

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

**THE SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL STYLE HOUSE, 2925 PASEO DEL REFUGIO
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
APN 053-204-002**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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 (Criteria A through K) established for a City Landmark or a City Structure of Merit can be considered significant.



The residence at 2925 Paseo Del Refugio is located in the City's Demolition Review Study Area and, pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) §22.22.035, falls under HLC purview if the City Urban Historian finds the structure worthy of potential historic designation. Concurrent in the same meeting with the project review on September 6, 2017, the Commission adopted Resolution of Intention No. 2017-17 to designate the building as a Structure of Merit. The Urban Historian found that the 1928 Spanish Colonial Revival style house has good integrity and meets criteria outlined in the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, Section 22.22.040. The building meets Criterion D and G and would qualify as a City of Santa Barbara Structure of Merit.

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

The building exemplifies the Spanish Colonial Revival style, which emphasizes the interplay of cubic volumes, patios, pergolas, and verandas, each interpreted and redefined by local architects or regions in their own oeuvre of the form, massing, and decorative treatments. In Santa Barbara, examples of Spanish Colonial Revival style can be found throughout the City as one of its most defining styles of architecture. There are many c. 1920-1930s small, single-family, Spanish Colonial Revival style homes throughout the City. This building is an excellent example of a small, residential interpretation of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, which became an important part of Santa Barbara's heritage in the 1920s, when the City deliberately transformed its architecture and look from an ordinary western style town into a romantic Spanish Colonial Revival/Mediterranean style city. This transformation was the result of the planning vision of a number of Santa Barbara citizens in the early 1920s with the founding of the Santa Barbara Community Arts Association, which urged that the town identify its individual character and then use planning principles to develop it. As an original 1930s, Spanish Colonial Revival style residence, the house qualifies as a 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 elements that demonstrate an outstanding attention to design, detail, materials, and craftsmanship. The projecting front-facing gables intersect the side gable and create a horseshoe around the front arcade of three arches. The building's walls are clad with smooth-textured stucco, and its roofs are covered with red clay tile. Windows are primarily wood, horizontally divided light casements. Because the residence demonstrates these outstanding elements of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, it qualifies as a Structure of Merit under criterion G.

Historic Integrity

The house is in good condition, with almost all of the original materials still present. The house retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, which allows it to convey its original appearance.

