



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Historic Resources Commission Staff Report
January 11, 2024

Topic: HRCA No. 2023-20, HRC No. 2023-06, HPPA No. 2023-12 – Woitke House (925 North Lowell Street)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2023-20 and Historic Register Categorization No. 2023-06 (Exhibit 1).
2. Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Clerk of the Council to execute the attached Mills Act agreement with Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas, Trustees of the Thomas Living Trust Dated March 28, 2022, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney (Exhibit 2).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kelly and Bethany Thomas are requesting approval to designate an existing Spanish Revival style residence located at 925 North Lowell Street to the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties, as well as approval to execute a Mills Act agreement with the City of Santa Ana. The property is worthy of “Contributive” categorization because it contributes to the overall character and history of Washington Square and is a representative example of Spanish Revival architecture in Santa Ana, which features an asymmetrical faced; clay tile roof; and tripartite, casement, and double-hung wood windows; among other original features.

DISCUSSION

Project Location and Site Description

The subject property is located on a corner lot, on the east side of North Lowell Street and the south side of West 10th Street, in the Washington Square neighborhood in Santa Ana. The site contains a 1,698-square-foot, Spanish Revival style residence and detached garage, on a 6,368-square-foot residential lot (Exhibit 3).

Analysis of the Issues

Historical Listing

In March 1999, the City Council approved Ordinance No. NS-2363 establishing the Historic Resources Commission and the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The Historic Resources Commission may, by resolution and at a noticed public hearing, designate as a historical property any building or part thereof, object, structure, or site having importance to the history or architecture of the city in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (SAMC). This project entails applying the selection criteria established in Chapter 30 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (Places of Historical and Architectural Significance) to determine if this structure is eligible for historic designation to the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The first criterion for selection requires that the structures be 50 or more years old.

The structure identified meets the selection criteria for inclusion on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties pursuant to criteria contained in Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code, as the structure is 95 years old and is a sound example of period architecture. No known code violations exist on record for this property.

The Woitke House is architecturally significant as an intact example of a Spanish Revival style house in Santa Ana. The original building permit was not uncovered; however, County assessor data indicates the property was built in 1928. The address first appears in City directories in 1929. The original architect and builder are unknown. From 1929 to 1932, the subject property was owned by F E Woitke. Russell Munro occupied the property for one year in 1933. From 1934 to 1935, E E Sidnam owned the property. D D Hilyard then bought the property and resided in it from 1936 to 1944. The property is listed as "vacant" in the 1945 city directory and there was no city directory available for 1946. From 1947 to at least 1962, G N Ginther owned the property. No records were available between 1963 and 1964, and in 1965 the address is not listed in the city directory. No records were available from 1966 to 1978, and the address was not listed in 1979-1990. In the 1999-2000 Criss-Cross directory, Herbert McCoy is listed as the building occupant. The present-day owners, Kelly and Bethany Thomas, have owned the property since 2003. No additional information was uncovered regarding the past owners and tenants.

The Woitke House is a one story, single-family, Spanish Revival Style residence located on a modestly sized parcel in the Washington Square neighborhood. The asymmetrical residence exhibits a rectangular-shaped plan with a hipped roof clad in clay tiles that has a flat roof at its center. The roof has minimal eave overhang. The exterior of the house is clad in a coarse/textured stucco finish. The primary (west) façade is divided into three bays. A partially enclosed covered patio with multiple arched openings encloses the northern two bays, which features a tripartite wood window and the main entrance. The tripartite window has two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper

multi-light transoms at all three window segments. The main entrance door is composed of a single wood frame door with obscure glass, including metal hardware and decorative metal ornamentation fixed to the door's exterior. The southern third bay contains a smaller version of the tripartite wood window that is located in the front porch.

Fenestration on the side (north) façade features a mix of window types, including paired, single-light casement wood windows; a wide fixed wood window with upper multi-light transoms; a tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors that is located within an arched recessed porch; and one-over-one double-hung wood windows. Similarly, the side (south) façade's fenestration is a mix of double-hung wood windows and fixed wood windows. The rear (east) façade contains single-light casement wood windows, a fixed wood window, and double-hung wood windows, along with two wood doors, one of which is a multi-light door and the other has a single upper light. All windows throughout the residence contain a prominent wood window sill.

Additional architectural features include terra cotta tile flooring at the main entrance walkway, front and side porches, and rear entrance steps; decorative tiles within the terra cotta flooring. The rear yard contains a single-story, detached garage with a square footprint and a flat roof with parapet. Clay tile coping wraps around the garage's parapet roofline, with a clay tile roof awning at the primary (north) façade. Garage fenestration consists of a metal roll up door at the primary (north) façade, and a wood door and fixed wood window at the side (west) facade. The property is landscaped with a front lawn, two mature palm trees that flank the entrance walkway, additional medium-sized mature trees, along with shrubs, bushes, small palm trees and succulents. A tall, manicured hedge wraps around the side (north) façade, which is contained by a small metal fence.

Character-defining features of the Woitke House include, but may not be limited to: Rectangular-shaped building footprint and massing; asymmetrical primary façade; hipped roof clad in clay tiles that has a flat roof at its center; minimal eave overhang; original smooth stucco siding (to be restored with or without trowel pattern); a partially enclosed covered patio at the primary façade with multiple arched openings; a covered patio at the side (north) facade with an arched opening; two tripartite wood windows at the primary (west) façade that each contain two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper multi-light transoms at all three window segments; additional windows including single-light casement wood windows, a tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors, fixed wood windows, one-over-one double-hung wood windows; rear, single and multi-light wood-frame doors; prominent wood window sill on all original windows; terra cotta tile flooring at the main entrance walkway, front and side porches, and rear entrance steps; decorative tiles within the terra cotta flooring; detached garage with a flat roof and parapet that has clay tile coping and a clay tile roof awning at the primary (north) façade; and front yard landscaping including small and mature palm trees and succulents.

The Woitke House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties under Criterion 1 as an intact example of a Spanish Revival style home in Santa Ana. The recommended categorization is “Contributive” because it contributes to the overall character and history of Washington Square and is a representative example of Spanish Revival architecture in Santa Ana.

