additional information will update the current National Register nominations for each site.

Recommendations

Staff recommends the HARC commission review the provided information and provide any comments and an advisory recommendation for each review, indicating support or any issues with the updates to the National Register nominations.