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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
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Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At our last meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Eagle Hose Company, located at 125 East Main St. in Grass Valley, be approved. The applicant is the City of Grass Valley. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 25-08, assuming the pending applications are approved first.

The Eagle Hose Company was organized in 1866 as the City of Grass Valley's second volunteer fire company. It moved into a building reportedly erected in 1858. In 1937, that building collapsed during a severe snow storm. The present building was then built on the site and continued to serve as a fire station for many years. It also served as a community meeting place for groups like the Campfire Girls. Its importance to the City of Grass Valley was due in part to its housing the signal bell for the numerous fire alarm boxes located throughout the City, which alerted the firefighters and the citizenry of a fire's location. In April 1945, the bell sounded a special signal to announce to Grass Valley citizens the official defeat (V-E day) of Nazi Germany. That system continued in use until it was replaced by a system of electronic communications.



The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by several Commissioners for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

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