Mills Act Agreement

Ordinance No. NS-2382 authorized the Historic Resources Commission to execute Historic Property Preservation Agreements (HPPA), commonly known as Mills Act agreements for eligible properties (Exhibit 2). To be eligible for the Mills Act, the property must be listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. The Historic Resources Commission Application and Historic Register Categorization actions proposed for this site authorize the listing of the property on the local register. The agreement provides monetary incentives to the property owner in the form of a property tax reduction in exchange for the owner’s voluntary commitment to maintain the property in a good state of repair as necessary to maintain its character and appearance. Once recorded, the agreement generates a different valuation method in determining the property’s assessed value, resulting in tax savings for the owner. Aside from the tax savings, the benefits include:

- Long term preservation of the property and visual improvement to the neighborhood
- A mechanism to provide for property rehabilitation
- Incentives for potential buyers to purchase historic structures
- Discouraging inappropriate alterations to the property

The property has no identified unauthorized modifications. Upon consideration of the application, it is recommended that the City enter into a Historic Property Preservation Agreement subject to a completion of future improvements as described in an attached Work Plan.

Overall, future improvements (Work Plan) proposed by the homeowner during the initial ten years of the Mills Act Agreement include the following: replace electrical knob-and-tube wiring, replace all security lighting with compatible lighting, repair in-kind all wood windows as needed and replace any wood rot that is beyond repair to match existing, rear yard gate replacement or removal of the decorative iron ornamentation on existing gate, front door and garage door replacement with compatible style doors, stucco restoration with compatible smooth stucco with trowel pattern, earthquake retrofit of property’s foundation, driveway and garage floor repairs, and interior wood restoration including doors, floors, and window casing, along with general on-going maintenance. Staff will ensure that the proposed work will be done sensitively and will maintain the property’s character-defining features as part of the Mills Act Agreement for this property.

As part of the Mills Act approval process, staff will work with the applicant to ensure that a bronze plaque is installed honoring and recognizing the structure. The plaque will include the historic name, address, year built, and local historic register designation. Lastly, the site will be subject to general maintenance and upkeep requirements including, but not limited to, replacement or restoration of damaged character-defining features, landscaping upkeep, painting, etc. Upon consideration of the application, it is recommended that the City enter into a Historic Property Preservation Agreement to enable the Mills Act.

Public Notification

The subject site is located within the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. The president of this Neighborhood Association was notified by mail 10 days prior to this public hearing. In addition, the project site was posted with a notice advertising this public hearing, a notice was published in the Orange County Reporter and mailed notices were sent to all property owners within 500 feet of the project site. At the time of this printing, no correspondence, either written or electronic, has been received from any members of the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the project is exempt from further review pursuant to Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 31 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) as these actions are designed to preserve historic resources. Based on this analysis, a Notice of Exemption, Environmental Review No. 2023-121 will be filed for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Historic Property Preservation Agreement will reduce the Property Tax revenue account 01102002-50011 to the City by an estimated \$622.99 annually, for a period of not less than ten years.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution
2. Mills Act Agreement
3. 500-Foot Radius Map

Submitted By: Andrea Heywood, Associate Planner

Approved By: Minh Thai, Executive Director of Planning and Building Agency, Planning and Building Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA APPROVING HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APPLICATION NO. 2023-20 TO PLACE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 925 NORTH LOWELL STREET, SANTA ANA, ON THE HISTORICAL REGISTER AND APPROVING HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO. 2023-06 PLACING SAID PROPERTY WITHIN THE CONTRIBUTIVE CATEGORY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

- A. On January 11, 2024, the Historic Resources Commission held a duly noticed public hearing for the placement on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties (Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2023-20) and categorization (Historic Resources Commission Categorization No. 2023-6) of the Voitke House located at 925 North Lowell Street, Santa Ana.
- B. The Voitke House has distinctive architectural features of the Spanish Revival style and was built in 1928.
- C. The Voitke House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties under Criterion 1 as an intact example of a Spanish Revival style home in Santa Ana. The house displays characteristics of the Spanish Revival style through its use of a clay tile roof; asymmetrical primary façade; use of arches throughout; multiple covered patios; stucco siding; and decorative tiles; among other original features. The recommended categorization is “Contributive” because it contributes to the overall character and history of Washington Square and is a representative example of Spanish Revival architecture in Santa Ana (Santa Ana Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2(3)). Character-defining features of the Voitke House include, but may not be limited to: Rectangular-shaped building footprint and massing; asymmetrical primary façade; hipped roof clad in clay tiles that has a flat roof at its center; minimal eave overhang; original smooth stucco siding (to be restored with or without trowel pattern) ; a partially enclosed covered patio at the primary façade with multiple arched openings; a covered patio at the side (north) facade with an arched opening; two tripartite wood windows at the primary (west) façade that each contain two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper multi-light

transoms at all three window segments; additional windows including single-light casement wood windows, a tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors, fixed wood windows, one-over-one double-hung wood windows; rear, single and multi-light wood-frame doors; prominent wood window sill on all original windows; terra cotta tile flooring at the main entrance walkway, front and side porches, and rear entrance steps; decorative tiles within the terra cotta flooring; detached garage with a flat roof and parapet that has clay tile coping and a clay tile roof awning at the primary (north) façade; and front yard landscaping including small and mature palm trees and succulents.

- D. The legal owners of the property are Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas, Trustees of the Thomas Living Trust Dated March 28, 2022.
- E. The legal description for the subject property is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- F. The subject property meets the standards for placement on the City of Santa Ana Register of Historic Properties pursuant to Section 30-2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
- G. The subject property meets the minimum standards for placement in the Contributive category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(3) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
- H. In addition to meeting the standards for placement in the Contributive category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(3) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code, the applicant has agreed, as part of the requested Mills Act agreement work plan, to restoration of select elements described therein within the first five years of the Agreement's term, including window repair, front door and garage door replacement, and stucco restoration.

Section 2. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the recommended actions are exempt from further review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15331, Class 31, as these actions are designed to preserve historical resources. Categorical Exemption No. ER-2023-121 will be filed for this project.

