



## AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2012

**TO:** Historical Commission

**FROM:** Zachary Dahl, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** Historic Resources Inventory Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider designating the following properties as Historic Resources and listing them on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory:

- A. 973 Dolores Avenue
  - B. 164 Doud Drive
  - C. 479 Los Altos Avenue
  - D. 1284 Paula Court
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### **BACKGROUND:**

Over the past four years, the Historical Commission has been working with City staff to update the City's historic preservation regulations and the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI). This includes the development and adoption of a new historic resource evaluation methodology to replace the Kalman Scale, and amendments to the General Plan and the Historic Preservation Ordinance to support the new methodology. The methodology and amendments were approved by the City Council on February 22, 2011. The amended Historic Preservation Ordinance went into effect on April 9, 2011.

As part of the final phase of the HRI Update, the City's Historic Consultant, Sheila McElroy with CIRCA: Historic Property Development, is reviewed all properties on the HRI and provided updated Historic Property Evaluations. The Commission was provided with draft versions of the updated Historic Property Evaluations at the November Historical Commission meeting. Historic property owners were also provided copies of their updated evaluations.

At the Historical Commission meeting on January 23, 2012, the Commission reviewed six properties for designation as Historic Resources. After hearing public comments and discussing the draft evaluations, the Commission voted unanimously to remove the properties at 531 Rosita Avenue and at 44 View Street from further consideration. The Commission also voted to continue consideration of the other four properties to allow the Los Altos History Museum to review the evaluations and provide input.

### **DISCUSSION:**

As previously discussed, the HRI included multiple properties with Kalman Scores of under 50 points. Since the old Historic Preservation Ordinance only protected properties with a score of 50 point or greater, the properties under consideration are not designated as Historic Resources or protected under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. In order for these properties to be designated

as Historic Resources, the Commission needs to make findings and formally designate each one. The properties that remain under consideration, with their previous Kalman scores, are:

- A. 973 Dolores Avenue (Kalman Score: 49)
- B. 164 Doud Drive (Kalman Score: 49)
- C. 479 Los Altos Avenue (Kalman Score: 49)
- D. 1284 Paula Court (Kalman Score: 49)

As outlined in the Historic Property Evaluations for each of property (attached), it appears that each structure retains sufficient integrity to be considered historic. But, the central question is if there is sufficient historic significance to merit designation as a Historic Resource.

As noted in the letter from Laura Bajuk with the Los Altos History Museum (included with other agenda report), they were not able to uncover any new information on these four properties. However, since most of their historical information in the Museum's archive is catalogued by name, if more information on past property owners is provided, additional information on the properties could be uncovered.

With regard to 479 Los Altos Avenue, Don McDonald provided some further background on the property and house (see attached email). In addition, each property owner has been notified that the Commission will be considering their property for designation as a Historic Resource at this meeting.

**Attachments:**

Don McDonald Email, March 20, 2012

Historic Property Evaluations:

- 973 Dolores Avenue
- 164 Doud Drive
- 479 Los Altos Avenue
- 1284 Paula Court

## FINDINGS

973 Dolores Avenue  
164 Doud Drive  
479 Los Altos Avenue  
1284 Paula Court

With regard to designating of the above listed properties as Historic Resources and listing them on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory, the Historical Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 12.44.040 of the Municipal Code:

- A. Age. The structure or property is more than fifty (50) years in age.
- B. Determination of Integrity. The structure or property retains sufficient historic integrity in most of the following areas:
  - 1. Design: The combination of elements that create the form, plan, space, structure and style of a property.
  - 2. Setting: The physical environment of a historic property.
  - 3. Materials: The physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time and in a particular pattern or configuration to form a historic property.
  - 4. Workmanship: The physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during any given period in history or prehistory.
  - 5. Feeling: A property's expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time.
- C. Historic Significance. The structure or property is clearly associated with one or more of the following areas of significance:
  - 1. Event: Associated with a single significant event or a pattern of events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of local or regional history, or cultural heritage of California or the United States;
  - 2. Person/People: Associated with the lives of persons important to the local, California or national history;
  - 3. Architecture/Design: Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a design-type, period, region or method of construction, or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic value; or
  - 4. Archaeology: Yields important information about prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.



**From:** don mcdonald  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2012 2:37 PM  
**To:** Laura Bajuk  
**Subject:** RE: Los Altos Historic Resources/HC needs help

Hi Laura:

I assume you and Zach have hard copies of what (or can access on-line) the current HRI says entries for these properties, but I don't. So I can't see what's already down for any of the 4 addresses. As for 973 Dolores & 164 Doud Dr., my hard drive doesn't know anything about them. Sorry about that.

