



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Historic Resources Commission Staff Report**  
**November 3, 2022**

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**Topic:** HPPA No. 2022-19– Armory Hall/American Legion Hall

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Clerk of the Council to execute a Historic Property Preservation Agreement (Mills Act) with Liennette Chung for the property located at 313 N. Birch Street, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney (Exhibit 1).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Liennette Chung, representing Wild Orchid Investments LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, is requesting approval to execute a Mills Act Agreement with the City of Santa Ana at an existing residence located at 313 N. Birch Street that is currently listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

**DISCUSSION**

**Project Location and Site Description**

The subject property, known as the Armory Hall/American Legion Hall, consists of an existing Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival building that is approximately 15,924 square feet in size on a 9,700-square-foot lot (Exhibit 2). The Armory Hall/American Legion Hall was added to the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties ("Register") in 2001 and categorized as "Landmark." In addition, the Armory Hall/American Legion Hall was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. Under the regulations implementing the California Register of Historical Resources, the building is also listed in the California Register.

**Analysis of the Issues**

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. The property is listed on the Register and categorized as Contributive, making it eligible for a Mills Act Agreement. 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
- Allows for a mechanism to provide for property rehabilitation
- Provides additional incentive for potential buyers to purchase historic structures
- Discourages inappropriate alterations to the property

The Armory Hall/American Legion Hall was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. Under the regulations implementing the California Register of Historical Resources, the building is also listed in the California Register. In 2001, the Historic Resources Commission placed the Armory Hall/American Legion Hall on the Register and within the "Landmark" category because it "is on the national register," "is on the state register," "has historical/cultural significance to the City of Santa Ana," and "has a unique architectural significance." Character-defining exterior features of the Armory Hall/American Legion Hall that should be preserved include, but may not be limited to: a two-story high archway located at the southwest corner of the building; deeply recessed doorway within the barrel-vaulted space; fenestration; flat roofed three-story wing; arched windows beneath a projecting cornice; projecting bricks; and shallowly recessed panel containing the current name of the building, "Santa Ana Veterans Hall" on a blue tiled background.

In 2019, the property underwent improvements including interior demolition to remove existing non-bearing partition walls to create more open space within the interior of the building. The overall work included tenant improvements to install new interior windows for each office and new interior partitions to create cubicle spaces on both floors. During this time, there were no exterior changes or alterations to the building. However, during the site visit, staff noted that the building has been modified from its 1934 appearance by the enclosure of some windows and the removal of stucco facing. Staff will work with the property owner to address these concerns as part of the rehabilitation and restoration requirements during the duration 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. These improvements will be subject to review and approval by staff. Upon consideration of the application, it is recommended that the City enter into a Historic Property Preservation Agreement.

### **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. 2022-104 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 \$3,017.77 annually, for a period of not less than ten years.

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

- 1 - Mills Act Agreement
- 2 - 500' Radius Map
- 3 - Site Photos – 313 N. Birch Street
- 4 - HRC Resolution (313 N. Birch Street)
- 5 - Action Minutes HRC (313 N. Birch Street)

Submitted By:  
Pedro Gomez, AICP, Senior Planner

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

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

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## 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 **Wild Orchid Investments LLC, a California Limited Liability Company**, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Owner”), owner of real property located at **313 N. Birch 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 **313 N. Birch Street, Santa Ana, CA, 92701** 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 **February 8, 2023**, 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 "Historical Property Description" attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B, 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.

#### **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 **313 N. Birch Street**, Assessor Parcel Number, **398-591-10**, 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.

**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: Wild Orchid Investments, LLC  
207 Ocean Place  
Seal Beach, CA 90740  
Attn: Liennette Chung

**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**

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Clerk of the Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
KRISTINE RIDGE  
City Manager

**OWNER**


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Liennette Chung  
Wild Orchid Investments LLC, a California  
Limited Liability Company

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

SONIA CARVALHO  
City Attorney

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

By:   
JOHN M. FUNK  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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MINH THAI  
Executive Director  
Planning and Building Agency

**EXHIBIT A  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**PARCEL 1:**

COMMENCING ON THE EAST LINE OF BIRCH STREET AT A POINT 110 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 38 OF "THE BIRCH ADDITION TO SANTA ANA", AS SHOWN ON A MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 3, PAGE 145 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; THENCE EAST, PARALLEL WITH FOURTH STREET IN SAID CITY, 115 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH BIRCH STREET, 65 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 50 OF "THE PARK ADDITION TO SANTA ANA", AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 30 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; THENCE WEST 115 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF BIRCH STREET; THENCE NORTH 65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**PARCEL 2:**