Section 3. The Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana, after conducting the public hearing, hereby approves:

- A. Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2023-20 to place the Voitke House located at 925 North Lowell Street, Santa Ana, 92703 on the historical register, and
- B. Historic Register Categorization No. 2023-6 placing the Voitke House located at 925 North Lowell Street, Santa Ana, 92703 within the Contributive category, as conditioned in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

These decisions are based upon the evidence submitted at the above said hearing, which includes, but is not limited to: the Staff report and exhibits attached thereto, the

report entitled “Historical Property Description,” and the public testimony, all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

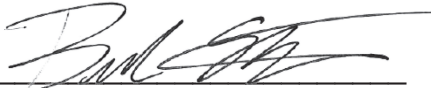
Section 4. For the subject property, a report entitled “Historical Property Description” is on file with the Planning Division, and is hereby approved and adopted, and together with the staff report and this Resolution, justify the findings for placement on the City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties into a category. The Historic Resources Commission Secretary is authorized and directed to include this Resolution in the City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

Section 5. The Historic Resources Commission Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Recorder’s Office after the adoption of this Resolution pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5029.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2024.

Tim Rush
Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: 
Brandon Salvatierra
Deputy City Attorney

AYES: Commission members _____

NOES: Commission members _____

ABSTAIN: Commission members _____

NOT PRESENT: Commission members _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, NUVIA OCAMPO, Historic Resources Commission Secretary, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2024-XX to be the original resolution adopted by Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana on January 11, 2024.

Date: _____

Nuvia Ocampo
Commission Secretary
City of Santa Ana

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

APN	Address	Legal Description	Owner Names
405-183-01	925 North Lowell Street	REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 43 OF TRACT NO. 455, FLOWER SQUARE, IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 8 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID ORANGE COUNTY.	Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas, Trustees of the Thomas Living Trust Dated March 28, 2022

EXHIBIT B

Conditions of Approval for Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2023-20 and Historic Resources Commission Categorization No. 2023-06

The Applicant must comply with each condition listed below prior to exercising the rights conferred by the Historic Resource Commission's approval and the City of Santa Ana Register of Historic Properties pursuant to Section 30-6 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code. The Applicant must remain in compliance with all condition(s) listed below:

1. Within 180-days of execution of this resolution, the applicant shall install a bronze plaque as per a template on file with the Planning Division honoring and recognizing the structure at 925 North Lowell Street, historically known as the Voitke House. The plaque shall include the historic name, address, year built, and local historic register designation. The final dimensions, location, text and description on the plaque shall be reviewed and approved by Planning Division staff.
2. The applicant shall regularly maintain all landscaping in the front yard area (pruning and thinning trees and shrubs) so that the historic building and its character defining features (including but not limited to the clay tile roof, front porch with decorative arches, original wood windows, and stucco siding) are visible from the public right-of-way.

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:
City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza (M-30)
Santa Ana, CA 92702
Attn: Clerk of the Council

FREE RECORDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 27383

HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

This Historic Property Preservation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the City of Santa Ana, a charter city and municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as “City”), and **Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas, Trustees of the Thomas Living Trust Dated March 28, 2022**, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Owner”), owner of real property located at **925 North Lowell Street, Santa Ana, California**, in the County of Orange and listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

RECITALS

- A. The City Council of the City of Santa Ana is authorized by California Government Code Section 50280 et seq. (known as the “Mills Act”) to enter into contracts with owners of qualified historical properties to provide for appropriate use, maintenance, rehabilitation and restoration such that these historic properties retain their historic character and integrity.
- B. The Owner possesses fee title in and to that certain qualified real property together with associated structures and improvements thereon, located at **925 North Lowell Street, Santa Ana, CA, 92703** and more particularly described in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and hereinafter referred to as the “Historic Property”.
- C. The Historic Property is officially designated on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 30 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
- D. City and Owner, for their mutual benefit, now desire to enter into this Agreement which defines and limits the use and alteration of this Historic Property in order to enhance and maintain its value as a cultural and historical resource for Owner and for the community; to prevent inappropriate alterations to the Historic Property and to ensure that repairs, additions, new building, and other changes are appropriate; and to ensure that rehabilitation and maintenance are carried out in an exemplary manner.

- E. Owner and City intend to carry out the purposes of California Government Code, Chapter 1, Part 5 of Division 1 of Title 5, Article 12, Section 50280 et seq., which will enable the Historic Property to qualify for an assessment of valuation as a restricted historical property pursuant to Article 1.9, Sec. 439 et seq., Chapter 3 Part 2 of Division 1 of the California Tax and Revenue Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Santa Ana and the Owner of the Historic Property agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Terms of Agreement.

This Agreement shall be effective and commence on **March 20, 2024**, and shall remain in effect for a term of ten (10) years thereafter. Each year, upon the anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement, such initial term will automatically be extended as provided in California Government Code Sections 50280 through 50290 and in Section 2, below.

2. Renewal.

a. Each year on the anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement, a year shall automatically be added to the initial ten (10) year term of this Agreement unless written notice of nonrenewal is served as provided herein.

b. If the Owner or the City desire(s) in any year not to renew the Agreement, the Owner or City shall serve written notice of nonrenewal of the Agreement on the other party. Unless such notice is served by the Owner to the City at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual renewal date, or served by the City to the Owner at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual renewal date, one (1) year shall automatically be added to the term of the Agreement as provided herein.

c. Within 30 days from receipt of City's notice of nonrenewal, the Owner may file a written protest of City's decision of nonrenewal. The City may, at any time prior to the annual renewal date of the Agreement, withdraw its notice to the Owner of nonrenewal.

d. If either the Owner or the City serves notice to the other of nonrenewal in any year, the Agreement shall remain in effect for the balance of the term then remaining, either from its original execution or from the last renewal of the Agreement, whichever may apply.

