

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE **THE SHELDON HOUSE** LOCATED AT 681 BUENA VISTA DRIVE, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 007-100-010, MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE; AND DESIGNATION OF THE SHELDON HOUSE AS COUNTY LANDMARK #53 PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT

RESOLUTION No. 2020-____

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has considered the historical significance of the SHELDON HOUSE located at 681 Buena Vista Drive, Santa Barbara, California, on Assessor's Parcel No. 007-100-010 and as shown on the map and legal description attached hereto as Exhibit A, in accordance with the requirements, standards and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and has determined that it is worthy of protection as a County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the SHELDON HOUSE is historically significant because:

1. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the County's cultural, social, aesthetic and architectural history, namely the contribution of Midwest visitors to the social and cultural life of the community, the heyday of Montecito estate development, and the establishment of Spanish Colonial Revival Architecture as a hallmark style of Santa Barbara; and
2. It is identified with persons or events significant in local and national history including architect James Osborne Craig, actor Jack Barrymore and Mrs. Theodore Sheldon's father, General Henry Strong, developer of the Oakleigh estate which was to become the Deane School and then Westmont College; and
3. It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, specifically the conjoining of simple plastered architectural forms with second floor balconies, red tile roofs, thick hollow tile walls and wooden beams to mimic Andalusian architecture and the historic Monterey Style Massini-Ortega Adobe; and
4. It is representative of the work of a notable builder, designer, or architect since James Osborne Craig's designs such as the Sheldon House, the

Hoffman House, and the central court of the El Paseo were widely publicized and highly influential; and

5. It contributes to the significance of a historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historic and scenic properties that are thematically related and contribute to each other, a Montecito residential neighborhood of notable houses including the Knight House and “Il Brolino” by George Washington Smith, the First Slater House by Mary Craig, and “Casa del Sueno” by Reginald Johnson; and
6. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant architectural achievement or innovation being the first (1918) of J. O. Craig’s picturesque Spanish Colonial designs built in Santa Barbara, that combined with the work of George Washington Smith to provide the foundation of an iconic style of community architecture; and
7. It is one of the few remaining examples in the county, region, state, or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen because Craig’s untimely death at the age of thirty-three truncated his personal body of work.

WHEREAS, designation of the SHELDON HOUSE shall not require the expenditure of an unreasonable amount of money to carry out the purpose of County Code, Chapter 18A;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED as follows:

1. The building known as the SHELDON HOUSE located at 681 Buena Vista Drive, Santa Barbara, California, Assessor’s Parcel No. 007-100-010, meets the eligibility requirements for a County Historic Landmark as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-3, and is worthy of protection.
1. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the SHELDON HOUSE as a Historic Landmark, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and express consent in writing is first had and obtained from the Commission. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Commission to accomplish the purposes of County Code, Chapter 18A.

- b. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, no alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair) shall be made unless and until an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and all plans for such work have first been reviewed by the Commission and approved or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that all such work shall be done under the direction and control of the commission or other qualified persons designated by it.
 - c. The foregoing conditions shall not be imposed in such a way as to infringe upon the right of the owners of the SHELDON HOUSE to make any and all reasonable uses of the property that are not in conflict with the purposes of County Code Chapter 18A.
 - d. The interior of the SHELDON HOUSE is not subject to the foregoing conditions set forth in subsections 2.a. and 2.b.
2. This designation shall expire after a period of ninety days, unless prior to the expiration of ninety days the Board of Supervisors shall have confirmed the action of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-2.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at Santa Barbara, California, this 7th day of April, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

GREGG HART, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Jacquelyne Alexander
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Anne Rierson
Deputy County Counsel

I hereby APPROVE AND CONSENT to designation of the SHELDON HOUSE
as a County of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark pursuant to County Code, Chapter
18A.