THAT PORTION OF LOT 40 OF "THE BIRCH ADDITION TO SANTA ANA", AS SHOWN ON A MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 3, PAGE 145 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, SAN BERNARDINO MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING 110 FEET NORTH AND 115 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THIRD STREET WITH THE EAST LINE OF BIRCH STREET, BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO SANTA ANA ARMORY HALL, RECORDED JULY 26, 1910 IN BOOK 172, PAGE 342 DEEDS; THENCE EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE LANDS SO CONVEYED, 35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 50 OF "THE PARK TRACT ADDITION OF SANTA ANA", AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 30 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; THENCE WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 50, A DISTANCE OF 35 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE LAND CONVEYED TO SAID SANTA ANA ARMORY HALL; THENCE NORTH 65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**Assessor's Parcel Number: 398-591-10**

***MILLS ACT AGREEMENT  
313 N. Birch Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701***



NAME	Armory Hall/American Legion Hall			REF. NO. 128
ADDRESS	313 North Birch Street			
CITY	Santa Ana	ZIP	92701	ORANGE COUNTY
YEAR BUILT	1911	LOCAL REGISTER CATEGORY: Landmark		
HISTORIC DISTRICT	Downtown Santa Ana	NEIGHBORHOOD	N/A	
NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION	A, C	NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS CODE	1D	

Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

USGS 7.5" Quad \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Sec \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ B.M.

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

**DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND RELATED TO PERIOD ARCHITECTURE:**

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 *espadana*); 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 wood, wrought iron, tile, or stone decorative elements.

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY:** (Construction data, alterations, and date of alterations)

September 26, 1983. Rebuild and seismic rehab  
March 6, 1984. Tenant improvements

**RELATED FEATURES:** (Other important features such as barns, sheds, fences, prominent or unusual trees, or landscape)

None

**DESCRIPTION:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, settings, and boundaries.)

The appearance of this two and three-story brick building dates to its post 1933 earthquake reconstruction and substantial rehabilitation in 1984. An example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, the building is asymmetrical in its composition, with exposed red brick exterior walls. The focal point of the design is the entry, a two-story high archway located at the southwest corner of the building. The actual doorway is deeply recessed within the barrel-vaulted space. Set high up on the façade next to the opening, a single bulls eye window is the only other feature of this wing, which is crowned by a red tile shed roof. To the north, the flat roofed three-story wing features a row of arched windows beneath a projecting cornice over the first floor. Other notable details of this wing include a row of projecting bricks, which suggest a frieze below the roofline, and shallowly recessed panel containing the current name of the building, "Santa Ana Veterans Hall" on a blue tiled background. In good condition, the building has been modified from its 1934 appearance by the enclosure of some windows and the removal of its stucco facing.

Note: This property has a façade easement with Heritage Orange County.

**HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Armory Hall/American Legion Hall was built in stages, with the first construction taking place around 1910, a rear addition made in 1922, an entirely new façade created following the Long Beach Earthquake in 1934, and substantial rehabilitation occurring in 1983-84 (Thomas). It was constructed as the third home of Santa Ana's Company L Armory (the first was up the street at 400 West Fourth Street, the second at 214½ East Fourth Street), and was utilized for that purpose from 1910 until the mid-1950s. Founded as the Santa Ana National Guard Company F in 1890, the unit changed its name to Company L when it was called to active duty during the Spanish American War in 1898. The organization played an important dual role in the community, as a vehicle for military service and as a community institution that sponsored social and civic events. Members of Company L provided assistance in the aftermaths of both the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire and the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake, and went on to serve in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In World War II, the building was utilized as the West Coast Army Training Center and was used as a broadcasting station. The name of the unit was changed to Company A, 161<sup>st</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion in 1954 (Marsh).

**RESOURCE ATTRIBUTES:** (List attributes and codes from Appendix 4 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation.)

(HP13) Community Center/Social Hall  
(HP34) Military Property

**RESOURCES PRESENT:**

☒ Building      ☐ Structure      ☐ Object      ☐ Site      ☐ District      ☒ Element of District      ☐ Other

**MOVED?**   ☒ No    ☐ Yes    ☐ Unknown      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** (Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, geographic scope, and integrity.)

