

Town of Los Gatos
Historic Preservation Committee

RE: 14335 Rinconada Drive

February 2, 2024

Dear Committee Members,

In addition to our presentation in December 2023, this letter is to reiterate our research findings regarding the existing home located at 14335 La Rinconada Drive. As outlined in the Historic Research Worksheet, the required research was conducted and the following documents reviewed:

- Sanborn Maps – Not Located
- 1941 Tax Assessment – Not Located
- 1989 Ann Bloomfield Historic Resource Survey Form – Not Located
- Polk Directories – Not Located until 1952 (P. Danforth) and 1962 (Albert Blake)
- Historic Property Collection and Tour Books – Not Located
- Telephone Directories – Included with Polk Directories

Our research has determined that the structure has no historic significance nor architectural merit:

- It is believed that the home may have been built in 1920.
 - The home was not constructed with any defined architectural style and has been modified from the original design.
 - The home was built with no foundation and portions incorporate single wall construction (2 inch thick walls)
 - The majority of the interior of the house has very low ceilings of 7 feet in height
 - There is a laundry room with a shed roof that appears to be an addition.
 - The vinyl windows are not original to the home, and all may not be in their original locations.
 - The entry door is not original and has been replaced with a contemporary style door.
 - The front porch has clearly been modified.
 - The windows and front door do not reflect the architectural style nor materials used in the era of the 1920s.
- Our research indicates that no one of any significant importance nor anyone associated with the Town's founding or history has ever owned the property.
- While the home was built prior to 1941, it is not included in historical records, is not located within any historic district, and has no redeeming architectural qualities.
- In its current condition under modern codes, it may be deemed uninhabitable.

The above details, along with the specifics on documentation previously provided, demonstrate that all five required findings have been proven:

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 the 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.

Based on the evidence provided above, we strongly believe that this structure should be removed from any historic list.

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