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Ordinance Listing 3137 33rd Street as a Historic Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M26-011) [Published 05/08/2026]

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Location: 3137 33rd Street (013-0292-056-0000), District 5

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion pass a **Motion** recommending the City Council: 1) Pass a Motion determining the listing of 3137 33rd Street as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historical and cultural resources is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308, which exempts actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and 2) Adopt an ordinance listing 3137 33rd Street as a landmark on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Proposed Ordinance
- 3-Historic Resource Evaluation
- 4-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: In 2025, the property owner of 3137 33rd Street retained the services of the Ella Cross, a qualified architectural historian to prepare the historic evaluation for this property. Staff presented a statement of nomination to the preservation director, who concluded at a public hearing on May 14, 2026, that the property appears eligible for listing in the Sacramento register pursuant to the criteria provided in Sacramento City Code section 17.604.210.A.1.a.i. and iii. Staff has prepared a draft ordinance (Attachment 2) which justifies listing the property on the Sacramento register.

A notice of the public hearing describing the proposed landmark listing was sent to the property owners of 1112 40th Street. No objections to listing have been received by staff.

Policy Considerations: The City Council has found “that significant aspects of the City’s rich and diverse historic resources deserve recognition and preservation to foster an understanding of our heritage, and to promote the public health and safety and the economic and general welfare of the people of the city. The preservation and continued use of historic resources are effective tools to sustain and revitalize neighborhoods and business districts within the city, enhance the city’s economic, cultural and aesthetic standing, its identity, its livability, marketability and urban character.” (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.100.A.). To this end, the city code directs the Preservation Director, to “make preliminary determinations relative to properties’ eligibility for listing on the Sacramento register” and to “initiate proceedings to nominate resources for listing on the Sacramento register.” (City Code, §§ 17.604.100.C.2 and 17.604.220).

The nomination of 3137 33rd Street for listing as a historic landmark on the Sacramento register is consistent with Sacramento 2040 General Plan goal HCR-2.3, which provides for the identification and preservation of historical and cultural resources. General Plan policy HCR-2.3 states, “The City shall maintain and update the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources on a regular basis, including proactively identifying and listing additional unidentified landmarks and historic districts...”

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The listing of 3137 33rd Street as a historic landmark on the Sacramento register is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308. Section 15308 exempts from CEQA review acts that are undertaken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Listing the property as a historic landmark would ensure that future development on the site would undergo preservation review, as part of the city’s site plan and design review process, prior to the granting of any entitlements, thereby protecting the historic resource, which would be considered part of the environment.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: On May 14, 2026, in accordance with City Code section 17.604.220, the preservation director held a public hearing, reviewed the historic analysis prepared by Ella Cross (Attachment 3), concurred with a draft statement of nomination, and directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance (Attachment 2) for review and consideration by the preservation

commission.

Rationale for Recommendation: Listing of 3137 33rd Street (**Figure 1**) as a landmark on the Sacramento register is consistent with the historic preservation chapter of the city code (City Code, chapter 17.604) and the goals of the 2040 General Plan. Listing the nominated resource on the Sacramento Register will help ensure its preservation and encourage rehabilitation consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The residence at 3137 33rd Street is associated with the early development of Oak Park as Sacramento's first streetcar suburb and reflects broader patterns of working-class and immigrant settlement, neighborhood formation, and community development in the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1901 as part of the Oak Terrace Tract, the property also embodies the distinctive characteristics of a working-class Queen Anne residence. Character-defining features of this architectural style present on the building include its steeply pitched front-facing gable, decorative truss, asymmetrical composition, and cutaway bay window. Despite modest alterations, the building retains sufficient integrity to convey its historic and architectural significance. Accordingly, the property meets the criteria for listing under City Code section 17.604.210.A.1.a.i and iii.



Figure 1: 3137 33rd Street, view southeast

The building at 3137 33rd Street has integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association.

The building retains a high degree of historic integrity of all six aspects. The neighborhood and building remain mostly unchanged. The building has had little to no alterations since initial construction, outside the enclosure of the front porch shortly after construction, and the addition of an attached garage. All other elements on the façade appear to be in near original condition after the recent removal of aluminum siding.

The building at 3137 33rd Street has significant historic or architectural worth, and its designation as a landmark is reasonable, appropriate and necessary to promote, protect and further the goals and purposes of chapter 17.604. It has been well-maintained and retains a high level of integrity with regards to its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association. 3137 33rd Street is a significant and unique representation of the Queen Anne style in Sacramento and is significant in the early development of Oak Park.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

[Date Adopted]

AN ORDINANCE LISTING 3137 33RD STREET AS A LANDMARK ON THE SACRAMENTO REGISTER OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