Santa Ana was founded by William Spurgeon in 1869 as a speculative townsite on part of the Spanish land grant known as Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. Early growth and development was stimulated by the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1878 and the Santa Fe Railroad in 1886. By the end of the 1880s, Santa Ana's downtown business district was defined by five city blocks of brick commercial buildings on Fourth Street, with the heart of the city at the intersection of Fourth and Main Streets (Thomas, 8:1). The early 1900s witnessed the construction of many new business blocks or remodels along Fourth and the adjacent streets, and by the 1920s Santa Ana's downtown had expanded in all directions to include both commercial and civic development.

The Armory Hall/American Legion Hall was a significant focal point of the community's life. Company L was a source of patriotic pride to Santa Ana, and the role it played in war efforts as well as in peace time crises such as the cleanup following the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake has been chronicled in Charles Swanner's book, *The Story of Company L, Santa Ana's Own*. This property housed Company L for over 40 years, and was used for drills, as a place of assembly when the unit was called into active duty, and for sponsored activities such as dances and athletic events. The building also possesses architectural interest as an example of the Spanish Colonial Revival of the 1930s, and complements the two Spanish styled buildings around the corner at 309 and 315 West Third Street. Character-defining exterior features of the Armory Hall/American Legion Hall, which should be preserved, include but may not be limited to: brick construction; tile roofing; arched entry; arched and flat-headed window treatments on the façade; brickwork; round window, and architectural detailing such as the first floor cornice.

**SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:**

This building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 as a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. Under the regulations implementing the California Register of Historical Resources, the building is also listed in the California Register. The property is included in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Property and has been categorized as "Landmark" because it "is on the national register," "is on the state register," "has historical/cultural significance to the City of Santa Ana," and "has a unique architectural significance" (Municipal Code, Section 30-2.2).

**OWNER AND ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**RECORDED BY:** (Name, affiliation, and address)

Leslie J. Heumann

Science Applications International Corporation

35 S. Raymond Avenue, Suite 204, Pasadena, CA 91105

**DATE RECORDED:** July 30, 2001

**SURVEY TYPE:** (Intensive, reconnaissance, or other)

Intensive Survey Update

**REPORT CITATION:** (Cite survey report and other sources)

Les, Kathleen. "Santa Ana Historic Survey, Final Resources Inventory: Downtown." May 1980.

Thomas, Harold M. "Downtown Santa Ana Historic District" National Register nomination form, 1984.

**REFERENCES:** (List documents, date of publication, and page numbers. May also include oral interviews.)

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McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984.

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Washington DC: National Register Branch, National Park Service, US Dept. of the Interior, 1991.

Whiffen, Marcus. *American Architecture Since 1780*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1969.

Swanner, Charles D. *The Story of Company L, Santa Ana's Own*. Claremont: Fraser Press, 1954.

**EVALUATOR:** Leslie J. Heumann **DATE OF EVALUATION:** July 30, 2001

#### EXPLANATION OF CODES:

- National Register Criteria for Evaluation: (From Appendix 7 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation)
  - A:** that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - C:** that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- National Register Status Code: (From Appendix 2 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation)
  - 1D:** Contributor to a listed district.



