

Historic Preservation Committee Request for Review Regarding the Property at:

16401 Englewood Avenue
Los Gatos CA 95032
APN 532-05-010

I request that the above property be removed from Historic Resources Inventory for the following reasons. The structure is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the Town; No Significant persons are associated with the site; There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master; The structure does not yield information on the Town's history; The integrity has been compromised such that the structure no longer has the potential to convey significance.

In researching the history of this property I found no mention of this property in either the Sanborn Maps, 1941 Tax Assessment, 1989 Bloomfield Historic Resource Survey, Polk's Directories, Telephone Directories or General History Files. A very helpful librarian, Michael Lara, in the San Jose Public Library's California Room did help me find the attached aerial images of the property. The image dated 8-1-39 shows no structure on the property at that time (orange arrow denotes property). The image dated 5-14-48 does show a structure on the property. Therefore the structure was built sometime during that time period. It is unlikely that the structure was built in 1939 as stated in public records.

This property was, for most of its history, unincorporated and under the jurisdiction of Santa Clara County. It was recently annexed into the Town of Los Gatos as a result of an entire neighborhood annexation.

The Santa Clara County Residential Unit Property Record (attached) from 1974 is the oldest record available. It contains an image of the property in 1974 when it was accessed after a remodel. That remodel was permitted in 1973 and SCC Planning Department does have a record of the permit (BP 17730 - Enlarge Garage, Add 2 Bedrooms, Bath). However, no plans or other documents associated with the permit are available.

My husband and I purchased the property in 2011. In 2012 we did a full remodel and added a 2nd story and covered porch. This was permitted through SCC (BP 49975). Please note that the remodel did not trigger annexation at that time. As part of the 2nd story addition and remodel we replaced all siding, windows, and roof and therefore the elevations of the structure completely changed. Please see attached elevations from that permitted work and images of the home.

I do not believe the structure had historic significance when we purchased it in 2011 but after the 2012 remodel the integrity would have been compromised such that the structure no longer has the potential to convey significance. For these reasons, we ask the committee to remove this property from Historic Resources Inventory.

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