

# ATTACHMENT A

## RESOLUTION NO. 91- 31

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS MODIFYING AN APRICOT ORCHARD AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK

WHEREAS, by virtue of its adoption of Ordinance No. 78-16 and 90-225, the City Council of the City of Los Altos did establish a procedure for the designation and preservation of historical landmarks within the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of its adoption of Resolution 81-23, the City Council of the City of Los Altos did designate a portion of APN 170-42-029 known as the Civic Center Apricot Orchard a historical landmark; and

WHEREAS, by designation of this property as a historical landmark it is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Ordinance 90-225; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Ordinance Section 2-8.404, the Historical Commission has reviewed and recommends modifying the limits of the Civic Center Apricot Orchard as shown on Exhibit A, as located on APN Nos. 170-42-029 and 170-43-001; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Historical Commission in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby determine that the subject property is designated as a historical landmark and is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Ordinance 90-225;

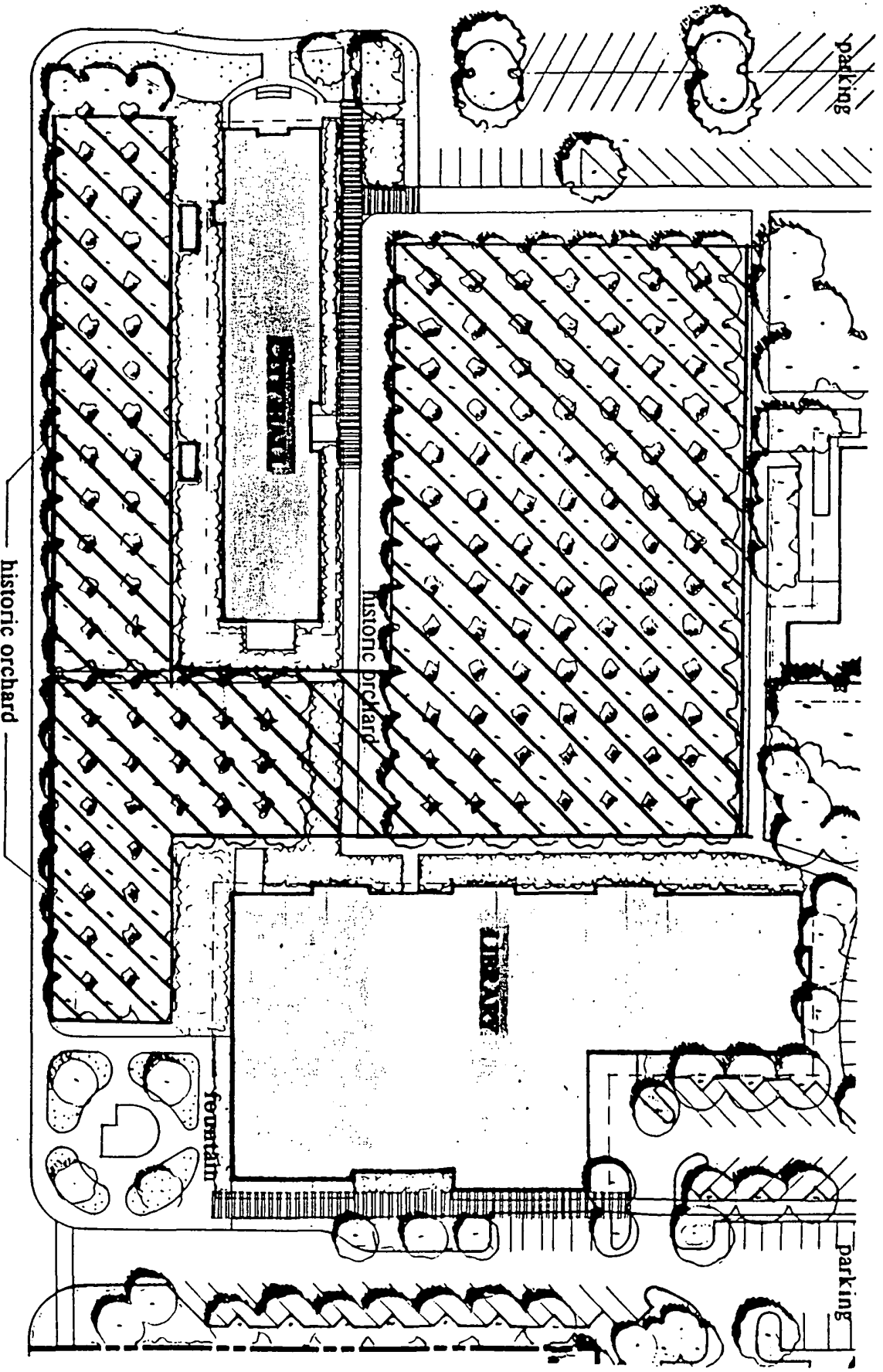
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos on the 8th day of October, 1991, by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: Mayor Spangler, Councilmembers Bruno, Laliotis, Lave, & Reeder  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Carol Schary  
City Clerk