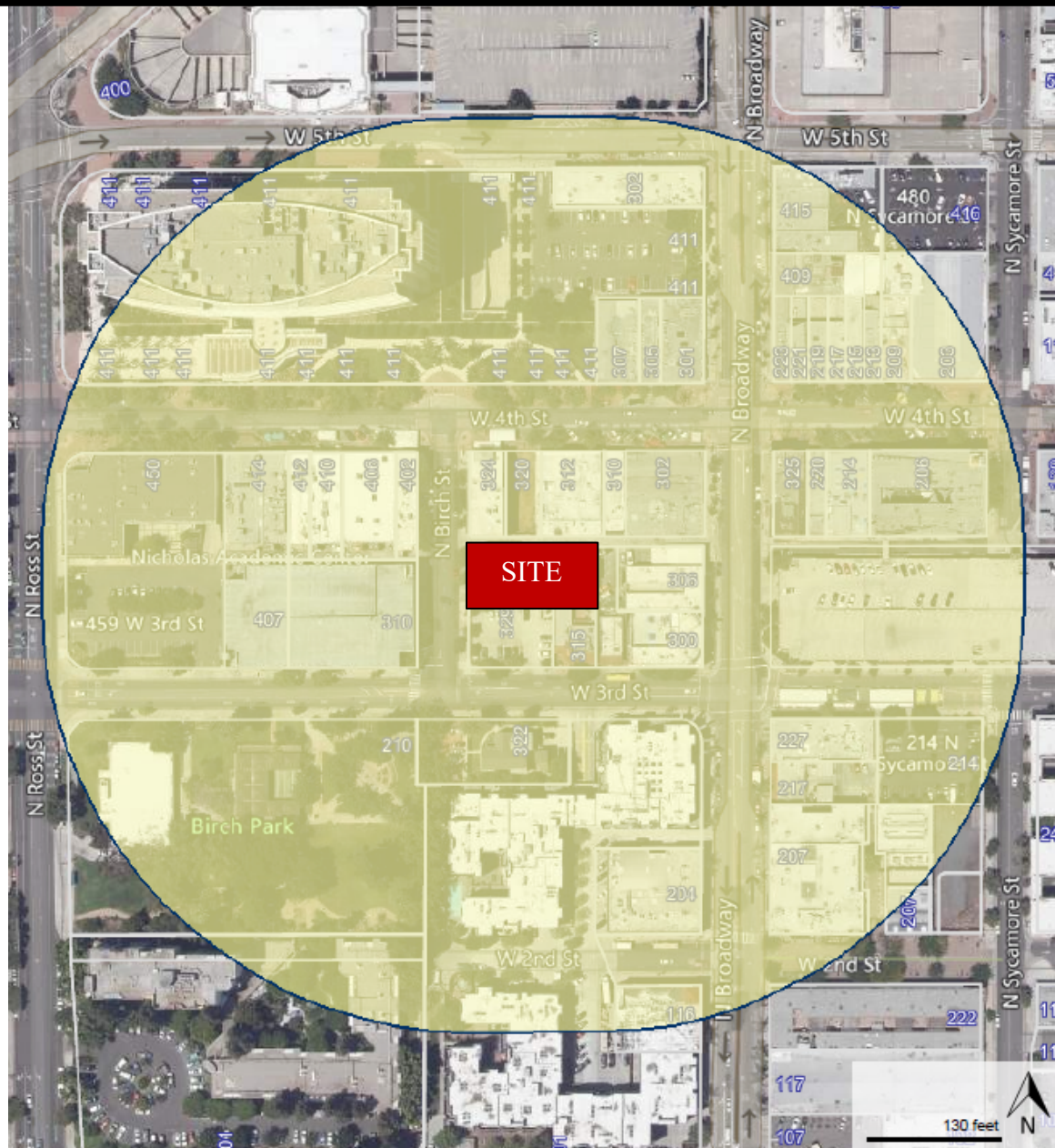
Exhibit C

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.



500' RADIUS

HPPA 2022-19  
313 N. BIRCH STREET  
ARMORY HALL/AMERICAN LEGION HALL

PLANNING AND BUILDING AGENCY





HPPA-2022-19  
 ARMORY HALL/AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
 313 N. Birch Street  
 SITE PHOTOS  
 EXHIBIT 3

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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA PLACING THE  
HISTORIC STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 313 NORTH BIRCH  
STREET, 322-326 WEST FOURTH STREET, AND 207 WEST  
SECOND STREET WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED 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 November 3, 1997, the City Council of the City of Santa-Ana by Resolution  
number 97-046A placed the following historic properties on the Santa Ana  
Register of Historic Properties:

<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Armory Hall/ American Legion Hall	313 North Birch Street, Santa Ana
West End Theatre	322-326 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana <sup>1</sup>
Southern Counties Gas Company	207 West Second Street, Santa Ana

- B. The Armory Hall/ American Legion Hall, located at 313 North Birch Street, Santa  
Ana, is listed on both the National Register and State Register.
1. This building has a historical and cultural significance to the City of Santa  
Ana because of its role as the Company L Armory, which was a  
significant focal point in the community's life in the early 1900's.
  2. It has a unique architectural significance as an example of the Spanish  
Colonial Revival architecture of the 1930's.
  3. Based upon the foregoing, the subject property meets the minimal  
standards of the landmark category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(1) of the  
Santa Ana Municipal Code.

