



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/27/2025

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: August 22, 2025
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-1D. **Located at 24 Pleasant Street.** APN 529-26-016. Request for Review PHST-25-013. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(3). Property Owner/Applicant: Swapnil Raut and Rashmi Jadhav. Project Planner: Suray Nathan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a request to remove a pre-1941 property from the Historic Resources Inventory for a property zoned R-1D located at 24 Pleasant Street.

PROPERTY DETAILS:

1. Date primary structure was built: 1926 per County Assessor
2. Bloomfield Preliminary Rating: ✓, historic & some altered, but still a contributor to the district if there is one
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

PREPARED BY: Suray Nathan
Assistant Planner

DISCUSSION:

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 1926, and the house first appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in 1928 (Attachment 1). The property is not within a historic district or LHP overlay, but it is included in the 1990 Anne Bloomfield Survey (Attachment 2).

The applicant provided a Letter of Justification for the requested removal of a Mediterranean Revival-style house (Attachment 3) that includes Town records showing some alterations and additions, and photos of the current residence.

The applicant's research and Town records show a building permit to construct a bedroom and garage in 1957 (Attachment 3, page 12); however, no plans for the addition are found in the Town records.

Town records also indicate that on February 14, 2000, the Building Division approved the kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as the installation of all new windows into existing openings without requiring a header change, except for the two patio doors at the rear (Attachment 3, page 35).

CONCLUSION:

Should the Committee find that the structure has no historic significance or architectural merit, a recommendation of approval of the request to remove the property from the Historic Resources Inventory would be forwarded to the Community Development Director. Once approved by the Director, any proposed alterations 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. Sanborn Fire Maps
2. 1990 Anne Bloomfield Survey
3. Letter of Justification

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