Nearby 479 Los Altos Ave - I do know personally. It was built ca 1925 after the original Becker house burned down. It is on the 2.3 acre remnant of the Becker's original 10 acre orchard/chicken farm. Its stone base was reputedly made of Adobe Creek stones, which possibly make it unique among remaining old Los Altos homes in that style. The house is such bad condition that I can't see that it would be even remotely worth repairing. (But of course I'm not an architect or builder.) It is at least half-owned by a Becker grandson, Mark Clifford, who very rarely lives there. His brother may own the other half. Their mother, Viola Becker Clifford, has another acre or so of her parent's original orchard on Pine Lane.

All my hard-drive knowledge about 1284 Paula Ct. is that Section II of the 2010 revised HRI lists it as one of the orchards mentioned in a 1977 unpublished manuscript by Lyle W. Heustis, covering orchards in the grant Rd area.

Cheers . . . Don



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**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
 HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
 NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 2 \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 973 Dolores Avenue

P1. Other Identifier: HRI # 20

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

- \*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_; R \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of Sec \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ B.M.
- c. Address 973 Dolores Avenue City Los Altos Zip 94024
- d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ mE/ \_\_\_\_\_ mN
- e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)  
189 15 029

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

973 Dolores Avenue is a one-story, Tudor Revival style cottage with a compound plan and stucco-clad exterior walls. The house features a steeply pitched gable which curves downward on one side to cover the side-facing entrance porch. Brick quoins ornament the corners of the front facade. The front gabled extension features decorative half-timbering, leaded glass windows and a brick base with brick coping. A large, fixed plate glass window is set at the recessed front facade. A battered chimney pierces the roof plane near the west end of the house, and a small gabled dormer - also with decorative half-timbering - is set above the picture window. The residence appears to be in good condition.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2. Single family property

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:  
Primary Elevation  
July 2011

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:  Historic  Prehistoric  
 Both  
 c. 1930  
(G. Laffey)

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Patrick E. Pejack  
973 Dolores Avenue Los Altos, CA  
94024

\*P8. Recorded by:  
Circa: Historic Property Development  
582 Market Street, Suite 1800  
San Francisco, CA 94104

\*P9. Date Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_  
July 2011

\*P10. Survey Type:  
Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Attachments:  NONE  Location Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure, and Object Record  
 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List): \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

\*NRHP Status Code CA Reg. 5S1

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 973 Dolores Avenue

B1. Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B2. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Tudor cottage

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Built c.1930. Fence, 1959; backyard spa & deck, 1994; 200sq.ft. detached garage "w/ architectural style to match house," 2006.

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features:

Garage.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture/Development

Area Los Altos

Period of Significance c.1930-1961 (50 year mark) Property Type Residence

Applicable Criteria NR/CR/Local

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This Tudor Revival style cottage is part of the original 1926 Loyola Subdivision. This subdivision is comprised of similar small lot sizes and a variety of small house types which date from the 1920s. Care might be taken for future development to preserve the unique character that exists here. (G. Laffey).

973 Dolores Avenue, Character Defining Features: one-story form; stucco-clad exterior walls; steeply pitched gable which curves downward on one side to cover the side-facing entrance porch; brick quoins; decorative half-timbering; leaded glass windows; a brick base with brick coping; fixed plate glass window at front facade; battered chimney; small gabled dormer with decorative half-timbering.

Evaluation: 973 Dolores Avenue is a good representative example of its style, and retains a high degree of integrity of workmanship, feeling, design and materials. Therefore, it is listed on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory as a Historic Resource and is assigned the California Register Status Code 5S1: "Individual property that is listed or designated locally." Note: This finding is based on architectural merit alone and further research for association with historically significant events and/or people should be conducted.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) \_\_\_\_\_

\*B12. References:

Los Altos Historical Commission: Los Altos HRI (9.28.1997); McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; DPR series forms by G. Laffey (1997); Sanborn Maps; Los Altos HRI (February 2011).

B13. Remarks:

Vicinity map provided by the City of Los Altos and amended by Circa: Historic Property Development.

\*B14. Evaluator: Circa: Historic Property Development

\*Date of Evaluation: July 2011

(This space reserved for official comments.)