SB Spangler  
Mayor



SAN ANTONIO ROAD

"EXHIBIT A"

LEGEND



HISTORIC ORCHARD

# ATTACHMENT B

<b>State of California    The Resources Agency</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION</b> <b>PRIMARY RECORD</b>	Primary # _____ HRI # _____ Trinomial _____ <b>NRHP Status Code</b> _____ Other Listings _____ Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____
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Page 1 of 2      \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 1 N. San Antonio Road

P1. Other Identifier: HRI #:15; Civic Center Orchard

\*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 1 N. San Antonio Road 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 42 029

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

The Civic Center Orchard represents a portion of the apricot orchard planted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Smith, early Los Altos settlers, and is related to the nearby Smith farm house. The residence, which currently serves the community as the History House, sits near the southeast corner of the Civic Center complex. Portions of the Smith orchard lands within the Civic Center remain along N. San Antonio Road, north of the Los Altos Library, and in the northeast sector of the complex. A number of trees dating to the period of Smith's residence appear to remain. As the City replaces dead or diseased trees as needed, a number of younger trees are also apparent within the orchard tracts.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP39. Other Orchard

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



P5b. Description of Photo:  
Looking SE

July 2011

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:  Historic  Prehistoric  
 Both  
Planted 1902  
Los Altos History Museum

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
City of Los Altos  
1 N. San Antonio Road 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:  
Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory Update Report (Circa: Historic Property Development, March 2012).

\*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

Page 2 of 2 \*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 1 N. San Antonio Road

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

B2. Common Name: Civic Center Orchard

B3. Original Use: Agricultural B4. Present Use: Mixed

\*B5. Architectural Style: n/a

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)  
Established c.1900.

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

\*B8. Related Features:

J. Gilbert Smith House

B9a. Architect: n/a b. Builder: n/a

\*B10. Significance: Theme Early Development/Agriculture Area Los Altos

Period of Significance c.1900-1961 (50 year mark) Property Type Orchard 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.)

In approximately 1901, J. Gilbert Smith purchased 10 acres of farmland to grow apricots and establish a home site. Living in a tent on his land during construction, Smith completed the house in 1905. He later married Margaret Hill Smith and the couple developed a sizeable apricot orchard on the property. The Smiths sold their property to the city of Los Altos in 1954, two years after incorporation, for the construction of the City's Civic Center complex. A stipulation of the sale was that the couple would be allowed to reside in the house and surrounding acre until their passing, at which point the house would become the city's history museum. Upon Mrs. Smith's death in 1973, the property reverted to the city. Another stipulation was that the remaining apricot trees not be removed; the city maintains and replaces the trees as needed today. The house and orchard are now City of Los Altos Historical Landmarks and the house itself is a California Point of Historical Interest. On September 8, 1991 the City Council unanimously passed and adopted a resolution adding the Civic Center's apricot orchard along San Antonio Road to the West, the Library to the South, the Youth Center to the East, the Civic Center parking lot to the North, as a Historical Landmark.

Evaluation: The Civic Center orchard is one of the last active apricot orchards remaining in Los Altos and was first planted by early Los Altos resident, J. Gilbert Smith. Despite the orchard's decrease in size and adjacent new construction, the site retains a fair degree of integrity. 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."

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.)

