

**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
STRUCTURE OF MERIT DESIGNATION
STAFF REPORT**

**THE ARCANGELO GOGGIA HOUSE, 510 CASITAS ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
APN 031-253-008**

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Vicinity Map of 510 Casitas Road



Designation boundary is entire parcel to allow for HLC review for compatibility

Significance

The City of Santa Barbara establishes historic significance as provided by the Municipal Code, Section 22.22.040. Any historic building that meets one or more of the eleven criteria established for a City Landmark or a City Structure of Merit can be considered significant. It is the opinion of the Historic Landmarks Commission Designations Subcommittee that the building at 510 Casitas Road is an excellent candidate for Structure of Merit designation per the following three criteria:



Criterion A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation

Photograph c. 1950 illustrating how the house has retained high historic integrity with few changes to the character-defining features.

The building was constructed in 1933 for the Goggia family by Arcangelo Goggia, a stonemason who came to the United States in 1908 from Como, Italy. He worked on notable projects such as Trinity Episcopal Church, restoration of the Santa Barbara Mission after the 1925 earthquake, and Arnoldi's Restaurant. He also carved the sandstone spheres that grace the pillars at the corner entrances of the County Courthouse. The Goggia family lived in the house until 1986 and owned it until 2017.



The residence was identified to qualify as a Structure of Merit through the survey of historic resources for the Quinientos Bridge project dated October 1, 2015. The 500 block of Casitas Road contains six Spanish Colonial Revival dwellings, each with stylistic variations, which appear to retain good integrity and may be eligible for listing as Structures of Merit.

In Santa Barbara, examples of Spanish Colonial Revival can be found throughout the City as one of its most defining styles of architecture. The neighborhood was built out in small homes, most either in the Craftsman or the Spanish Colonial Revival style. Many of the residents of the Eastside neighborhood were first- and second-generation Italians who had first begun to settle Santa Barbara in the late 1890s. Many of the Italian residents worked as laborers, stonemasons, in various service industries, and some owned small businesses. By the late 1930s, the neighborhood had been almost entirely developed. As an authentic Spanish Colonial Revival style residence constructed by a talented Italian stonemason incorporating Santa Barbara sandstone, the house qualifies as a Structure of Merit under criterion A.

Criterion D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation

The residence embodies the Spanish Colonial Revival style's character-defining features, including the whitewashed stucco walls; terra-cotta roof tiles over wide overhanging eaves with wood brackets that create a decorative edge from the roof to the wall; recessed, wood casement windows; wood panel doors and divided light doors; the simplicity in detail; and the emphasis on the interplay of cubic volumes and patios, all typical of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. It represents an example of an architectural style that first appeared in residential and commercial architecture shortly before 1918. Despite the introduction of other styles, the Spanish Colonial Revival style maintained its popularity in Santa Barbara through the 1940s. The residence also contributes to the visual integrity of the surrounding neighborhood, which is primarily residential in character, encompassing many other Spanish Colonial Revival style buildings.

Because the residence at 510 Casitas Road exemplifies the Spanish Colonial Revival style, it is eligible for listing as a City of Santa Barbara Structure of Merit under criterion D.

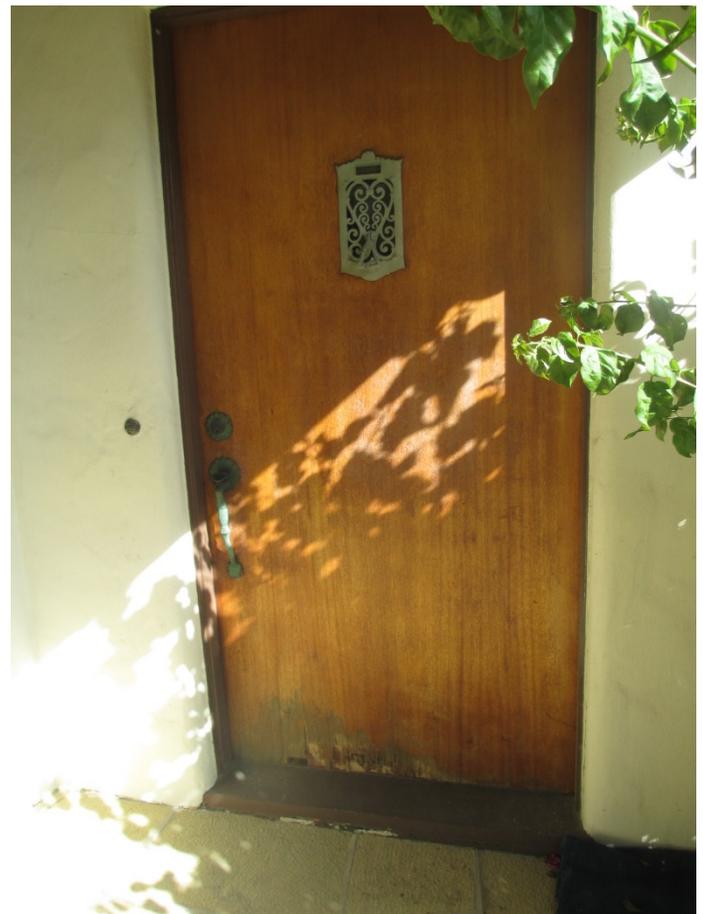
Criterion G. Its embodiment of elements demonstrating outstanding attention to architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship

The residence embodies the following elements that demonstrate an outstanding attention to design, detail, materials, and craftsmanship: The residence at 510 Casitas Road is a fine example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. The projecting front-facing gables intersect the side gable and create a horseshoe around the front entrance. The building's walls are clad with smooth-textured stucco, and its complex, low-pitched, cross-hipped roofs are covered with red clay tile. Windows are primarily wood, fixed and true divided light casements. The front entrance has a divided light door and a solid wood panel door. The garage doors are wood plank surrounded by sandstone. The chimney and wall at the property line are made of ashlar cut sandstone. The condition and integrity of the property are good. Because the residence demonstrates these outstanding elements of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, it qualifies

as a Structure of Merit under criterion G.



The original triple set of wood, true divided light casement windows.



The original wood plank door with decorative screen and set in the stucco return.

Historic Integrity

The residence is in good condition, with almost all of the original materials still present. The building retains enough of its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, allowing it to convey its original appearance. The house also contributes to the visual integrity of the Casitas Road streetscape that has maintained much of its historic integrity with intact Spanish Colonial Revival style homes from the 1920s and 30s.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Historic Landmarks Commission adopt a resolution to designate the building as a Structure of Merit. Staff recommends the entire parcel be designated to allow for HLC review for compatibility.

Works Cited

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The original ashlar cut stone chimney demonstrates excellent craftsmanship.