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 NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 2 \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 164 Doud Drive

P1. Other Identifier: HRI # 21

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_; R \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of Sec \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ B.M.

c. Address 164 Doud Drive City Los Altos Zip 94022

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ mE/ \_\_\_\_\_ mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)  
170 30 031

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

164 Doud is a two-story Dutch Colonial residence sheathed in wood droplap siding. The house features a cross gambrel roof clad in composition shingles; the smaller gambrel rests over a recessed porch area and contains a pair of double-hung windows. A bowed bay with three double-hung windows sits at the first floor level below the gambrel roofline. A second bay, flush with the main house, sits to the right of the entrance porch and also contains three sets of double-hung windows. The house is in good condition. Modifications include skylight installation and possible porch modifications.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2. Single family property

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:  
 Primary Elevation \_\_\_\_\_

July 2011

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and

Source:  Historic  Prehistoric

Both

c. 1910

(Los Altos Planning Dept)

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Leslie A. Poltrack Trustee

164 Doud Drive Los Altos, CA

94022

\*P8. Recorded by:

Circa: Historic Property Development

582 Market Street, Suite 1800

San Francisco, CA 94104

\*P9. Date Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

July 2011

\*P10. Survey Type:

Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Attachments:  NONE  Location Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure, and Object Record

Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record

Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List): \_\_\_\_\_

# BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

\*NRHP Status Code CA Reg. 5S1

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 164 Doud Drive

B1. Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B2. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Dutch Colonial

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Built c.1910. Kitchen remodel, 1958; extend living room space, 1974; reroof garage, 1989; add 2 bedrooms on 2nd floor, add kitchen nook & extend family room on 1st floor, general remodel, 1998; reroof back porch; remodel garage, 2007; add porch and mudroom, remove and replace driveway, 2009.

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features:

Garage.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture/design

Area Los Altos

Period of Significance c.1910-1961 (50 year mark) Property Type \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Criteria NR/CR/Local

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This home is an example of a Dutch Colonial cottage. The roofline and bowed bay are typical of the style; many of these homes were built from pattern books beginning as early as the 1890s. (G. Laffey.)

164 Doud Drive, Character Defining Features: two-story form; wood droplap siding. The house features a cross gambrel roof; recessed porch; original double-hung windows; bowed bay.

Evaluation: 164 Doud Drive is a good representative example of its style, and retains a fair degree of integrity of workmanship, feeling, design and materials. Therefore, it is listed on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory as a Historic Resource and is assigned the California Register Status Code 5S1: "Individual property that is listed or designated locally." Note: This finding is based on architectural merit alone and further research for association with historically significant events and/or people should be conducted.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) \_\_\_\_\_

\*B12. References:

Los Altos Historical Commission: Los Altos HRI (9.28.1997); McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; DPR series forms by G. Laffey (1997); Sanborn Maps; Los Altos HRI (February 2011).

B13. Remarks:

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\*B14. Evaluator: Circa: Historic Property Development

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Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 2 \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 479 Los Altos Avenue

P1. Other Identifier: HRI # 43

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

- \*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_; R \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of Sec \_\_\_\_\_; B.M. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Address 479 Los Altos Avenue City Los Altos Zip 94022
- d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ mE/ \_\_\_\_\_ mN
- e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)  
167 27 070

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

479 Los Altos Avenue is a one-story, wood-frame residence in the bungalow style. The house has a side-facing gable roof clad in wood shingles and an open eave overhang with exposed rafters and wood knee brackets. The front porch extends across the façade and is supported by squared porch supports and battered piers made of river rock. The entrance is centrally located and flanked by double-hung windows, a multi-paned top section and single pane, and larger bottom section. Other fenestration is either small single windows with decorative multi-panes or double-hung. The main residence is set on along the south edge of this large lot and accessed via a long driveway. Aerial photos show at least two other structures on the property, which may be barns or other outbuildings. Much of the lot is occupied by an orchard and the buildings are largely hidden from view by mature vegetation and placement on the site.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2. Single family property

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:  
 Primary Elevation \_\_\_\_\_  
 July 2011

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:  Historic  Prehistoric  
 Both  
 c. 1915  
 (Los Altos Planning Dept)

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Duane Clifford Et Al  
479 Los Altos Avenue Los Altos, CA  
94022

\*P8. Recorded by:  
Circa: Historic Property Development  
582 Market Street, Suite 1800  
San Francisco, CA 94104

\*P9. Date Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_  
 July 2011

\*P10. Survey Type:  
 Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation:

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 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List): \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

\*NRHP Status Code CA Reg. 5S1

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 479 Los Altos Avenue

B1. Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B2. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Bungalow

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Built c.1915. Fence, 1968.