3. Standards and Conditions for Historic Property.

During the term of this Agreement, the Historic Property shall be subject to the following conditions, requirements and restrictions:

a. Owner shall maintain the Historic Property in a good state of repair and shall preserve, maintain, and, where necessary, restore or rehabilitate the property and its character-defining features described in the "Executive Summary" attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B1, and "Historical Property Description" attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B2, notably the general architectural form, style, materials, design, scale, proportions, organization of windows, doors,

and other openings, textures, details, mass, roof line, porch and other aspects of the appearance of the exterior to the satisfaction of the City.

b. All changes to the Historic Property shall comply with applicable City plans and regulations, and conform to the rules and regulations of the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, namely the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation Projects. These guidelines are attached hereto, marked as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by this reference. Owner shall continually maintain the Historic Property in the same or better condition.

c. A view corridor enabling the general public to see the Historic Property from the public right-of-way shall be maintained, and Owner shall not be permitted to block the view corridor to the property with any new structure, such as walls, fences or shrubbery, so as to prevent the viewing of the historic landmark by the public.

d. The following are prohibited: demolition of the Historic Property or destruction of character-defining features of the building or site; removal of trees and other major vegetation unless removal is approved by a rehabilitation plan approved by the Historic Resources Commission; paving of yard surface; exterior alterations or additions unless approved by the Historic Resources Commission and such alterations are in keeping with the Secretary of Interior's Standards; deteriorating, dilapidated or unrepaired structures such as fences, roofs, doors, walls, and windows; storage of junk, trash, debris, discarded or unused objects such as cars, appliances, or furniture; and other unsightly by decoration, structure or vegetation which is unsightly by reason of its height, condition, or inappropriate location.

e. Owner shall allow reasonable periodic inspection by prior appointment, as needed or at least every five (5) years after the initial inspection, of the interior and exterior of the Historic Property by representatives of the City of Santa Ana, the County Assessor, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Board of Equalization, to determine the Owner's compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. As part of the periodic inspection, Owner shall supply information in a format determined acceptable by the representatives of the City of Santa Ana, the County Assessor, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Board of Equalization information required to determine compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

f. Owner shall implement the rehabilitation and restoration work items as discussed in detail in Exhibit D, "Proposed Structure Improvements." Repair in-kind all wood windows as needed and replace wood rot that is beyond repair to match existing, front door replacement with a compatible door design, and existing rough stucco to be removed and restored to a smooth stucco with trowel pattern, shall be finalized within the first five years of the Mills Act Agreement, with all other work items completed within the first ten years of the Mills Act Agreement. Proof of status and completion, as requested from time to time by the City of Santa Ana, will be required in order to satisfy and maintain the Mills Act Agreement. Staff approval is required before items shall be amended or removed/replaced from the improvements list.

4. Furnishing of Information.

The Owner hereby agrees to furnish the City with any and all information requested which may be necessary or advisable to determine compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

5. Cancellation.

a. The City, following a duly noticed public hearing by the City Council as set forth in Government Code Section 50280, et. seq., may cancel this Agreement if it determines that the Owner have breached any of the conditions of this Agreement, or has allowed the property to deteriorate to the point that it no longer meets the standards for a qualified Historic Property, or if the City determines that the Owner have failed to restore or rehabilitate the property in the manner specified in Section 3 of this Agreement. If a contract is cancelled for these reasons, the Owner shall pay a cancellation fee to the County Auditor as set forth in Government Code Section 50286. This cancellation fee shall be a percentage (currently set at twelve and one-half (12 ½) percent by Government Code Section 50286) of the current fair market value of the property at the time of the cancellation, as determined by the county assessor, without regard to any restriction imposed pursuant to this Agreement.

b. If the Historic Property is destroyed by earthquake, fire, flood or other natural disaster such that in the opinion of the City Building Official more than sixty (60) percent of the original fabric of the structure must be replaced, this Agreement shall be canceled immediately because, in effect, the historic value of the structure will have been destroyed. No fee shall be imposed in the case of destruction by acts of God or natural disaster.

c. If the Historic Property is acquired by eminent domain and the City Council determines that the acquisition frustrates the purpose of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be cancelled and no fee imposed, as specified in Government Code Section 50288.

6. Enforcement of Agreement.

a. In lieu of and/or in addition to any provisions to cancel the Agreement as referenced herein, City may specifically enforce, or enjoin the breach of, the terms of the Agreement. In the event of a default, under the provisions to cancel the Agreement by Owner, the City shall give written notice to Owner by registered or certified mail, and if such a violation is not corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of the City Manager or designee within thirty (30) days thereafter, or if not corrected within such a reasonable time as may be required to cure the breach or default, or default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days (provided that acts to cure the breach or default may be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall thereafter be diligently pursued to completion by Owner), then City may, without further notice, declare a default under the terms of this Agreement and may bring any action necessary to specifically enforce the obligations of Owner growing out of the terms of this Agreement, apply to any court, state or federal, for injunctive relief against any violation by Owner or apply for such relief as may be appropriate.

b. City does not waive any claim of default by the Owner if City does not enforce or cancel this Agreement. All other remedies at law or in equity which are not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or in City's regulations governing historic properties are available to City to pursue in the event that there is a breach of this Agreement. No waiver by City of any breach or default under this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other subsequent breach thereof or default hereunder.

7. Binding effect of Agreement.

a. Owner hereby subjects the Historic Property, located at **925 North Lowell Street**, Assessor Parcel Number, **405-183-01**, and more particularly described in Exhibit A, in the City of Santa Ana, to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions as set forth in this Agreement.

b. City and Owner hereby declare their specific intent that the covenants, conditions and restrictions as set forth herein shall be deemed covenants running with the land and shall pass to and be binding upon Owner's successors and assigns in title or interest to the Historic Property. Every contract, deed, or other instrument hereinafter executed, covering or conveying the Historic Property or any portion thereof, shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered, and accepted subject to the tenants, restrictions, and reservations expressed in this Agreement regardless of whether such covenants, conditions and restrictions are set forth in such contract, deed, or other instrument.

c. This property is listed in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties (Register). In any real property transaction, the owner of this property or the owner's representative shall provide the buyer of this property with notice that the property is listed on the City's historic Register.

8. No Compensation.

Owner shall not receive any payment from City in consideration of the obligation imposed under this Agreement, it being recognized that the consideration for the execution of this Agreement is the substantial public benefit to be derived therefrom and the advantage that will accrue to Owner as a result of the effect upon the assessed value of the Property on the account of the restrictions on the use and preservation of the Property.