BACKGROUND

- A. The city council has found “that significant aspects of the city’s rich and diverse historic resources deserve recognition and preservation to foster an understanding of our heritage, and to promote the public health and safety and the economic and general welfare of the people of the city. The preservation and continued use of historic resources are effective tools to sustain and revitalize neighborhoods and business districts within the city, enhance the city’s economic, cultural and aesthetic standing, its identity and its livability, marketability and urban character.” (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.100.A.)
- B. To this end, the city code provides a mechanism for listing landmarks, historic districts, and contributing resources on the Sacramento register of historic and cultural resources (“Sacramento register”).
- C. On May 14th, 2026, the Preservation Director reviewed a statement of nomination and determined that the property at 3137 33rd Street (“Nominated Property”) is eligible for listing on the Sacramento register a landmark. On May 20, 2026, the preservation commission concurred with the findings of the preservation director and recommended the city council list the Nominated Property at as a landmark on the Sacramento register.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

- A. 3137 33rd Street meets the requirements for listing as a landmark on the Sacramento register under Sacramento City Code section 17.604.210.A.1.a.i. and iii.
 - i. The building at 3137 33rd Street is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the city, the region, the state or the nation. (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.210.A.1.a.i.)

3137 33rd Street is eligible for listing under Criterion i (Events) for its association with the early development of Oak Park and the broader patterns of streetcar suburb expansion, immigrant and working-class settlement, and community development in Sacramento

during the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1901 as part of the Oak Terrace Tract, the property reflects an early phase of residential development in Oak Park, Sacramento's first streetcar suburb. The property's long-term association with working-class immigrant families, including the Carroll and Williams families, illustrates broader patterns of neighborhood formation, civic engagement, and labor activity that shaped the Oak Park community. Therefore, the building meets criteria for listing in the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources under Sacramento City Code section 17.604.210.A.1.a.i.

- ii. The building at 3137 33rd Street embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.210.A.1.a.iii.)

The residence at 3137 33rd Street is eligible for listing under Criterion iii (Architecture) as a representative example of a working-class Queen Anne residence. Constructed in 1901, the building retains key character-defining features of the Queen Anne style, including its steeply pitched front-facing gable, decorative truss, asymmetrical composition, and cutaway bay window. While modest in scale and detailing compared to high-style examples, the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of Queen Anne architecture as adapted for working-class housing at the turn of the twentieth century. The building is a relatively rare surviving example of this architectural type within Oak Park, where most extant residential development dates to later periods.

- iii. The building at 3137 33rd Street has integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, as judged with reference to the criteria specified in Sacramento City Code section 17.604.210.A.1.a.i. and iii. (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.210.A.1.b.)

The property retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance. It remains in its original location and continues to reflect its historic residential setting. The building retains its overall design, massing, and fenestration patterns, with alterations largely occurring within the period of significance, including the enclosure of the front porch in 1924 and the addition of a small accessory structure in 1964. Original materials, including clapboard siding and key architectural features have been preserved or restored. Although some windows have been replaced with vinyl units, these alterations are reversible and do not significantly diminish the property's ability to convey its significance. The resource retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

- iv. The Nominated Property has significant historic or architectural worth, and its designation as a landmark is reasonable, appropriate and necessary to promote, protect and further the goals and purposes of chapter 17.604 of the Sacramento City Code. (Sacramento City Code, § 17.604.210.A.1.c.)

The property at 3137 33rd Street has significant historic and architectural value, and its designation as a landmark is reasonable, appropriate, and necessary to promote, protect, and further the goals and purposes of the City's historic preservation program. The property is an important representation of early residential development in Oak Park and a notable example of working-class Queen Anne architecture in Sacramento.

- v. The city council has considered the factors in Sacramento City Code section 17.604.210.A.2 and finds none of them applicable to the listing of 3137 33rd Street.

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Exhibit A: Significant Features and Characteristics

EXHIBIT A



3137 33rd Street

Significant Features and Characteristics for 3137 33rd Street include:

- Steeply pitched front-facing gable roof
- Narrow lap wood siding
- Bay windows
- Shed dormers
- Double hung wood windows
- Smooth finish trim and sills
- Turned post corner details
- Decorative bracketing at top of primary gable end

Page 1 of 17 *Resource Name or #: 3137 33rd Street
 P1. Other Identifier: 312 East Avenue, 3130 East Avenue, today: 3137 33rd St.

*P2. Location: D Not for Publication - Unrestricted

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Sacramento East Date 1967 T 8N; R 5E; NW D of 1/4 D of Sec 18; M.D. B.M

