



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/26/2026

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: August 26, 2026
TO: Historic Preservation Committee
FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Consider a Request to Remove a Pre-1941 Property from the Historic Resources Inventory for Property Zoned R-1:8. **Located at 16689 Magneson Loop.** APN 523-06-024. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3). Request for Review PHST-26-017. Property Owner/Applicant: Josephine Chang, Trustee. Project Planner: Sean Mullin.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a request to remove a pre-1941 property from the Historic Resources Inventory for property zoned R-1:8 located at 16689 Magneson Loop.

PROPERTY DETAILS:

1. Date primary structure was built: 1930, Effective Year Built 1953 per County Assessor
2. Bloomfield Preliminary Rating: N/A
3. Does property have an LHP Overlay? No
4. Is structure in a historic district? No
5. If yes, is it a contributor? N/A
6. Findings required? Yes
7. Considerations required? No

BACKGROUND:

The applicant is requesting approval to remove the pre-1941 residence from the Historic Resources Inventory. The Santa Clara County Assessor's Database lists a construction date of 1930 and an effective year built of 1953. The effective year built generally reflects the year of a significant improvement to the residence was completed and reported to the Assessor. The 1990 Anne Bloomfield Survey did not include this property. For additional context, the applicant provided the Bloomfield surveys for neighboring properties (Attachment 4). The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps do not include this property in the coverage area.

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The property was annexed from the County into the Town in 1984 (Attachment 2). Town records for the property include reroof permits from 1995 and 2018 (Attachment 3).

DISCUSSION:

The single-story residence is simple in form, with a low-pitched hip roof, a front facing gable, and a covered entry porch. Exterior materials include stucco siding, brick wainscot, and metal window awnings. The existing windows do not appear to be original.

The applicant provided results of their property research including: a summary letter, annexation documents, Town permit records, neighboring Bloomfield surveys, phone directories, news articles, and deeds (Attachments 1 through 7). The applicant concludes that the required findings for removal can be made.

Since the property was located in the County until 1984, the Town has few records. Staff prepared an exhibit showing aerial images of the property between 1939 and 1965 (Attachment 8). The footprint of the residence appears to be consistent within this time period.

CONCLUSION:

Should the Committee find that the findings for removal can be made, a recommendation of approval would be forwarded to the Community Development Director. Once approved by the Director, the property would be removed from the inventory and any proposed alterations or redevelopment of the property would not return to the Committee.

FINDINGS:

- A. Findings - related to a request for a determination that a pre-1941 primary structure has no historic significance or architectural merit.

_____ In evaluating a request for a determination of historic significance or architectural merit, the Historic Preservation Committee shall consider the following:

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;
4. The structure does not yield information to Town history; or
5. The integrity has been compromised such that the structure no longer has the potential to convey significance.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Property Research Summary Letter
2. Annexation Documents, 1984
3. Town Permit Records
4. Bloomfield Surveys for Neighboring Properties
5. Telephone Directories
6. News Articles
7. Deeds
8. Aerial Image Exhibit by Staff

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