

Letter of Justification for Removal

Date: August 3, 2026
To: Historic Preservation Committee
From: Josephine Chang, Applicant
Address 16689 Magneson Loop, Los Gatos, CA 95032 (Built 1930)
APN: 523-06-024
Re: Request to remove a pre-1941 structure

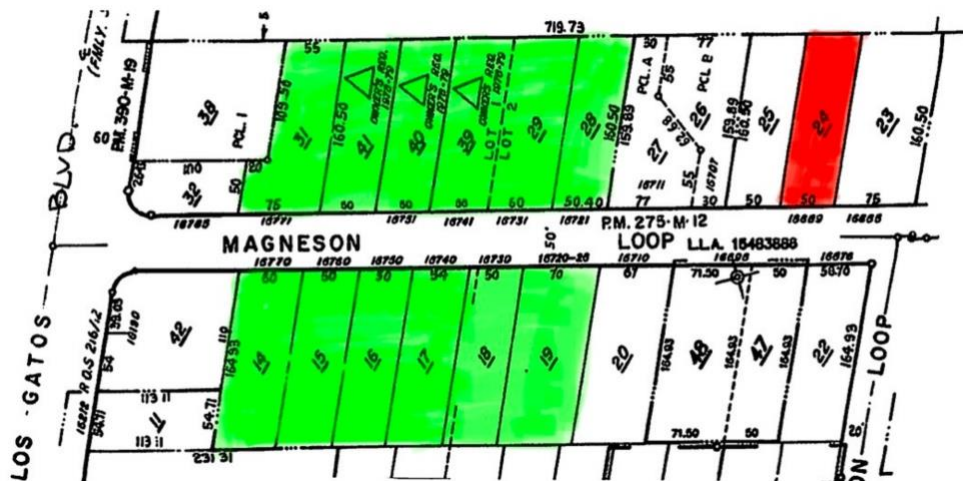
Structure's Permit History:

1930: Built
1984: Annexed to Town of Los Gatos
1995: Re-roof
2018: Re-roof

Structure's Historical Findings:

1. Not on 1944 Sanborn Map (most recent)
2. Not on 1941 Tax Assessment
3. Not on Bellringer List
4. Not on Los Gatos Museum Association's (LGMA) Historic Homes Tour List
5. Not on 1989 Anne Bloomfield Historic Resource Survey Forms

Addresses included in Survey: 16720, 16721, 16730, 16731, 16740, 16741, 16750, 16751, 16760, 16770, 16771



Owners' and Residents' History:

1947-1968 (Owners & Residents): Loren A Lloyd & Cynthia Robin Bishop

Loren A Lloyd (10/5/1968, San Jose Mercury News Archive): He graduated LGHS in 1924, worked at SJ Water Works for 43 yrs., and was the Master of Los Gatos Lodge Masonic Temple in 1945.

Cynthia Robin Bishop (12/16/1951, San Jose Mercury News Archive): She was married to Loren Lloyd and was the Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, in 1952.

1969-1971 (Resident): David R Baumgardner

David R Baumgardner (1/24/1949, San Jose Mercury News Archive, Ancestry.com): He contracted polio at the age of 5. The funding aid through the March of Dimes helped David walk with crutches and braces. He graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1960 and lived in this house from 1969-1971.

1969-1976 (Owners): Rex A. Brunner & Juanita Brunner

Brunners (1/6/1992, San Jose Mercury News Archive): They had 5 children and bought West Valley Chapel, a funeral home in Los Gatos. They sold it to Darling-Fischer Chapel of the Hills in 1989 and retired to Aptos.

1976-2023 (Owners & Residents): Sharon R. Brunner Turzo & Armond A. Turzo

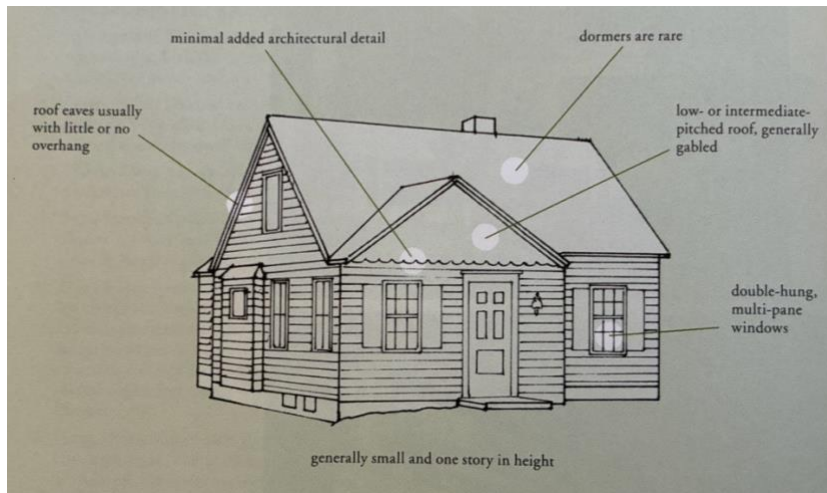
Brunners (1/6/1992, San Jose Mercury News Archive): Sharon was one of the Brunners' 5 children. She was a funeral director at her parents' funeral home and married Armond Turzo. They bought the house from her parents in 1976. She had contracted polio at age 5 and had to walk with crutches and braces and rode in a scooter.