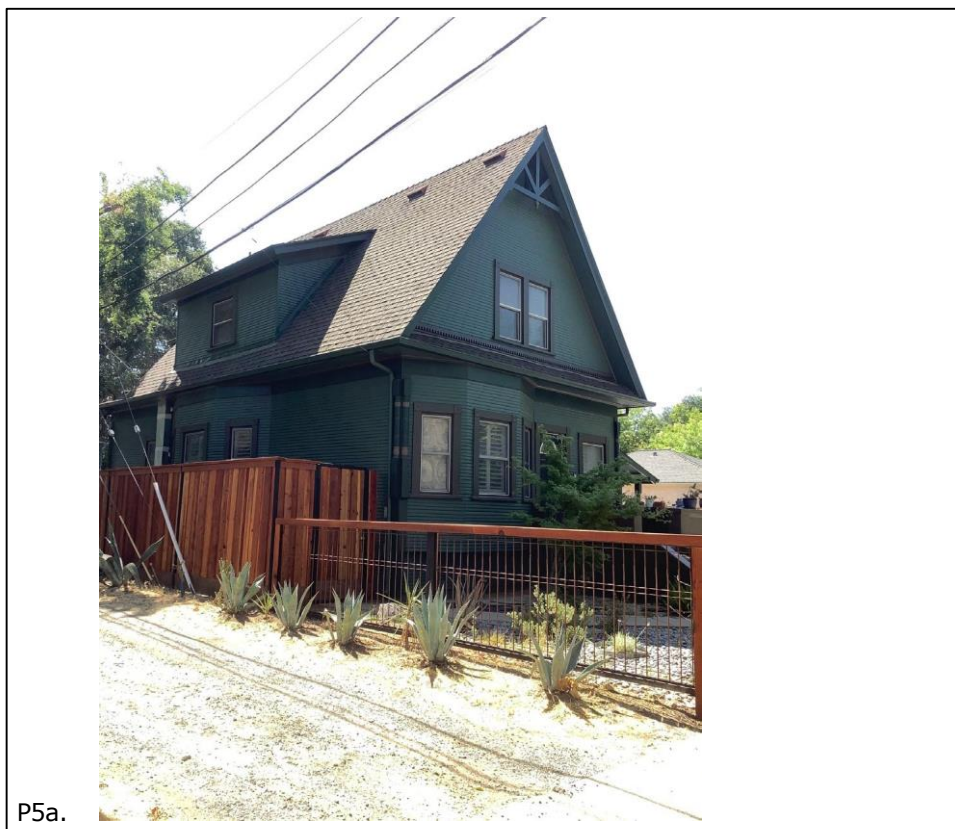
c. Address 3137 33rd Street City Sacramento Zip 95817

e. Other Locational Data: APN# 01302920560000

***P3a. Description:**

3137 33rd Street is a 1574 square foot; two-story Queen Anne house on a 0.15-acre lot, built in 1901. It is located one block from McClatchy Park in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood. The house faces west to 33rd street and the attractive 6th avenue /7th avenue gravel alleyway is at its north side. The house is set back approximately 20 feet from the sidewalk. The front facing gable roof has a decorative truss at the top. Beneath the truss there are two sash windows and a strip of simple dentil molding. On either side of the steep gable roof there are dormers, each with one small sash window. The gable roof ends in slightly projecting eaves which protect the first floor. (See continuation sheet)

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2



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

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) Street façade, facing west and alley side, facing east. 10/26/2025

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
1901, Sac City Directory

*P7. Owner and Address: Mr. Brandon Marin, 3137 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA.

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address. Ella Cross, Architectural Historian

*P9. Date Recorded: 01/05/2026

*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

P5a.

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder 3137 33rd Street *NRHP Status Code _____
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B1. Historic Name: 312 East Avenue, 3130 East Avenue, today: 3137 33rd Street
 B2. Common Name: 3137 33rd Street
 B3. Original Use: Residence B4. Present Use: Residence *B5. _____
 Architectural Style: Queen Anne *B6. _____

Construction History:

Built in 1901 as part of the Oak Terrace Tract, an early Oak Park development of 176 residential lots (Figure A). From 1900 until 1917 today's 33rd Street was known as East Avenue and today's 6th and 7th avenues were known as 5th and 6th avenues. The house's address has changed three times.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown *B8. _____ Related Features: none_B9a. Architect: unknown b. _____
 Builder: unknown *B10. _____ Significance: Themes Streetcar suburbs, immigrant and working-class settlement, community development, urban renewal Area Oak Park Period of Significance 1901-1964
 Property Type Residence Applicable Criteria Criteria i and iii

***B10. Significance**

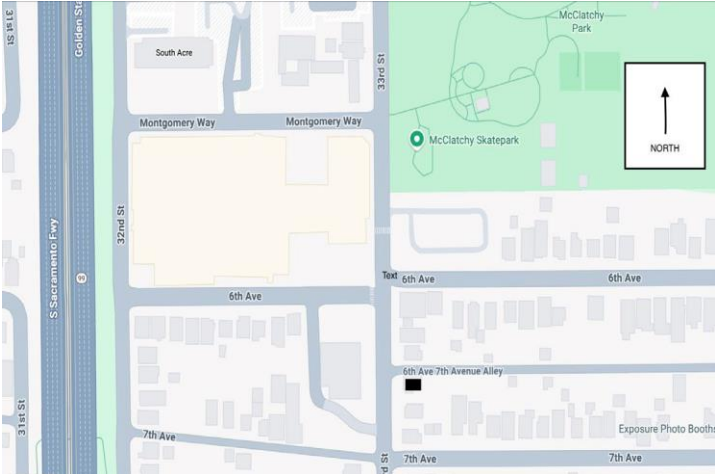
This property appears eligible for listing on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources under Criterion i for its association with early Oak Park streetcar-suburb development, immigrant and working-class settlement, community development and urban renewal/freeway construction impacts; broad patterns of history which are major Oak Park historic trends.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2 -- Residence

*B12. References: (See continuation sheet) B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: Ella Cross *Date of Evaluation: 01/05/2026

3137 33rd Street is identified in black.



