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Main Street La Grange to Host Texas Historical Commission for Downtown Historic District Project Meeting

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The La Grange Main Street Program will hold a Public Information Meeting to be presented by the Texas Historical Commission discussing the process of nomination for Downtown La Grange as a proposed Historic District and the results of listing Downtown Properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 29, 2000, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 155 East Colorado Street, in La Grange. All La Grange Downtown Business, Building Owners, and the general public are invited to attend.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage along with many other advantages such as federal tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures exceeding 50 years of age. "According to Scott Byler, La Grange Main Street Manager, this meeting is part of the process for property owners and the public to ask questions, comment, and/or decide if they wish or do not wish to have their property listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the proposed Historic District." The proposed Downtown District for La Grange contains approximately 50 buildings that have been nominated as contributing historic structures. The La Grange Main Street Program has been working on the Fayette County Courthouse Historic District Project for the past year with the assistance of Lila Knight & Associates. The firm of Lila Knight & Associates was hired to put the Historic

District Application together for submission to the Texas Historical Commission. The La Grange Main Street Program received a grant from the Summerlee Foundation in Dallas, Texas to hire a consultant and Knight & Associates was selected to complete the application. The project is nearing completion and will be completed by November 2000.

The Texas Historical Commission will be in La Grange again to do a Walking Tour of the proposed District on Friday, July 21, 2000. The application for the proposed Historic District and National Register Listing will be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission, State Board of Review for consideration and/or approval Saturday, July 22, 2000, 9:00 AM, in the William P. Clements State Office Building, at 300 West 15th Street, Committee Room 5-Fifth Floor, Austin, Texas and citizens of La Grange are encouraged to attend and show community support for the application. Anyone with questions or needing additional information can contact the La Grange Main Street Office at 968-8701.