

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # _____
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Trinomia _____
NRHP Status Code 6Z

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Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

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P1. Other Identifier: 531 S Hiatt St, La Habra

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad La Habra Date 2022 T 3S ; R 10W ; 1/4 of 1/4 of _____ ; San Bern. **B.M**

c. Address 531 S Euclid St City La Habra Zip 90631

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11 , 412,526.72 mE 3,754,363.8 mN

e. Other Locational Data: APN 298-081-21

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and The building at 531 South Euclid Street is a single-family residence that was constructed in 1906 and in the Craftsman style. It is located on the eastern portion of its lot and faces east toward Euclid Street. It is a one-story rectangular residence with a concrete foundation. The primary elevation is symmetrical. The exterior is clad with horizontal wood siding. The building is covered by a steeply-pitched front-gabled roof that has three triangular knee braces beneath the gables and a decorative bargeboard, possibly non-original. The roof is covered with composition shingles. There is a full-width recessed porch along the primary elevation. It is supported by two thin metal columns and two non-original square wood posts and enclosed by non-original wood and vinyl railings. The main entry is located midway along the primary elevation and consists of a non-original paneled door partially glazed with multiple lights with textured privacy glass, and obscured by a metal security screen. There are two windows on the primary elevation; one consists of a wood double-hung window with a multi-light top sash and the other consists of a fixed wood window with multi-light top sash. All fenestration has wood surrounds. Other windows consist of wood double-hung windows with multi-light top sashes. There is a single-light window, possibly non-original, flanked by wood louvered vents beneath the front-facing roof gable. Landscaping includes bushes in low concrete planters. Notable alterations include the construction of attached garage on the south elevation in 1957 and a full-width addition to the rear elevation in 1994.

The residence was previously recorded on a DPR 523A Form on March 15, 2012, and noted at that time as being in excellent condition. The residence was surveyed again on June 20, 2025 as part of this current effort, and noted as being in poor condition. Changes evident since the prior survey include modifications to the porch supports and railing, and replacement of the non-original garage door.

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

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



*P4. Resources Present:

Building Structure Object Site
 District Element of District Other
(Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) Facing west, 6/20/2025

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and

Source: Historic Prehistoric

Both

1906 Orange County Assessor

*P7. Owner and Address:

Amelia Barragan

7 Berkshire Ct

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

*P8. Recorded by:

Phoebe Rayburn , GPA Consulting

840 Apollo St, Suite 312

El Segundo, CA 90245

*P9. Date 7/8/2025

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")

None

*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 _____

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B1. Historic Name: 531 S Hiatt St, La Habra

B2. Common Name: 531 S Euclid St, La Habra

B3. Original Use: Single-family residence B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

*B5. Architectural Style: Craftsman

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

Constructed 1906. Attached garage added to south elevation, 1957. Full-width rear addition, 1994. Replacement of two porch supports and railing, post-2012. Decorative bargeboard, gable window, and front door appear to be replacements, unknown date.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date _____ Original Location _____

*B8. Related Features:
None

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Early Agricultural Development, 1893-1920; The Oil Industry, the First Land Boom, & City Incorp., 1906-25 Area La Habra, CA

Period of Significance See Theme Property Type Residential Applicable Criteria N/A

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

The residence at 531 S Euclid St, La Habra does not meet the criteria for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register, CRHR). It is not a historical resource for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Criterion 1

To be eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 1, a property must have a direct association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history, or the cultural heritage of California or the United States. The context considered under Criterion 1 is the development history of La Habra, specifically the themes of "Early Agricultural Development, 1893-1920" and "The Oil Industry, the First Land Boom, and City Incorporation, 1906-1925" as described in the "City of La Habra Context Statement" in the *Historic Context & Survey Report: City of La Habra* (August 2012).

(See Continuation Sheet.)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) Choose an item. Choose an item.

*B12. References:

See continuation sheet.