(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

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P3a Description (continued) The left side of the first-floor street façade contains a cut away, 3 light, bay window. The center window is slightly wider than those on either side. The original 1901 front door is located at the center of the façade. To the right of the door is a large sash window. Originally the front door was set further back, and a wooden porch ran from the bay window at the left to the right side of the house. According to building permits, this porch was enclosed in 1924. At either corner of the front façade there are turned spindle work columns, one on the left side and two on the right. The front door is approached by a short flight of masonry steps and a matching masonry porch with decorative recessed panels, from 1924. To the right of the main façade a lean-to roofed addition (for a tool shed) from 1964, is seen. The house is of balloon frame construction, covered in clapboard and is sitting on a raised, masonry pier foundation. The home's windows have been replaced with vinyl replicas of the same size and configuration. The house was restored by its current owner, Mr. Brandon Marin over the past year and is in excellent condition. It has a fenced front yard with decorative river rock and drought resistant plantings.

B6 Construction History (continued) Built for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Carroll in 1901, the house did not undergo any alterations until 1924 when the front porch was enclosed to create more living space, and the new masonry porch was constructed. From 1924 until 1964, during the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard Williams (Leo C.), there were no further alterations. In 1964 the new owner, Ms. Lucille Jefferson, received a permit to add a tool shed attached to the right side of the building. By 1974 the home needed serious repair, and it became a city code case, until the repairs were completed by the owner of the time, Mr. Mario E. McDavid. The home had many owners of short duration from 1974 until 2025 when the current owner Mr. Brandon Marin purchased it and began a full restoration. Mr. Marin located and restored the original 1901 front door, which had been removed, and has reinstalled it. The original wood frame windows have been replaced with vinyl replicas. Mr. Marin intends to eventually replace the vinyl windows with replica wood frame windows. The house is now in excellent shape.

***B10. Significance (Continued):**

Criterion i

Historic Context - The house has achieved significance by its association with the broad themes of history that have shaped Oak Park, Sacramento's first streetcar suburb. It is associated with the patterns of Oak Park's development including themes of community development, immigrant and working-class settlement, and urban renewal. These patterns of history are well reflected in the lives of the two immigrant families who made 3137 33rd street home from 1901 until 1964, the Carrolls and the Williams'. Both families were working class Catholics with large families who were active members of

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Immaculate Conception Parish. They were attracted to Oak Park by its affordable housing and by the streetcar service that connected it with the central city and the railroad.

Oak Park was founded in 1887 on 230 acres of former farmland, once known as the Doyle Ranch. Real estate speculator and streetcar line owner Edwin K. Alsip purchased the ranch and subdivided it. Oak Park, just east of the city limits, was Sacramento's first streetcar suburb. It was annexed by the city in 1911. Alsip's Central Street Railway streetcars provided service from its terminus in today's McClatchy Park to downtown Sacramento and the train station. By 1891 electric streetcars had replaced the original horse drawn cars. The park was originally named Oak Park and contained Joyland, which at first was a playground, built in 1889. Later Joyland evolved into a small amusement park complete with a rollercoaster, vaudeville theatre, dancefloor and carnival games. It closed in 1927 when the McClatchy family purchased the park, demolished Joyland and deeded the park to the city. It was renamed James McClatchy Park. At that time, it was also redesigned as a public park and included a swimming pool and the Oak Park Clubhouse, a community space.¹

By the late 1890's Oak Park's vacant lots were beginning to be replaced with modestly sized single-family homes. Oak Park began as an ethnically and linguistically diverse working-class neighborhood with a high number of immigrant families. Early census records indicate that the major immigrant groups were from Ireland, Portugal, Germany, Croatia and Hungary². Streetcar suburbs like Oak Park were attractive for working-class families without the means to own horse drawn carriages or one of the newly invented automobiles. The streetcar lines that terminated at Oak Park ensured an easy and affordable commute to work each day.

The house at 3137 33rd street was built in 1901, early in the development of Oak Park. It was built in the Oak Terrace Tract, one block south of today's McClatchy Park. The eastern part of Oak Grove became Oak Terrace. 33rd street was then known as "East Avenue".

3137 33rd Street - Built in the late Queen Anne style, this small working-class home embodies the distinctive characteristics of the style with its steeply pitched front facing gable roof with decorative truss and its cutaway bay windows. It has turned spindle work columns applied to the right and left sides of the front façade. The original porch, which very likely contained matching spindle work details, was removed in 1924 and enclosed to provide more living space for the second owners and their six children.

¹ Sacramento's Streetcars, William Burg.

² US Census Records 1900, 1919, Oak Park.

