

7 Reconnaissance-Level Survey Findings

Fieldwork for the reconnaissance-level survey took place in November 2024 and February 2025. The study was limited to a maximum of 200 historic age properties across the City and focused on properties identified during the preliminary windshield survey and/or the archival research conducted as part of the HCS.

7.1 Potentially Eligible Districts

On February 26, 2025, South Environmental completed a reconnaissance-level survey of extant buildings constructed prior to 1980 within the boundaries of the Railroad and Hamilton Neighborhood. The survey indicated that this area contains many pre-World War II buildings representative of the early residential development patterns of the City. Previous historical accounts and information collected during the research for this study further supports that this area was home to many of the City's Latina/o residents throughout much of the City's history.

Most of the buildings surveyed were single family residential buildings, with some industrial buildings primarily along West First Street adjacent to the railroad tracks, and some commercial buildings located on corner lots, such as those on the corner of West Monterey Avenue and North Hamilton Boulevard. Residential architectural styles observed throughout the course of the survey included vernacular, Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Minimal Traditional. There are also a few examples of early brick commercial buildings and brick industrial buildings in the neighborhood within close proximity to the railroad tracks. The following photographs/exhibits were all taken by South Environmental on February 26, 2025 (Exhibits 43-46).



Exhibit 43. Example of Vernacular Home, 115 South Myrtle Avenue



Exhibit 44. Example of a Queen Anne style Home, 1185 West Third Street



Exhibit 45. Example of a Commercial Building, 240 Oak Avenue



Exhibit 46. Example of Brick Industrial/Agricultural Building, Brogdex Fruit Building, 1441 West Second Street

Alterations noted during the survey included the conversions of single-family homes to multi-family homes, as well as some original lots with single-family homes that were demolished for new multi-family developments. Many of the residential buildings have been altered over time with the most common alterations including replacement windows, replacement doors, reroofing, recladding, and

additions. As a result of this lack of architectural cohesion, it is unlikely there is enough architectural merit to warrant designation as an architectural district, but as the neighborhood was historically home to many Latina/os in the City, additional research and intensive-level survey efforts should be conducted to better understand the neighborhood's ability to convey cultural significance under NRHP/CRHR/City Criteria A/1/2 for local designation as one of the City's two historic Latina/o neighborhoods. A second potentially eligible residential district that was not subject to reconnaissance-level survey as part of this study and is recommended for future study is the Grand and Hamilton neighborhood.

7.2 Potentially Eligible Individual Properties

The remainder of the reconnaissance-level survey focused on individual buildings and properties that were identified through the course of research or community engagement as having potential significance to the City's Latina/o community. These properties included a variety of property types throughout the City. Surveyors paid particular attention to properties with known or potential connections to themes or subthemes presented in the HCS with requisite integrity to convey significance.

On February 26, 2025, a reconnaissance-level survey was conducted of properties that were identified as a result of the HCS. A variety of property types were identified and surveyed to determine if they warranted further investigation. The types of buildings and properties identified include schools, churches, parks, residences, commercial properties, agricultural properties, and industrial properties.

The following are some representative examples of properties that were identified in the survey as potentially eligible. The following photographs/exhibits were all taken by South Environmental on February 26, 2025 (Exhibits 47-51).

Appendix A: Reconnaissance-Level Survey Matrix

APN	Address/Location	Year Built	Name/Property Type	Potential Theme	Potential Subtheme	Status Code
unknown	2401 North Towne Avenue	unknown	Palomares Cemetery	Theme #1: Making a Nation Theme #2: Making a Life	Multiple subthemes	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8341-020-021	1091 South Garey Avenue	1925	El Exito #2 Market	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8342-027-024	1095 West Grand Avenue	1935	Original Sacred Heart of Jesus church, parish hall, and school	Theme #2: Making a Life	Religion and Spirituality in Latino Culture	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8349-027-014	1215 South Hamilton Boulevard	1946-1967	New Sacred Heart Church, School and Parish School	Theme #2: Making a Life	Religion and Spirituality in Latino Culture	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
unknown	810 South White Avenue	circa 1928	Former Mexican Congregational Church and handball court	Theme #2: Making a Life	Religion and Spirituality in Latino Culture	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8349-017-900	1000 Buena Vista Street	1967	Ralph Welch Park	Theme #2: Making a Life	Latinos in Sports	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8343-004-902	450 West Grand Avenue	1970	Tony Cerda Park	Theme #4: Making a Democracy	Building the Latino Civil Rights Movement	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation.
unknown	348 South Towne Avenue	unknown	Nancy's Tortilleria	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
unknown	242 South Garey Avenue	unknown	El Merendero	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
unknown	1735 Indian Hill Boulevard	unknown	Juanita's Mexican Food	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8344-022-902	321 West Lexington Avenue	1959	Garey High School	Theme #4: Making a Democracy	Building the Latino Civil Rights Movement	3CS: Appears eligible for CR individually through survey evaluation. 5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8323-025-024	1489 East Holt Avenue	1955	Casa Ramirez (formerly)	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8342-001-025	855 West Second Street	1928	Lopez Market	Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	5S3: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through survey evaluation.
8348-015-009	1138 West 3rd Street	1908		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-014-009	1141-1143 West 2nd Street	1948		HCS indicated no significant associations with Latina/o Community	n/a	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8349-027-030	1144 Buena Vista Avenue	1964	Post War residential property	Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
unknown	1145 West 10th Street	unknown	Currently part of Potimonaram Temple	Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-017-002	115 South Myrtle Avenue	1895		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8349-027-029	1150 Buena Vista Avenue	1912		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-014-029	1185 West 3rd Street	1895		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8349-017-054	1192 West 10th Street	1938		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-014-028	1195 West 3rd Street	1921		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-017-020	1201 West 2nd Street	1925		Theme #2: Making a Life	Agricultural Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated

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8349-027-052	1224 West 11th Street	1925		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8341-024-008	1232 South Thomas Street	1929		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-017-044	1235 West 2nd Street	1912		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-018-011	1312 West 1st Street	1946		Theme #2: Making a Life	Agricultural Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-017-001	135 South Myrtle Avenue	1929		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-020-021	1431-1441 West 2nd Street	1923		Theme #2: Making a Life	Agricultural Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8341-016-025	210 West 8th Street	1958		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8341-017-011	210 West 9th Street	1909		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-018-023	240 Oak Avenue	1940		Theme #3: Making a Living	Business and Commerce in Latino Communities	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated
8348-010-018	258 North Myrtle Avenue	1910		Theme #2: Making a Life	Residential Development	7R - Identified in Reconnaissance-Level Survey. Not Evaluated