9. Notice.

Any notice required by the terms of this Agreement shall be sent to the address of the respective parties as specified below or at other addresses that may be later specified by the parties hereto.

City: City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza (M-30)
Santa Ana, CA 92702
Attn: Clerk of the Council

Owners: Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas, Trustees of the Thomas Living Trust
Dated March 28, 2022
Attn: Kelly S. Thomas and Bethany S. Thomas
925 North Lowell Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703

10. General Provisions.

a. None of the terms, provisions, or conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between the parties hereto and any of their heirs, successors, or assigns, nor shall such terms, provisions or conditions cause them to be considered joint ventures or members of any joint enterprise.

b. The Owner agrees to and shall indemnify and hold the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability for damage or claims for damage for personal injuries, including death, and claims for property damage which may arise from the direct or indirect use or operations of the Owner or those of his or her contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee, or other person acting on his or her behalf which relates to the use, operation, and maintenance of the Historic Property. The Owner hereby agrees to and shall defend the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, and employees with respect to any and all actions for damages caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, reason of the Owner's activities in connection with the Historic Property.

c. This hold harmless provision applies to all damages and claims for damages suffered, or alleged to have been suffered, and costs of defense incurred, by reason of the operations referred to in this Agreement regardless of whether or not City prepared, supplied, or approved the plans, specifications or other documents for the Historic Property.

d. All of the agreements, rights, covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties herein, their heirs, successors, legal representatives, assigns, and all persons acquiring any part or portion of the Historic Property, whether by operation of law or in any manner whatsoever.

e. In the event legal proceedings are brought by any party or parties to enforce or restrain a violation of any of the covenants, reservations, or restrictions contained herein, or to determine the rights and duties of any party hereunder, the prevailing party in such proceeding may recover all reasonable attorney's fees to be fixed by the court, in addition to court costs and other relief ordered by the court.

f. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by subsequent preemptive legislation, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions thereof, shall not be effected thereby.

g. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, with venue in Orange County.

11. Recordation.

No later than twenty (20) days after the parties execute and enter into this Agreement, the City shall cause this Agreement to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Orange.

12. Amendments.

This Agreement may be amended, in whole or in part, only by a written recorded instrument executed by the parties hereto.

13. Effective Date

This Agreement shall be effective on the day and year first written above in Section 1.

{Signature page follows}

ATTEST:

CITY OF SANTA ANA

JENNIFER L. HALL
City Clerk

THOMAS R. HATCH
Interim City Manager

OWNERS

Date: _____

By: _____
KELLY S. THOMAS
Trustee of the Thomas Living Trust
Dated March 28, 2022

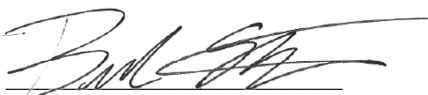
Date: _____

By: _____
BETHANY S. THOMAS
Trustee of the Thomas Living Trust
Dated March 28, 2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SONIA CARVALHO
City Attorney

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

By: 

BRANDON SALVATIERRA
Deputy City Attorney

MINH THAI
Executive Director
Planning and Building Agency

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 43 OF TRACT NO. 455, FLOWER SQUARE, IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 8 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID ORANGE COUNTY.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 405-183-01

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Woitke House
925 North Lowell Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703

NAME	Woitke House			REF. NO.
ADDRESS	925 North Lowell Street			
CITY	Santa Ana	ZIP	92703	ORANGE COUNTY
YEAR BUILT	1928	LOCAL REGISTER CATEGORY: Contributive		
HISTORIC DISTRICT	N/A	NEIGHBORHOOD	Washington Square	
CALIFORNIA REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION	C/3	CALIFORNIA REGISTER STATUS CODE	5S3	

Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Mission/Spanish Revival

The Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival style, as its name implies, encompasses two major subcategories. The Mission Revival vocabulary, popular between 1890 and 1920, drew its inspiration from the missions of the Southwest. Identifying features include curved parapets (or espadaña); red tiled roofs and coping; low-pitched roofs, often with overhanging eaves; porch roofs supported by large, square piers; arches; and wall surfaces commonly covered in smooth stucco. The Spanish Colonial Revival flourished between 1915 and 1940, reaching its apex during the 1920s and 1930s. The movement received widespread attention after the Panama-California Exposition in San Diego in 1915, where lavish interpretations of Spanish and Mexican prototypes were showcased. Easily recognizable hallmarks of the Spanish Colonial Revival are low-pitched roofs, usually with little or no overhangs and red tile roof coverings, flat roofs surrounded by tiled parapets; and stuccoed walls. The Spanish vocabulary also includes arches; asymmetry; balconies and patios; window grilles; and decorative elements of wood, wrought iron, tile, or stone.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:

The Woitke House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties under Criterion 1 for embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of a Spanish Revival style residential building. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Washington Square and is a representative example of Spanish Revival architecture in Santa Ana (Santa Ana Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2(3)).

EXPLANATION OF CODES:

- **California Register Criteria for Evaluation:** (From California Office of Historic Preservation, Technical Assistance Series # 7, "How to Nominate Resources to the California Register of Historical Resources," September 4, 2001.)
 - 3:** It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.
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 - 5S3:** Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.

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PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # _____
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Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 5 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) *Woitke House*

P1. Other Identifier:

***P2. Location:** ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

***a. County** Orange County

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** *Orange Quadrangle California-Orange County 7.5-Minute Series*

Date: 2022

***c. Address** 925 North Lowell Street

City: Santa Ana

Zip: 92703

***e. Other Locational Data:** Assessor's Parcel Number 405-183-01

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The Woitke House is a one story, single-family, Spanish Revival Style residence located on a modestly sized parcel in the Washington Square neighborhood (Figure 1). The asymmetrical residence exhibits a rectangular-shaped plan with a hipped roof clad in clay tiles that has a flat roof at its center. The roof has minimal eave overhang. The exterior of the house is clad in a coarse/textured stucco finish. The primary (west) façade is divided into three bays. A partially enclosed covered patio with multiple arched openings encloses the northern two bays, which features a tripartite wood window and the main entrance. The tripartite window has two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper multi-light transoms at all three window segments (Figure 2). The main entrance door is composed of a single wood frame door with obscure glass, including metal hardware and decorative metal ornamentation fixed to the door's exterior (Figure 3). The southern third bay contains a smaller version of the tripartite wood window that is located in the front porch.