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The home's first owners, the Carrolls, were immigrants from Ireland who had four girls. Mr. Carroll had been a successful hop rancher in Nicholas, Sutter County, unfortunately losing everything in the long recession triggered by the financial panic of 1893. This change of fortune brought them to Oak Park with its affordable homes and streetcar service. By first renting a house in Oak Park on Park Street (today's 5th Avenue) in 1895, and pooling the income of the two eldest daughters and their father, they were able to save up enough money to buy the lot and have the three bedroom house at 33rd street built in 1901. Mr. Carroll worked as a "helper" at California Stoneware Company; a short-lived Oak Park pottery business that made crockery and sewer pipes. He passed away in 1908. Mrs. Carroll and her daughters lived in the house for 21 years, eventually moving one block up, to a house facing McClatchy Park (not extant) where they all spent the remainder of their lives, the last Carroll daughter dying in 1963 as the freeways were being built one block west. The family was Catholic and very involved in the 1909 founding of Oak Park's Immaculate Conception parish, its parish development, and the building its school. Immaculate Conception remains Oak Park's only Catholic church.

The four Carroll daughters were the first American born generation of their family, and all completed two years of college. None of the girls married. Two of these women, Alice and Josephine, became schoolteachers, beginning their careers teaching in the one room schoolhouse in Nicholas where they had attended school as children. Their weekly commute from Oak Park to the remote and rural community of Nicholas was made possible by the streetcar connecting service to the train station. Eventually both obtained teaching positions in Sacramento. Alice Carroll attended the University of California (Berkeley) for two years and taught school from the mid 1890s until 1945. Her sister Josephine Carroll attended the San Francisco Teachers College for two years and taught school from the late 1890s until 1950.

The other two Carroll daughters, Frances and Agnes became clerks and auditors. Frances was the "Clerk in Charge" at the Oak Park Post Office in 1910³, later becoming a clerk at the California State Department of Employment. She was highly involved in the California Women's Democratic Club, serving in several leadership roles. Agnes attended the brand-new Sacramento City College (then on the second floor of Oak Park's Sacramento High School) and transferred to University of California (Berkeley). In 1913, she was elected the Grand Director of the statewide Young Women's Institute, the primary Catholic youth service organization of the time. The Y.W.I. in Oak Park was based at Immaculate Conception, and its function was to raise money for the construction of the permanent church building, completed in

³ 1910 Census

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1916. By the 1940's Agnes was an auditor with the California District Attorney's office.

The Carrolls rented the house in 1923 to fellow Immaculate Conception parishioners, the Williams family and sold it to them the following year⁴. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were first generation Americans whose parents had both been born in Alsace Lorraine, at that time in Germany⁵. Mr. Williams was a skilled linotype printer and had been offered work at the Sacramento Bee, which prompted their relocation from Indiana in 1920⁶. They had six children. Mr. Williams Sr. quickly left the Bee and joined the Sacramento Star⁷. In 1929 he opened the Oak Park Press, "Job Printers and Publishers" at 2979 35th street⁸ (Figure E). This building was demolished during the Urban Renewal era along with most of the rest of the buildings on 35th street between Broadway and McClatchy Park. This was Oak Park's main commercial district. The Oak Park Press did not survive the effects of the Great Depression, folding in 1935. Subsequently Mr. Williams found work at the State of California Printing Office, where he worked until retirement.

As a member of the Sacramento Typographical Union and the Oak Park Boosters Club, Leo Williams Sr. is noted many times in the Bee, the Star and the Independent Leader as organizing community celebrations such as Labor Day and Fourth of July at "Joyland Park", and later at the Oak Park Clubhouse (not extant).

The Williams' and their six children were also extremely involved in their parish, Immaculate Conception, and in the statewide Catholic youth service organizations, the Young Men's Institute (Y.M.I.) and the Young Women's Institute (Y.W.I.). The family is profiled in dozens of news items in the local papers. They were in leadership roles at their parish, and in the Y.M.I. and Y.W.I., volunteering their time to fundraising activities such as the annual Bazaar, picnics, lunches, dinners, a refreshment booth at the State Fair, plays and dances.

Through their labor they raised money that paid for the construction of the Immaculate Conception School, completed in 1935. At the school, students were accepted regardless of their ability to pay tuition and regardless of their religion or race. The school still exists, under different management, as Highlands Charter School, continuing to educate working-class students in Oak Park today.

⁴ 1924 Sacramento County Assessors Records

⁵ 1930 Census

⁶ Sacramento Bee Obituary 01/20/1949.

⁷ 1922 Sacramento City Directory

⁸ 1929 Sacramento City Directory Business Listing.

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The school offered a good education, taught by Carmelite Sisters who had taken a vow of poverty. The Sisters were provided with food, help and necessities by the volunteer women of the Carmelite Auxiliary. At the time of her death in 1968, Mrs. Williams was honored as a former president of the Altar Society and as a member of the Carmelite Auxiliary for over 30 years.