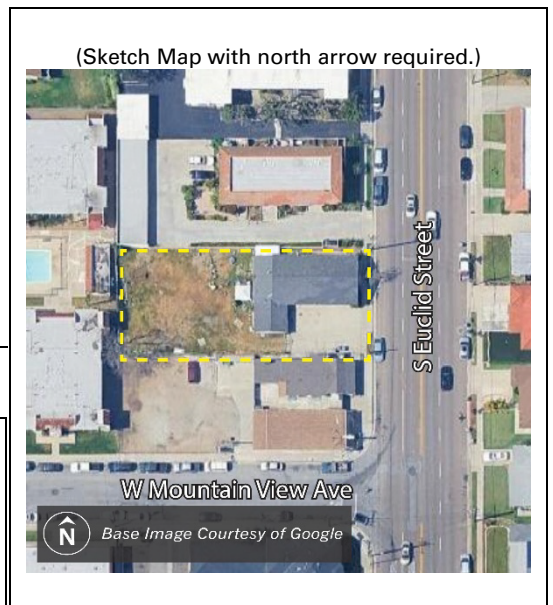
B13. Remarks:

None.

*B14. Evaluator: Phoebe Rayburn, GPA Consulting

*Date of Evaluation 7/8/2025

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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***B10. Significance (Continued from Page 2):**

Development of what is now La Habra began with agricultural fields and farms in the late 1800s. At first, barley was a primary crop, followed by walnut, citrus, and avocado. In the early twentieth century, the citrus industry began to flourish, and oil was discovered in the area. By 1906, the Murphy Oil Company had two wells that produced oil. Other companies, such as the Standard Oil Company and Union Oil, began purchasing land and searching for oil as well. The arrival of the Pacific Electric railroad in 1908 and a state highway along Whittier Road (now Boulevard) 1912 increased access the area. The discovery of oil, growth of the citrus industry, and improved transportation, resulted in La Habra's first housing boom.¹ The subject property was constructed in 1906, as the citrus industry was taking off and the first productive oil wells began operation. Although the subject property was built during this period of significant development, National Register Bulletin #15 states that a "mere association with historic events or trends is not enough [...] a property's specific association must be considered important as well."² Research did not reveal evidence to suggest that the subject property was especially unique or significant within the history of the La Habra's residential development.

Lastly, research did not reveal any evidence that the residence is associated with any other important events or trends. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion 1.

Criterion 2

To be eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 2, a property must be directly associated with the lives of persons important to local, California, or national history.

Through research, Albert B. Thurnher and Melvin E. Elliott were identified as past occupants of the property. Albert B. Thurnher resided at the property from at least 1923 to his passing in 1941.³ Thurnher was elected to the La Habra City Council in 1928. He served on the council for two terms, including stints as mayor.⁴ However, research did not indicate that he made any specific, important contributions that may be considered historically significant. Per National Register Bulletin 15, "a property is not eligible if its only justification for significance is that it was owned or used by a person who is a member of an identifiable profession...it must be shown that the person gained importance within his or her profession or group."⁵ While Thurnher served as a leader in the community as a city council member and mayor, research did not indicate that he was especially important or influential within the field of city administration, nor that he rose above and beyond the expected duties of someone in this position.

Melvin E. Elliott resided at the property from at least 1946 to 1957.⁶ Elliott was a journalist who worked as the La Habra correspondent to the Anaheim Gazette.⁷ Similarly, research did not indicate that he was especially important or influential within the field of journalism, nor that he rose above and beyond the expected duties of someone in this position.

Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion 2.

Criterion 3

To be eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 3, a property must embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values.

The name of an architect responsible for the building's design, if any, was not found through research. The residence exhibits some characteristics of the Craftsman style, such as a gabled roof with wide eaves, exposed rafter tails, triangular knee braces in the gable, a full-width porch, and a built date within the 1905 to 1930 period of significance associated with the style.⁸ However, the building is highly simplified example, appearing more as a vernacular residence with some Craftsman elements applied rather than a design fully conceived in the ideals of the Craftsman style. It was constructed with common materials such as wood and concrete, and it does not possess high artistic value. Therefore, it is unlikely that building is the work of a master architect. If the building were to have been designed by a master, it is unlikely that this building would be a good example of their work due to its simple form and design.