(See Continuation Sheet 3 of 5.)

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (list attributes and codes) *HP2. Single-Family Residence and HP4. Ancillary building*

***P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Photo: (view and date)
(Figure 1) Primary (West) elevation, view east, August 2023

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** ☒ historic
1928/ Orange County Assessor's

***P7. Owner and Address:**
*Kelly and Bethany Thomas
925 North Lowell Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703*

***P8. Recorded by:**
*Andrea Dumovich Heywood
City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza M-20
Santa Ana, CA 92702*

***P9. Date Recorded:**
January 11, 2024

***P10. Survey Type:**
Intensive Survey Update

***P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")
None

***Attachments:** ☐ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

DPR 523A (1/95)

***Required information**

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code 5S3

*Resource Name or #: Woitke House

B1. Historic Name: Woitke House

B2. Common Name: Same

B3. Original Use: Single-family Residence

B4. Present Use: Single-family Residence

***B5. Architectural Style:** Spanish Revival Style

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations):

1928. Original building permit not uncovered.

November 1, 1939. Reroof residence. \$65.

January 8, 1991. Add bathroom.

January 15, 1991. Reroof residence. \$2,500.

December 20, 2019. Stucco and roof repair. \$8,000.

March 16, 2021. Remove a non-bearing partition wall to enlarge kitchen.

November 28, 2023. Legalize kitchen window (north façade) change out that occurred in 2021: removal of two wood hung windows and one centered casement window and replacement with a compatible, single wood window with a multi-light transom to match original window style on the primary façade.

Unknown. Front, side (north), and rear door replacement; restucco exterior with coarse/textured stucco; garage door replacement.

***B7. Moved?** ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original location: _____

***B8. Related Features:** Detached garage, partially enclosed patio at front façade, north side yard patio, north side yard hedge, and two mature palm trees, shrubs, bushes, lawn, and small-and-medium sized trees in front yard.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme** Residential Architecture

Area Santa Ana

Period of Significance: 1928

Property Type: Single-family Residence

Applicable Criteria: C/3

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

The *Woitke House* is architecturally significant as an intact example of a Spanish Revival style house in Santa Ana. The original building permit was not uncovered, however County Assessor's data notes its build date as 1928. The address first appears in city directories in 1929. The original architect and builder are unknown. From 1929 to 1932, the subject property was owned by F E Woitke. Russell Munro occupied the property for one year in 1933. From 1934 to 1935, E E Sidnam owned the property. D D Hilyard then bought the property and resided in it from 1936 to 1944. The property is listed as "vacant" in the 1945 city directory and there was no city directory available for 1946. From 1947 to at least 1962, G N Ginther owned the property. No records were available between 1963 and 1964, and in 1965 the address is not listed in the city directory. No records were available from 1966 to 1978, and the address was not listed in 1979-1990. (See Continuation Sheet 3 of 5).

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

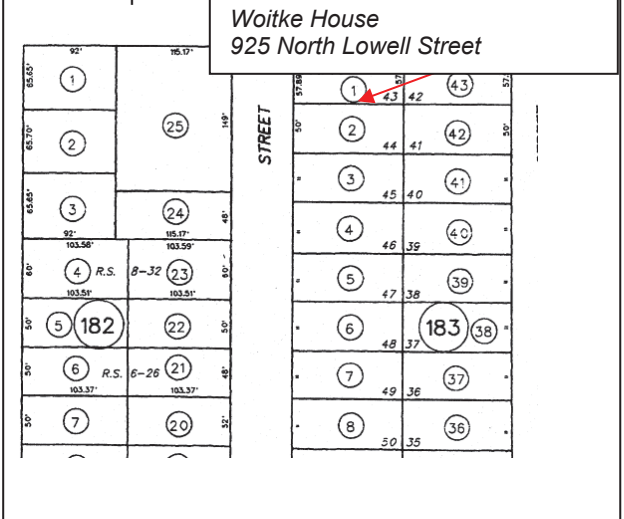
***B12. References:**

City of Santa Ana Building Permits
Santa Ana History Room Collection, Santa Ana Public Library
Sanborn Maps
(See Continuation Sheet 3 of 5.)

B13. Remarks: None

(This space reserved for official comments.)

Sketch Map



***B14. Evaluator:** Andrea Dumovich Heywood, City of Santa Ana.

***Date of Evaluation:** January 11, 2024

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Resource Name: Woitke House

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*Date January 11, 2024 ☒ Continuation ☐ Update

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*Required information

***P3a. Description (continued):**

Fenestration on the side (north) façade features a mix of window types, including paired, single-light casement wood windows; a wide fixed wood window with upper multi-light transoms; a tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors that is located within an arched recessed porch; and one-over-one double-hung wood windows (Figures 4 and 5). Similarly, the side (south) façade's fenestration is a mix of double-hung wood windows and fixed wood windows. The rear (east) façade contains single-light casement wood windows, a fixed wood window, and double-hung wood windows, along with two wood doors, one of which is a multi-light door and the other has a single upper light (Figure 6). All windows throughout the residence contain a prominent wood window sill.

Additional architectural features include terra cotta tile flooring at the main entrance walkway, front and side porches, and rear entrance steps; decorative tiles within the terra cotta flooring. The rear yard contains a single-story, detached garage with a square footprint and a flat roof with parapet. Clay tile coping wraps around the garage's parapet roofline, with a clay tile roof awning at the primary (north) façade. Garage fenestration consists of a metal roll up door at the primary (north) façade, and a wood door and fixed wood window at the side (west) facade (Figure 7). The property is landscaped with a front lawn, two mature palm trees that flank the entrance walkway, additional medium-sized mature trees, along with shrubs, bushes, small palm trees and succulents. A tall, manicured hedge wraps around the side (north) façade, which is contained by a small metal fence.