Leo Williams Sr. was a lifelong union member and a labor leader. He was sent as the local representative to the California State Federation of Labor Convention in 1923. In 1924 he is profiled in the Sacramento Bee for establishing a "La Follette for President Club" amongst his brethren of the Sacramento Typographical Union. Robert La Follette, a Congressman and Governor from Wisconsin is not well remembered today, however his platform still resonates in American politics almost 100 years later. La Follette was a leftist, anti-racist, pro-labor, and anti-war candidate. He called for: government ownership of railroads and electric utilities, outlawing of child labor, protections for civil liberties, an end to imperialism in Latin America, a referendum before any President could lead the nation into war and a 10-year term limit for the federal judiciary. He sought to end tax avoidance by the very rich and by corporations. His candidacy for President was endorsed by Eugene Debs and W.E.B. Du Bois among other progressive, labor, and socialist leaders. He was vehement in his hatred for the KKK and was declared public enemy number one by its Grand Wizard. The 1924 Presidential vote in Sacramento County was overwhelmingly won by La Follette, winning almost 60% of the vote.⁹

In 1954 Christian Brothers High School outgrew its Broadway campus and decided to relocate to Oak Park. Son Leo Williams Jr. was elected president of the Christian Brothers' only fundraising organization, the La Salle Club for the 1954/55 period, due to his decades of community organizing and charitable fundraising experience in Oak Park. With the other alumni members, including Sacramento baseball legend, Joe Marty, the men of the La Salle Club raised 1.2 million dollars for construction. The school opened in 1957.¹⁰

The Williams' lived at 3137 33rd street for 42 years. It was the home of two generations of their family. After her husband passed away, the matriarch, Mary Williams, lived there with her adult daughter Mary Williams II, until 1964, when urban renewal first began to destroy their neighborhood to construct the freeway system. The house at 3137 33rd street barely escaped destruction by the freeway. The houses one block west were demolished and became Highway 99 while the houses directly across the street to the west were demolished to build a large commercial bakery plant. Their parish lost approximately 40% of their parishioners since over a thousand homes were

⁹ Wikipedia, Robert La Follette biography and Wikipedia, 1924 Presidential Elections winners by county.

¹⁰ Christian Brothers High School History, Chapter 6, pg. 63. <https://www.cbhs-sacramento.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CB-History-Ch6.pdf>

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destroyed in Oak Park alone.¹¹ Urban renewal and the construction of the freeways isolated Oak Park from the rest of the grid and destroyed a significant number of homes and businesses. It destroyed communities by forcing families to move to different parts of the city. It was also a project that took many years to complete, leading to a number of years when Oak Park, like many parts of Sacramento affected by urban renewal, was a depressing construction site. For these reasons the Williams' chose to sell the house in 1964. Their long involvement in building and sustaining the social, religious and educational communities that made up Oak Park ended as a result of the urban renewal era.

Integrity - In order to convey its significance a building must retain most aspects of its integrity. The seven aspects of integrity are Location, Design, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling and Association. An evaluation of the seven aspects of integrity follows below.

3137 33rd street retains integrity of location as it remains in its original location.

It retains integrity of design, as the only alterations to its 1901 look were done within the period of significance. Its original massing, front door location and fenestration patterns are unaltered. The original porch was enclosed in 1924 to create more space for the second owners' large family. The masonry porch and stairs were added at the same time. The 1964 lean-to toolshed addition at the right side of the property is also within the period of significance. The alterations help convey its significance as the home of a working-class family.

It retains integrity of setting, sitting well back from the sidewalk with its large front yard intact. 3137 33rd street is located on the east side of the street. The rest of the homes on the east side of 33rd were all built during the period of significance, with 3137 being the earliest home built. The homes on the west side of the street were demolished during the urban renewal era, which is within the period of significance. The urban renewal era is a significant historical pattern that affected Oak Park. Therefore, the absence of historic homes on the west side of 33rd street helps to visually convey the effects of urban renewal on the Oak Park community.

The home at 3137 33rd street retains its integrity of materials. The original clapboard siding has been restored after being covered over by 1970s composition siding. The original 1901 front door was located on the property, restored and reinstalled. The original wood frame windows were replaced with vinyl replicas of the same configuration, but this is reversible. They will be replaced with new wood frame replicas by the current owner.

¹¹ A Short History, Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento, California. Diocese of Sacramento.

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It retains integrity of workmanship. As a working-class example of late Queen Anne architecture, it exhibits plain, neat detailing. The steeply pitched front facing gable retains its decorative truss. The two cut away bay windows are sheltered by slightly projecting eaves.

It retains integrity of feeling, expressing its Queen Anne style with its distinctive roofline and bay windows.

It retains its integrity of association since it has not been altered architecturally since 1964 when the period of significance ends. 3137 33rd street would be easily recognizable by its former residents.

The home at 3137 33rd street retains all seven aspects of integrity and as such retains the ability to convey its historical associations with the broad patterns of events that shaped Oak Park.

