

## Preserve Expositor building

Fresno is going through many changes now, as it has all through its history. Much of that change was not popular with Fresnoans. Along the way, some residents recognized that participation in the preservation of our city can accomplish great things.

On March 26, the Historic Preservation Commission will recommend to the Fresno City Council the designation of the Expositor Building at 1029-1031 Fulton Mall to the Local Register of Historic Resources. This building is believed to be the oldest existing commercial structure in Fresno.

Built in 1881 to house the printing of The Expositor, this building is still mostly intact. More importantly, its historical significance as the home of Fresno's first newspaper, the ties to the Expositor owner J.W. Ferguson, its construction by brick maker William Betteridge, and later ownership by Edna C. Meux and Sue Collins (both from prominent Fresno families,) make it a strong candidate for historic preservation.

I encourage all those who want to see the history of our city preserved, attend the City Council meeting or contact your council members and urge them to designate the Expositor Building a Local Historic Resource.

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