

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

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 1CL

Other Listings P-43-001468
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Chinese Casino

P1. Other Identifier: _____

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 Milpitas Date 2021 T 06S; R 01W; of of Sec ; Mt. Diablo B.M.

c. Address 990 Taylor Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 5900449.00 mE/ 4142661.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)

APN 015-02-035, Adjacent to railroad tracks

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

This one-story, shallow gable roof, Mission Revival rectangular plan building is located immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way. It faces North Taylor Street. The building is composed of two masses: a front-facing gable roof section and a rear (north) flat roof addition. The south (primary) façade has a short parapet that follows the gable roof form. The gable peak and each corner of the building have short, stepped extensions that project above the parapet wall. The north façade has two, solid panel wood doors with metal security screens. One is located at the east edge of the façade and is covered by a flat-roof awning with curved brackets. The other is located in the western half of the building and has no ornamentation. A landscape-orientated plate glass window is located near the center of the façade, and a larger fixed window is located immediately west of the secondary door. The building has minimal ornamentation and is highly simplified in design. The corners extend higher than the roof and serve to prominently mark the edges of the building. See Continuation Sheet.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6, HP36-CH Chinese

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 #) View from N. Taylor Street, looking northeast, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both

1917, Assessor Records

*P7. Owner and Address:

Betty J. Brown et.al Trustee

600 Giralda Drive

Los Altos, CA 94024-3825

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) _____

Becky Urbano, ESA

787 The Alameda, Ste. 250

San Jose, CA 95126

*P9. Date Recorded: _____

March 30, 2023

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

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

Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

*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): _____

CONTINUATION SHEET

Property Name: Chinese Casino

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P3a: Description (Continued)

History

According to assessor records, the building was constructed in 1917 but the building is not present on the 1930 Sanborn maps nor does it appear in an aerial taken during the 1938 flood.¹ It appears on a 1939 aerial photograph if the area, however so it is assumed to have a construction date of c.1939. Its original owner or use could not be verified.

There are references to the building as "First Baptist Church" of Alviso and as "Assemblies of Holiness" church in accounts of the 1952 flood.^{2,3} Neither reference could be verified.

Status

The Chinese Casino at 990 North Taylor Street is not included in the 1972 Port of Alviso Historic District.⁴ However, it was included in the 1995 *Port of Alviso, California Point of Historical Interest*.^{5,6} That document notes that the building has been "remodeled extensively" but there is no further description of what changes might have occurred or what information this assessment is based upon. It is considered a contributor to the California Point of Historical Interest "due to its role in the lives and culture of the Chinese people."⁷

¹ "Flood of Pajaro, Watsonville and Alviso," *University of California, Berkeley Library Digital Collections*, March 16, 1938, <https://digicoll.lib.berkeley.edu/record/131719#?xywh=-200%2C-54%2C1242%2C705&cv=18>.

² First Baptist Church, Alviso, San Jose, Santa Clara County," *California Historical Society Digital Collection*, Minor White Photographs, 1952, https://digitalibrary.californiahistoricalsociety.org/object/3657?solr_nav%5Bid%5D=5c4c6dd2981d30148a8f&solr_nav%5Bpage%5D=0&solr_nav%5Boffset%5D=12.

³ "Flood Drives Out 100," *San Jose Mercury News*, January 1, 1952, p.1.

⁴ Phyllis Butler and the Santa Clara County Historical Landmarks Advisory, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*, April 7, 1972, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123861641>.

⁵ Butler, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso*.

⁶ City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.

⁷ *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, p. 50.