***B10. Significance (continued):**

In the 1999-2000 Criss-Cross directory, Herbert McCoy is listed as the building occupant. The present-day owners, Kelly and Bethany Thomas, have owned the property since 2003. No additional information was uncovered regarding the past owners and tenants.

The Woitke House is located in Washington Square, a neighborhood located northwest of the city center bounded by West Seventeenth Street on the north, West Civic Center Drive on the south, North Flower Street on the east, and North Bristol Street on the west. Most of this area was owned by the family of Jacob Ross, who had purchased portions of the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana in 1868 and 1869. Walnuts and other crops were grown in the area during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with a few farmhouses, most notably the Ross-McNeal House at 1020 North Baker Street, dotting the landscape. By 1905, Baker and Towner were the only streets in the neighborhood, which extended from Hickey (now Civic Center) only as far as Washington and which contained only about a dozen homes. The status quo had not changed much by 1915, when a brick yard was located at the northern terminus of Olive Street at Hickey. In 1925, the beginning of the development that would convert this largely agricultural area into a middle class neighborhood of single-family homes over the next 25 years had begun. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Tudor Revival and Spanish Colonial Revival homes were the standard, with American Colonial Revival saltboxes and ranch style homes favored in the years before and after World War II. During the 1930s, many of the homes were built by local contractor Emmett Rogers, who sold lots and built homes according to standard plans, which individual property owners could customize to their tastes ("Washington Square: A Neighborhood of Pride," Washington Square Neighborhood Association). With the return of servicemen following the war and the accompanying demand for homes in southern California, the development of Washington Square was all but completed.

The Woitke House qualifies for listing in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties under Criterion 1 as an intact example of a Spanish Revival style home in Santa Ana. Located in Washington Square, the house was built in 1928. The recommended categorization is "Contributive" because it contributes to the overall character and history of Washington Square and is a representative example of Spanish Revival architecture in Santa Ana (Santa Ana Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2(3)). Character-defining features of the Woitke House include, but may not be limited to: Rectangular-shaped building footprint and massing; asymmetrical primary façade; hipped roof clad in clay tiles that has a flat roof at its center; minimal eave overhang; original smooth stucco siding (to be restored with or without trowel pattern); a partially enclosed covered patio at the primary façade with multiple arched openings; a covered patio at the side (north) facade with an arched opening; two tripartite wood windows at the primary (west) façade that each contain two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper multi-light transoms at all three window segments; additional windows including single-light casement wood windows, a tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors, fixed wood windows, one-over-one double-hung wood windows; rear, single and multi-light wood-frame doors; prominent wood window sill on all original windows; terra cotta tile flooring at the main entrance walkway, front and side porches, and rear entrance steps; decorative tiles within the terra cotta flooring; detached garage with a flat roof and parapet that has clay tile coping and a clay tile roof awning at the primary (north) façade; and front yard landscaping including small and mature palm trees and succulents.

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Additional Figures:



Figure 2. Original tripartite window that has two casement windows with a centered fixed window and upper multi-light transoms at all three window segments, facing northeast.



Figure 3. Main entrance door that is composed of a single wood frame door with obscure glass, including metal hardware and decorative metal ornamentation fixed to the door's exterior, facing east.



Figure 4. Fixed wood window with upper multi-light transoms, facing south.



Figure 5. Tripartite wood-frame multi-light side door with a central door flanked by narrower doors, facing south.



Figure 6. The rear (east) façade's wood door with a single upper light and an adjacent fixed wood window, facing west.



Figure 7. Detached garage with a flat roof with parapet. Clay tile coping wraps around the garage's parapet roofline, with a clay tile roof awning, facing south.

Exhibit C

Exterior work shall be reviewed by the Historic Resources Commission and subject to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, as follows:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purpose.
2. The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
3. All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
4. Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
5. Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
6. Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, whenever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from the other buildings or structures.
7. The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
8. Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and reserve archaeological resources affected by, or adjacent to any project.
9. Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with

size, scale, color, material and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

10. Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations need to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired.

Proposed Structure Improvements (“Work Plan”)

925 North Lowell Street

Item	Year	Improvement
1	2024	Replace electrical knob and tube wiring
2	2024	Replace all security lighting at the front, rear, and side yards with compatible lighting. (The decorative exterior ceiling lighting can remain.)
3	2025	Repair in-kind all wood windows as needed. Replace any wood rot that is beyond repair to match existing.
4	2026	Rear yard gate replacement with compatible style gate, or removal of the decorative iron ornamentation on existing gate.
5	2027	Garage door replacement with compatible style door
6	2027	Front door replacement with compatible style door
7	2028	Remove coarse stucco coating at residence and garage buildings, restore original finish to smooth stucco with trowel pattern, and paint the house and garage.
8	2029	Earthquake retrofit the property’s foundation
9	2031	Replace cracked driveway and garage floor
10	2032	Interior natural wood restoration – mahogany doors, hardwood floors, window casing

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA ANA HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

The City of Santa Ana encourages the public to participate in the decision-making process. We encourage you to contact us prior to the Public Hearing if you have any questions.

Historic Resources Commission

Action: The Historic Resources Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive public testimony, and will take action on the item described below. Their decision is final unless appealed to the City Council within 10 days of the decision by any interested party or group.

Project Location: 925 North Lowell Street located within the Single Family Residential (R1) zoning district.

Project Applicant: Bethany S. & Kelly S. Thomas (Property Owners)

Project Description: Applicants are requesting approval of Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2023-20, Historic Register Categorization No. 2023-06, and Historic Property Preservation Agreement No. 2023-12 to allow the placement and categorization in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties as "Contributive" for the above-mentioned property and to execute a Historic Property Preservation Agreement with the City of Santa Ana.

Environmental Impact: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the project is exempt from further review under Section 15331, Class 31, as this action is designed to preserve a historic resource. Categorical Exemption No. ER-2023-121 will be filed for this project.

Meeting Details: This matter will be heard on **Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701. **Members of the public may attend this meeting in-person or join via Zoom.** For the most up to date information on how to participate virtually in this meeting, please visit www.santa-ana.org/pb/meeting-participation.