As Oak Park developed and became a part of the city, local people such as the Carrolls and the Williams' created and sustained community organizations, churches and schools. They were also involved in political and labor organizing, showing their commitment to the ideals of their new country. These families are emblematic of the first wave of working-class people who built and supported Oak Park's civic, religious and business communities.

By the early 1960's urban renewal was destroying older and integrated working-class communities across the country. Oak Park was cut off from the rest of the city by highway construction in 1964. 3137 33rd street was directly affected by urban renewal, with the homes to the west being demolished for highway 99.

These patterns of history are significant in the development of Oak Park and are well represented by the lives of the two families who made it their home from 1901 until 1964.

For these reasons it is appropriate that 3137 33rd Street be added to the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources under city code criteria 17.604.201.A.1.a.i for its association with streetcar suburbs, community development, immigrant and working-class settlement and urban renewal, broad themes of history that have shaped Oak Park.

Criterion iii

Additionally, the property appears eligible for listing on the Sacramento Register under Criterion iii as an excellent example of a late Queen Anne home built for a working-class immigrant family. The Queen Anne style was not popular with architects of the late 1890s and 1900s but was very well

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represented in pattern books used by contractors and builders for clients who could not afford an architect designed home.

3137 33rd street is an excellent example of a working-class late Queen Anne style home. As a small, affordable home it was not designed with the architectural flourishes of a more affluent Queen Anne home. This working-class version of the style preserves the distinctive characteristics of late Queen Anne architecture in its cut away bay windows and its steep front facing gable roof with decorative truss. It is a rare survival of working-class residential development from the earliest days of Oak Park. Its 1901 late Queen Anne architectural style is unusual in the neighborhood since most of Oak Park's surviving residential construction dates from the craftsman period of the 1920s or later.

It retains the physical features of working-class Queen Anne residential architecture. Although the original front porch has been enclosed and the wooden stairs replaced with masonry stairs and a small landing, the original pattern of fenestration and the location of the front door has been retained. The addition of the lean-to roofed tool shed does not significantly affect the integrity of the original architectural style. All other features of the exterior street façade are original.

The Oak Park Historic District is located a few blocks north of 3137 33rd. The district contains one large Queen Anne home at 3424 3rd Avenue, complete with more elaborate architectural details such as round towers, decorative exterior shingles, a second-floor terrace and stained-glass windows. Oak Park Historic district does not contain any working-class examples of Queen Anne residences although it does contain many examples of working-class Craftsman homes from the 1920s.

3137 33rd street is a well-preserved example of an early Oak Park residential style created for an immigrant family of humble means. Working-class Queen Anne residences are not currently represented in Oak Park's Historic District or as individual landmarks in Oak Park.

For these reasons it is reasonable to add 3137 33rd street to the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources under city code criteria 17.604.201.A.1.a.iii since it embodies the distinctive characteristics of working-class Queen Anne architecture at the beginning of the 20th century, when Oak Park was being built as an affordable, working-class, streetcar suburb outside the city limits.

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Photo 2: West facing street façade and south side of house with tool shed addition from 1964. The front door shown has been replaced with the original 1901 door.

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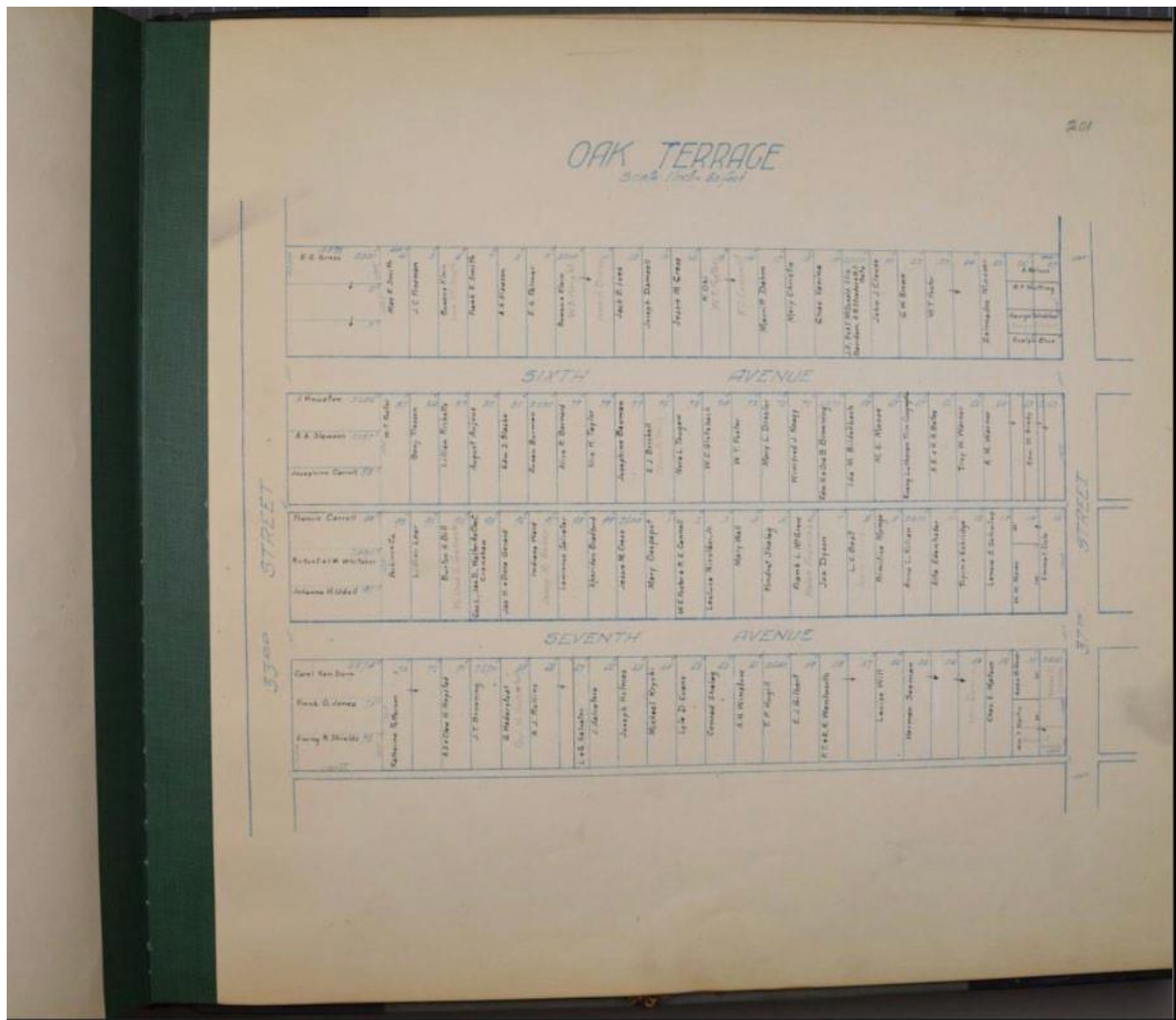