Architectural Characteristics (A Field Guide to American Houses):

Closest Architectural Styles: shared characteristics highlighted

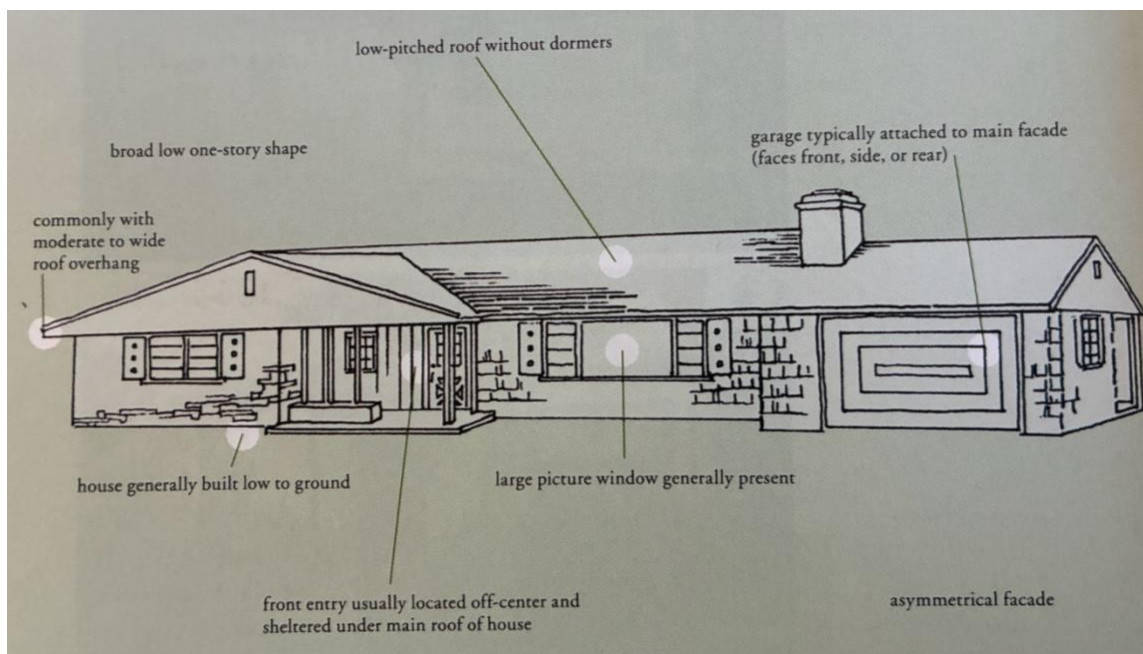
Minimal Traditional (ca. 1935-1950) Characteristics:

- Low or intermediate-pitched roof, more often gabled
- Small house, generally one story in height
- Roof eaves usually have little or no overhang
- Double hung windows, typically multi-pane or 1/1
- Minimal amounts of added architectural detail
- Rarely has dormers
- No unnecessary breaks in the roof form
- No nonessential features
- Cladding with one material
- If 2 cladding materials, then same color
- Occasional scalloped detail across base of a gable or elements of Tudor or Colonial Revival
- Subtypes: Gable-and-Wing Roof, Side-Gabled Roof ("Cape Cod"), Other Roof



Ranch (ca. 1935-1975) Characteristics:

- Low-pitched roof without dormers
- Garage typically attached to main face (faces front, side, or rear)
- Asymmetrical façade
- Large picture window generally present
- Front entry usually located off-center and sheltered under main roof of house
- House generally built low to ground
- Moderate to wide roof overhang
- Broad low one-story shape
- Subtypes: Hipped Roof, Cross-Hipped Roof, Side-Gabled Roof, Cross-Gabled Roof



Findings:

1. The structure is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the Town.
2. No Significant persons are associated with the site.
3. There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master.
 - a. Anne Bloomfield walked Magneson Loop. She included 11 homes in her Architectural/Cultural Survey. Her preliminary ratings ranged from ____ to __+__ to __++__ . This home is not one of those 11. She did not think it had enough significance to even merit a ____ distinction.
 - b. Per the book, "A Field Guide to American Houses," the closest architectural styles to this home are the Minimal Traditional and the Ranch styles. The home shares 4 of 11 Minimal Traditional characteristics and 3 of 9 Ranch characteristics. I do not think the shared characteristics of each style is sufficient to consider the home either style.
4. The structure does not yield information to Town history.
5. The integrity has been compromised such that the structure no longer has the potential to convey significance.
 - a. The structure never conveyed significance; therefore, whether its integrity has been compromised is irrelevant.

Attachments:**Pages:**

- 1-4: Annexation to Town of Los Gatos
- 5: Permit: 1995 Re-roof
- 6-7: Permit: 2018 Re-roof
- 8-22: Anne Bloomfield Architectural/Cultural Surveys
- 23-36: Polk Directories
- 37-39: San Jose Mercury Archives
- 40: Ancestry.com
- 41-42: San Jose Mercury Archives
- 43-46: Grant Deeds

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