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Note: If you challenge the decision on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone

else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Historic Resources Commission or City Council of the City of Santa Ana at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Si tiene preguntas en español, favor de llamar a Nuvia Ocampo al (714) 667-2732.

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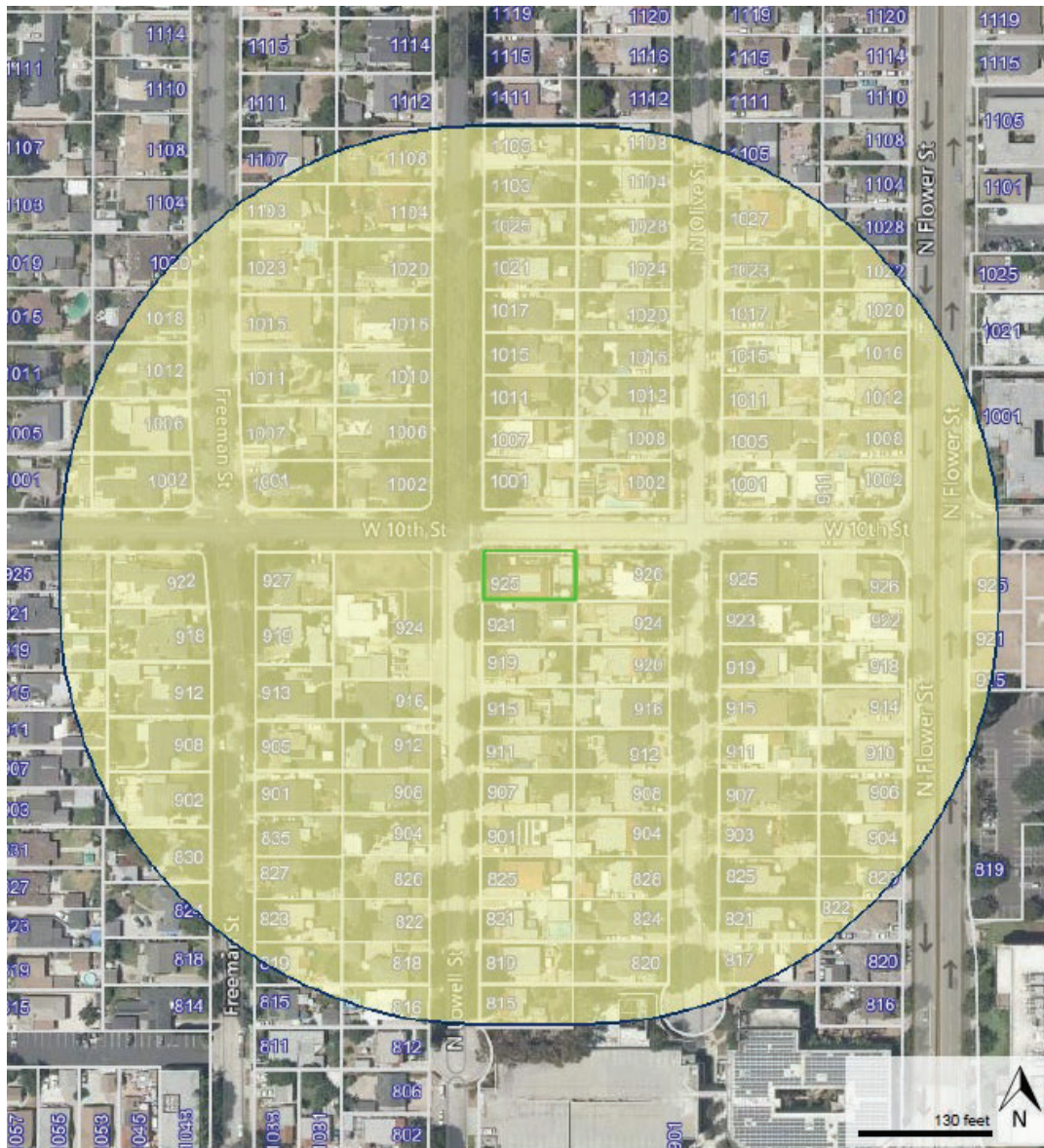
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500' RADIUS NOTIFICATION MAP



925 North Lowell Street
500-Foot Buffer Map

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Ocampo, Nuvia

From: Tom Lutz <luterlutz@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:19 AM
To: eComments, PBA
Cc: eComment
Subject: HRC Application #2023-20
Attachments: Mills Act 925 Lowell.pdf

To: HRC Commission.

Re: HRC Application #2023-20

Dear Historic Resources Commissioners:

Washington Square Neighborhood Association supports Bethany & Kelly Thomas's HRC Application #2023-20 and Categorization #2023-6 and Property Preservation Agreement #2023-12.

Kelly and Beth have done an outstanding job on preserving and refurbishing their house back to it's original glory!

Sincerely,

Tom Lutz
WSNA - City Liaison

Ps. Please confirm transmission.

Ocampo, Nuvia

From: Fernando Astran <astranfernando@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 6:10 PM
To: eComments, PBA
Subject: H.R.C.A. # 2023-20 @ 925 N Lowell St

I support Bethany and Kelly Thomas' request for Historic Property Preservation.

Regards,
Fernando Astran
Property Owner @
924 N. Lowell Street
Santa Ana. CA. 92703

Ocampo, Nuvia

From: (null) (null) <le_canuck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 8:11 PM
To: eComments, PBA
Subject: Historic Resources Commission Application 2023-20, Thomas house

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Washington Square has been our home for more than 17 years. One of the reasons we chose to live here was the neighborhood's historic nature. It impressed us how Washington Square's residents take such pride in maintaining the neighborhood's character.

We've been fortunate to have Beth and Kelly Thomas as our neighbors. Even in a place like Washington Square where residents take such pride in their properties, the Thomas' home stands out. Their plot is one of Washington Square's jewels, meticulously maintained and stunning to behold. While lovingly caring for their home, they've been careful to preserve and enhance its historic nature.

In short, Beth and Kelly Thomas are precisely the type of homeowners who deserve for their property to win historic designation to help keep Washington Square historic and beautiful, and we urge you to approve this application.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Michael Mello and Cindy Carcamo
900 block North Olive Street, Washington Square