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<sup>1</sup> This property was erroneously listed as 324 West Fourth Street in Resolution No. 97-046A; this address is the correct address  
for this property.

4. The legal owner of the subject property is CM Legion.
  5. The legal description for the subject property is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- C. The West End Theatre located at 322-326 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, historical and cultural significance to the City of Santa Ana as the most prestigious early playhouses and movie houses in the City.
1. This building is an example of early theater design and for its remarkable use of glazed brick and thus has a unique architectural significance.
  2. Based upon the foregoing, the subject property meets the minimal standards of the landmark category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(1) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
  3. The legal owner of the subject property is CM Legion.
  4. The legal description for the subject property is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
- D. The Southern Counties Gas Company, located at 207 West Second Street, Santa Ana, is listed on both the National Register and State Register.
1. This building has a historical and cultural significance to the City of Santa Ana due to the historic importance of pioneering gas service in Santa Ana. Service began with the installation of gas mains and streetlights in 1886.
  2. It has a unique architectural significance because of the building's pristine version of Georgian Revival architecture.
  3. Based upon the foregoing, the subject property meets the minimal standards of the landmark category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(1) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.
  4. The legal owner of the subject property is Ofelia Castellanos.
  5. The legal description for the subject property is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The subject properties meet the minimal standards are hereby designated a landmark category pursuant to Section 30-2.2(1) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code.

Section 3. For the subject properties, the reports for each property entitled "Historical Property Description," is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Council, and is hereby approved and adopted, and together with the staff report and this resolution, justify the findings for designation of each of the above properties as a landmark structure. The Clerk of



the Council is authorized and directed to include this resolution in the City of Santa Ana Register of Historical Property.

Section 4. The 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.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Historic Resources Commission, and the Commission Secretary shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001 by the following vote:


AYES:	Commission members:	Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)
NOES:	Commission members:	None (0)
ABSTENTION:	Commission members:	None (0)
NOT PRESENT:	Commission members:	Bustamante, Richardson (2)

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Johnson  
Commission Secretary  
Planning and Building Agency

  
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Rose Anne Garcia Kings  
Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Joseph W. Fletcher, City Attorney

By:   
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Kylee D. Odette  
Deputy City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, LAURA JOHNSON, Commission Secretary, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2001-25 to be the original resolution adopted by Historic Resources Commission of the City of Santa Ana on 9/06/01.

Date: 11/26/01

  
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Commission Secretary  
City of Santa Ana



# LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS RESOLUTION NO. 2001-25

## Landmark

For the Month of September, 2001

Address	Owner Name	Legal Description
1. 207 West Second Street	Ofelia Castellanos	TOWN OF SANTA ANA LOT 1 BLK 5 POR OF LOT AND POR OF LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 5
2. 322-326 West Second Street	CM Theatre	BIRCH ADD LOT 38 W 42 1/3 FT N 100 FT
3. 313 North Birch Street	CM Legion	BIRCH ADD LOT 38 S 15 FT(AND S 15 FT LOTS 39 & 40(AND SEC 12 T 5 R 10 LOT 50 X 150 FT

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ACTION MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
22 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

**ROLL CALL**

**5:46 P.M.**

***All Members present except Commissioner Bustamante***

**PROCEDURAL RULES**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APPLICATION NO. 2001-22, HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO. 2001-78**

To place and categorize the structure located at 517 East Fourteenth Street as Landmark (Santa Ana Water Tower) on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER: August 27, 2001

PUBLICLY NOTICED: August 23, 2001

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-22.
2. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-78.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

Commissioner Corpin inquired which water tower in the state is the largest. Staff will investigate and report back.

Commissioner Giles requested modification to Page 2 of Exhibit 1 under "Historic Highlights" last sentence to be revised from "to date" to "in 2001."

***Motion to 1) adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-22; and 2) adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-78 with modification to template.***

**MOTION:** Giles

**SECOND:** Corpin

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**2. HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APPLICATION NO. 2001-24, HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO. 2001-80**

To place and categorize the structure located at 312-316 East Fourth Street as Contributive (Commercial Building) on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER: August 27, 2001

PUBLICLY NOTICED: August 23, 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-24.
2. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-80.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Commissioner Chinn noted on Page 1 of Exhibit 1 name of building should be modified to "Semi-Tropic #1" and insert Reference No. 198.