Figure A: 1924 Sacramento County Assessors Map Book showing Annexed Territory.

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Figure B: Leo P. Williams as president of the Young Men's Institute, front and center, Sacramento Bee, 3/26/1932, pg. 4. Organizers of the annual Easter Monday Ball at the Memorial Auditorium.

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Figure C: Sacramento Bee: Leo P. Williams as president of the La Salle Club, raising money for Christian Brothers School, Oak Park. 11/22/1955.

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Figure D: Leo Williams Sr. and Mary Williams in the living room of 3137 33rd Street in the late 1930's.

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Figure E: Sacramento Bee 10/17/1929 page 11.

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Figure F: Leo P. Williams Jr. and C. Leo Williams Sr. in the late 1930s.



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A dark blue silhouette of the Sacramento skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge, set against a light blue background.

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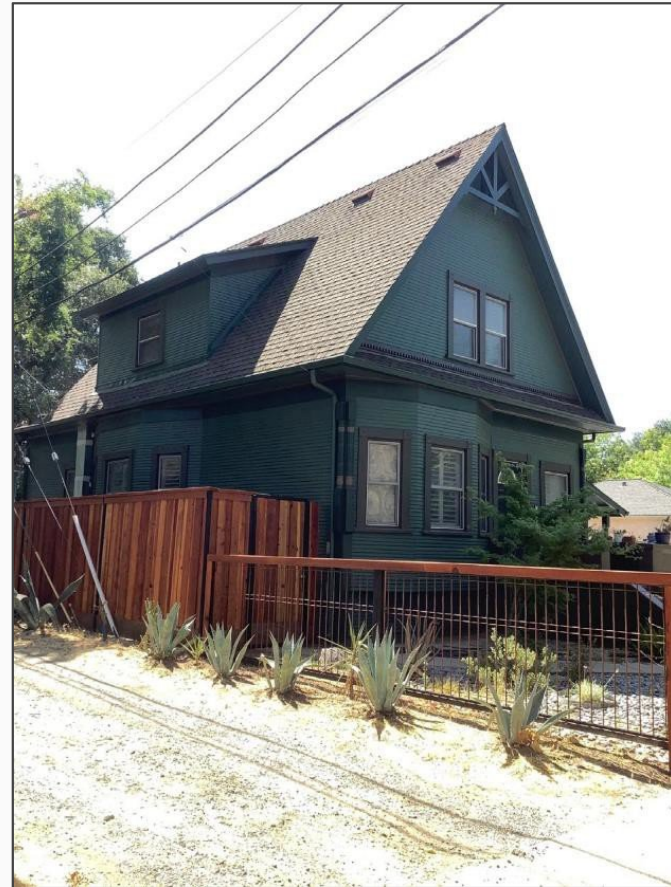
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Criterion i — Association with Significant Events

- Constructed in 1901 during early development of Oak Park, Sacramento's first streetcar suburb
- Reflects broader patterns of working-class and immigrant settlement

Criterion iii — Architectural Significance

- Representative example of a working-class Queen Anne residence
- Retains sufficient integrity to convey its historic character



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