¹ Galvin Preservation Associates, Historic Context & Survey Report: City of La Habra (Prepared for City of La Habra, August 2012), 8-32.

² Patrick Andrus and Rebecca Shrimpton, eds., (National Register Bulletin 15) *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation* (US Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cultural Resources, 1997), 12.

³ "Society: La Habra," *The Orange County Plain Dealer*, September 13, 1923, Newspapers.com, accessed June 2025.; "Former Mayor of La Habra Passes," *The Register*, August 28, 1941, Newspapers.com, accessed June 2025.

⁴ "Former Mayor of La Habra Passes," *The Register*, August 28, 1941.

⁵ National Register Bulletin 15, 15.

⁶ "Births," *The Register*, June 17, 1946, Newspapers.com, accessed June 2025.; "The Clearing House" *The Register*, July 3, 1957, Newspapers.com, accessed June 2025.

⁷ "La Habra Visitor," *Anaheim Gazette*, November 13, 1947, Newspapers.com, accessed June 2025.

⁸ Virginia Savage McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2015), 567.

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When compared to similar properties in the area, the subject property does not appear to be an important example of the type, period, method of construction, or style. A comparative analysis of Craftsman style houses identified in the *Historic Context & Survey Report: City of La Habra* (August 2012), reveals that the subject property is not the best, nor most intact, example within the city. Other properties, such as 1250 North Valley Home Avenue, 1020 North Cypress Street, 310 E Florence Street, and 318 E Florence Street, are better examples of a Craftsman bungalow in La Habra, as they more fully embody the defining characteristics of the type and style from this period.⁹

Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion 3 for the reasons discussed above.

Criterion 4

To be eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 4, a property must have yielded, or have the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California, or the nation.

Criterion 4 typically applies to archaeological properties but may apply to a built resource in instances where a property contains important information about topics such as construction techniques or human activity. This is unlikely to be the case for the subject property. Therefore, the subject property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion 4.

Integrity

To be eligible for listing in the California Register, properties must retain their physical integrity from the period in which they gained significance. In the case of architecturally significant properties, the period of significance is normally the date of construction. For historically significant properties, the period of significance is usually measured by the length of the associations. As the property does not appear to be significant under any of the California Register criteria, the integrity of the property does not require examination, but is included here nonetheless for thoroughness.

The property was analyzed against the seven aspects of integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The building has not been moved since construction; therefore, the property retains integrity of location. The integrity of design has been diminished by the addition of an attached garage in 1957 and an addition to the rear in 1994. The integrity of setting is no longer intact as the surrounding area at the time of construction was a partially developed agricultural community, but is now fully developed. The property's workmanship and materials remain mostly intact as the building retains the majority of its materials, including wood windows and siding. The integrity of feeling, which is a property's expression of the aesthetic of a particular period, is diminished by the previously mentioned changes in design and setting. The integrity of association, which is the direct link between an important historic event or person and a property, is not applicable because the property does not appear to have any significant historic associations.

*B12. References (Continued from Page 2):

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⁹ Galvin Preservation Associates, *Historic Context & Survey Report: City of La Habra* (Prepared for City of La Habra, August 2012), Appendix B.

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Image 1: East (primary) elevation, view facing west. Source: GPA, June 2025.



Image 2: South elevation of residence (right), east elevation of garage (left), view facing northwest. Source: GPA, June 2025.



Image 3: Attached garage and rear addition, south elevation (right) and west elevation (left), view facing northeast. Source: GPA, June 2025.



Image 4: Attached garage and rear addition, west elevation, view facing east. Source: GPA, June 2025.



Image 5: North elevation, view facing south. Source: GPA, June 2025.



Image 6: North elevation, view facing southwest. Source: GPA, June 2025.