Madame Chair inquired if the historic district definition is officially considered downtown. Staff will verify and correct if necessary.

***Motion to 1) adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-24; 2) adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-80; 3) modify building name to Semi-Tropic #1; 4) add Reference No. 198; and 5) have staff verify districts.***

**MOTION:** Chinn

**SECOND:** Giles

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**3. HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION APPLICATION NO. 2001-25, HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO. 2001-81**

To place and categorize the structure located at 318-320 East Fourth Street as Key (Musselman Block) on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

**PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER:** August 27, 2001

**PUBLICLY NOTICED:** August 23, 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-25.
2. Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-81.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Madame Chair Kings noted the template does not list historic district and neighborhood and requested staff investigate and verify.

Commissioner Giles noted modification to Page 3 of Exhibit 1 under "Statement of Significance" last sentence to be added "Character-defining exterior features of the Musselman Block *which should be preserved* include, but may not be limited to:"

*Motion to 1) adopt a resolution approving Historic Resources Commission Application No. 2001-25; and 2) adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization No. 2001-81; 3) add "which should be preserved" in the Statement of Significance; and 4) have staff verify districts, neighborhood and reference number in the template.*

**MOTION:** Giles

**SECOND:** Chinn

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**4. HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO.'S 2001-89 AND 2001-90**

To categorize various structures on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

**PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER:** August 27, 2001

**PUBLICLY NOTICED:** August 23, 2001

ADDRESS	STRUCTURE NAME	RECOMMENDED CATEGORY
225-227 North Broadway and 214, 216 and 220 West Third Street (89)	Pacific Building	Key
402-408 West Fourth Street (90)	Lawrence Building	Key

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-89 and 2001-90.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

***Motion to adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-89 and 2001-90.***

**MOTION:** Giles

**SECOND:** Gartner

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**5. HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO.'S 2001-85 AND 2001-87 THROUGH 2001-88**

To categorize various structures on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

**PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER:** August 27, 2001

**PUBLICLY NOTICED:** August 23, 2001

ADDRESS	STRUCTURE NAME	RECOMMENDED CATEGORY
313 North Birch Street (85)	Armory Hall/American Legion Hall	Landmark
322-326 West Fourth Street (87)	West End Theatre	Landmark
207 West Second Street (88)	Southern Counties Gas Company	Landmark

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-85 and 2001-87 through 2001-88.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Madame Chair Kings inquired if the current work at the building requires a permit. Mr. View noted a permit has been obtained. Madame Chair Kings asked that it be noted in the Construction History. Staff will add "Remediation in year 2000-2001."

Madame Chair Kings requested that "Colonial Revival (Georgian)" be listed under Architectural Style.

***Motion to adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-85 and 2001-87 through 2001-88 with modifications to template.***

**MOTION:** Corpin **SECOND:** O'Callaghan

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**6. HISTORIC REGISTER CATEGORIZATION NO.'S 2001-86 AND 2001-95 THROUGH 2001-100**

To categorize various structures on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties.

PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER: August 27, 2001

PUBLICLY NOTICED: August 23, 2001

ADDRESS	STRUCTURE NAME	RECOMMENDED CATEGORY
201 West First Street (86)	Zerman Building	Contributive
209-211 West Fourth Street (95)	Semi-Tropic	Contributive
213-217 West Fourth Street (96)	Hawley's Sporting Goods	Contributive
301-309 West Fourth Street (97)	Phillips Block Building	Contributive
400 West Fourth Street (98)	Old Company L Armory/Mills & Edwards Feed Store	Contributive
412 West Fourth Street (99)	Parsons Apartments Annex	Contributive
414 West Fourth Street (100)	Parsons Apartments	Contributive

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-86 and 2001-95 through 2001-100.

Pedro Guillen, Assistant Planner I, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Madame Chair Kings opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

No written communications were received and there were no speakers on the matter.

Madame Chair Kings closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

***Motion to adopt a resolution approving Historic Register Categorization Nos. 2001-86 and 2001-95 through 2001-100.***

**MOTION:** Chinn

**SECOND:** Corpin

**AYES:** Chinn, Corpin, Gartner, Giles, Kings, O'Callaghan (6)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSENT:** Bustamante, Richardson (2)

**ABSTENTION:** None (0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**7. Oral Comments – Comments from the Public**

There were no public comments.

**STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**8. Comments from Staff**

Mr. View

- Announced the annual downtown celebration "Fiestas of the Americas," from September 14-16 in Downtown Fourth Street.
- Provided an update on the Masonic Temple noting it is fully operational and is promoting dinner theater and special events.
- Noted the awnings at the Santora Building are retractable, and that construction for Memphis Restaurant is underway.
- Provided an update on One Broadway Plaza, and anticipate to have the draft EIR out by December for action in spring 2002.
- Provided an update on various projects in the downtown area.

Mr. Edwards

- Announced the Template Committee will be receiving their packets on Monday for the next meeting on Friday, September 14 at 3 p.m.
- Announced the Housing Element won an APA award of merit from the State and will submit nomination to Chicago for national award.

**9. Comments from Historic Resources Commission**

Commissioner O'Callaghan

- Noted he was pleased to be back and thanked staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Chinn

- Announced the Wilshire Square Neighborhood Fall Festival, Home Tour and Tea on Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Announced a tour of historic Arroyo Seco region's modern homes sponsored by Pasadena & Foothill Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Highland Park Heritage on Sunday, September 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Requested modification on web site where stated "any property on the local register proposing exterior modification, relocation and demolition, this historical structure 'must have' request reviewed first and a public hearing conducted by the Commission." Requested it be modified noting the benefits of getting on the list such as loan programs and Mills Act.
- Noted the YMCA building is in dire need of clean-up and noticed electrical work being performed. Mr. View provided an update on the building and Taller San Jose noting they are reorganizing their business plan to relocate industrial part of their use and staff requested they clear out storage use at the YMCA; and will investigate inquiry on the electrical and report back to Commission.
- Inquired on what is envisioned for the Phillips Block Building. Mr. View noted there are three components envisioned which consist of office use, bakery and possibly lofts. Larry Yenglin, Redevelopment Project Manager, will be invited to provide a presentation to the Commission on the project.

Vice Chair Giles

- Announced the Sights & Sounds of Santa Ana which include the Santa Ana Plein Air Arts Festival and the Jazz & Blues Festival to be held September 28-30 with a kick-off art preview and jazz cabaret on Friday evening at the Masonic Temple.
- Announced the Red Cross is looking for docents and historians to speak on tours of their historic 107-year old Victoria Home located in Anaheim; and noted there will be an open house on Sunday, September 23.
- Congratulated staff on receiving the Housing Element award and wished luck in the national competition.

Commissioner Gartner

- Thanked Pedro Guillen for his great presentations.
- Noted he will not attend the Broadway tour tomorrow and is looking forward to Broadway being a first class street in Santa Ana.

Commissioner Corpin

- Thanked staff on their great work adding the pleasure to see their professional work.

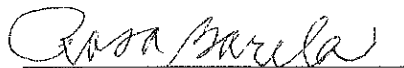
Madame Chair Kings

- Requested to add architectural styles and historical and landmark structures as key words on the city website map.
- Inquired what the status was to replace Commissioner Rankin. Mr. View answered that staff is waiting for a resignation letter and will send a written request. Madame Chair Kings requested that staff inform the Councilmember who nominated Commissioner Rankin the need for a new appointment.
- Requested an update on Commissioner Richardson. Mr. View noted that staff expressed concern of Commissioner Richardson to Planning Commission Chairman Mondo and have not heard back from him.
- Thanked Pedro Guillen noting his staff report summaries capture the essence of the buildings.
- Reinforced the need to invite Larry Yenglin to come to a future meeting and provide updates on the Phillips Hutton Block and the YMCA.
- Requested staff place on the next agenda the Award Program Committee to recruit members.
- Noted the Huscroft House building, which is a former Santa Ana home that moved to Costa Mesa in the 50's and is currently owned by the City of Costa Mesa, is being sold. Costa Mesa issued a Request for Proposals to purchase the building and announced that Heninger Park neighborhood and staff are considering a proposal to bring the home back to Santa Ana; and requested that staff place on the October 4 agenda to take action and endorse the proposal.
- Congratulated staff on the Housing Element award.

10. Excuse of Absences

Motion by Commissioner Giles and seconded by Commissioner O'Callaghan to excuse the absences of Commissioners Richardson and Bustamante approved unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

11. Adjournment – 6:39 p.m. - To September 7, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Ross Annex Conference Room 2002, 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California.



Rosa Barela  
Acting Recording Secretary