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features:

Barns, outbuildings, orchard.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Association: People; Development

Area Los Altos

Period of Significance c.1915-1961 (50 year mark) Property Type \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Criteria NR/CR/Local

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This home is an example of a modest bungalow. The home is not elaborate, but reflects almost a "pattern book version of the style". No historical information was available on the original occupants of the home (G. Laffey). The house is situated on a large lot with orchard and other agricultural features.

479 Los Altos Avenue, Character Defining Features: one-story form; side-facing gable roof clad in wood shingles; open eave overhang with exposed rafters and wood knee brackets; full-width front porch supported by squared porch supports and battered piers of river rock; double-hung windows with a multi-pane/single pane top section, and larger bottom section; single windows with decorative multi-panes or double-hung wood sash.

Evaluation: 479 Los Altos Avenue appears to be associated with the context of agriculture in Los Altos, and retains a good degree of integrity of setting, workmanship, feeling, design and materials. Therefore, it is listed on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory as a Historic Resource and is assigned the California Register Status Code 5S1: "Individual property that is listed or designated locally." Note: This finding is based on visual evidence alone and further research for association with agriculture in Los Altos and/or significant people should be conducted.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) \_\_\_\_\_

\*B12. References:

Los Altos Historical Commission: Los Altos HRI (9.28.1997); McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; DPR series forms by G. Laffey (1997); Sanborn Maps; Los Altos HRI (February 2011).

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Page 1 of 2 \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 1284 Paula Court

P1. Other Identifier: HRI # 68; Moore House

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

- \*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_; R \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of Sec \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ B.M.
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- e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)  
193 33 013

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

1284 Paula Court is a two-story residence with flat roof and wood shingled parapet. The most distinctive features of the house are the large second level balcony which wraps around three sides of the structure, and the two sets of French doors which grace the facade at the first level. A row of dentils lines the fascia between the first and second levels. The balcony is supported by squared porch posts at both levels and the roofline extends over the balcony at the second story. Additional window treatment at the facade includes two sets of symmetrically placed tripartite windows with shutters at the second story. Exterior walls are clad in painted wood shingles. The most grand aspect of the property is the row of Royal palms which line Paula Court leading to the residence. The palms are the original 14 palms that lined the Grant Road entrance to the Moore Ranch as the property was called.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2. Single family property

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:  
Primary Elevation

July 2011

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and

Source:  Historic  Prehistoric  
 Both

c. 1920  
(Los Altos Planning Dept)

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Peter Wong & Brenda Chan  
1284 Paula Court Los Altos, CA  
94024

\*P8. Recorded by:  
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582 Market Street, Suite 1800  
San Francisco, CA 94104

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Page 2 of 2 \*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 1284 Paula Court

B1. Historic Name: Moore House

B2. Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B3. Original Use: Residential B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Built c.1920; remodel, 1969; carport, 1969; storage shed, 1998; fence, 2000; reroof, 2000; kitchen remodel, 2004.

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features: \_\_\_\_\_

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Agriculture Area Los Altos

Period of Significance c.1920-1966 Property Type Residence Applicable Criteria NR/CR/Local

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The five lots on Paula Ct. were divided in 1966; the original house occupies one lot; four others were built sometime after 1966. The contractor saved the 14 trees. Research suggests that the Moores moved into the property around 1919; it is not known whether the house was built prior to that time or if it was built by the Moores. According to a reference to the Emerson Tract #2 (filed on 5-9-1894) there were two 10 acre lots, which were divided on the corner of Portland and Grant. The Moore house was built on one of these lots. A. J. Moore is listed in the 1919-20 city directories as a YMCA worker, and in 1930 as an orchardist Andrew and wife Genevieve are listed up to 1952 (G. Laffey).

1284 Paula Court, Character Defining Features: two-story form; flat roof; wood shingled parapet; second level balcony; two sets of French doors at first level; dentils; squared porch posts; original windows with shutters at second story; painted wood shingle cladding; row of Royal palms lining Paula Court leading to the residence.

Evaluation: 1284 Paula Court is locally significant for association with Los Altos' agricultural past and the property retains a fair degree of integrity of workmanship, design and materials. Therefore, it is listed on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory as a Historic Resource and is assigned the California Register Status Code 5S1: "Individual property that is listed or designated locally." Note: Further research for association with historically significant events and/or people is recommended.

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