Owners:

Date: _____

Barbara Hilaire Aspittle
as Trustee of the Barbara H. Aspittle
Revocable Trust dated 12/13/1993

Date: _____

Rhoda Christine Clark
as Trustee of the Rhoda Christine
Clark Living Trust

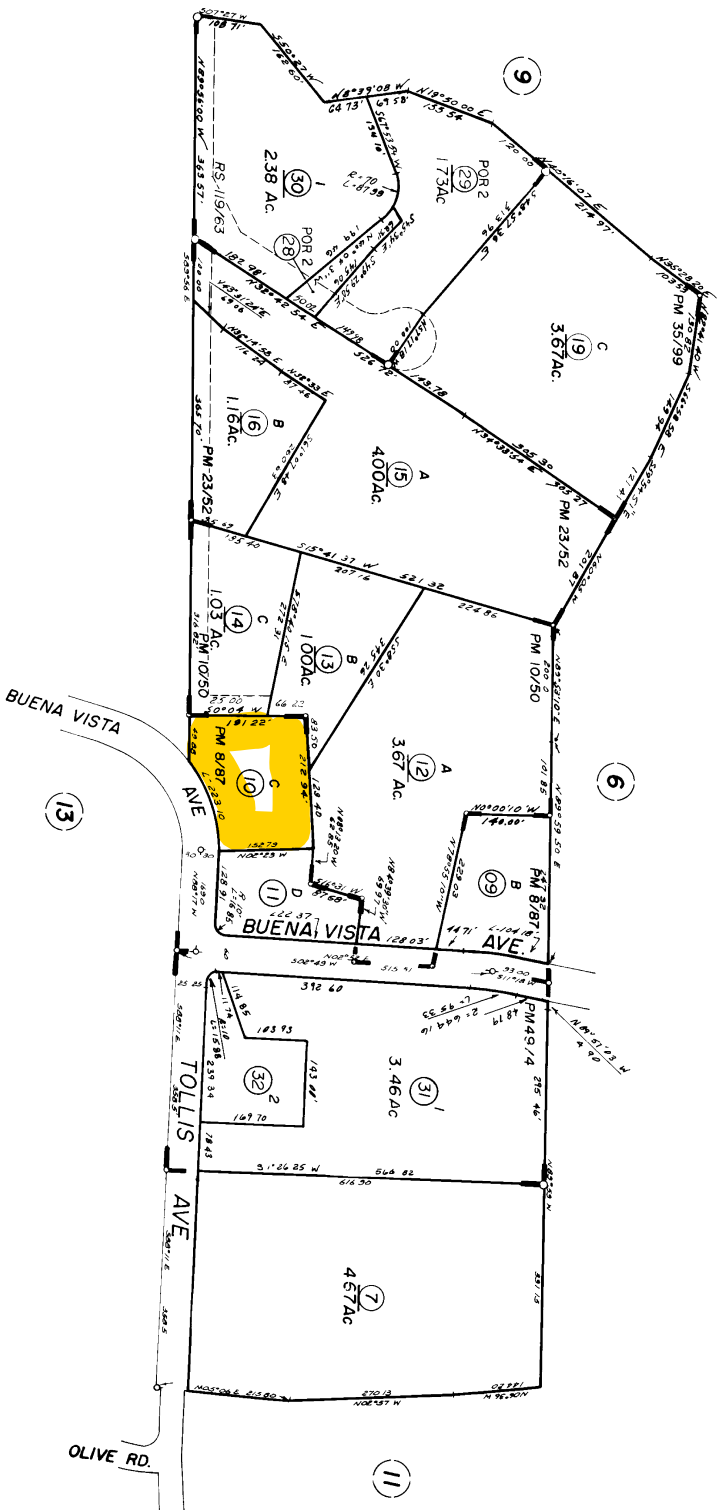
Exhibit "A"
Legal Description

Parcel C of Parcel Map No. 11426 in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California as shown on the map filed in Book 8, Page 87 of Parcel Maps in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Assessor's Parcel Number 007-100-010

POR. PUEBLO LANDS

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Assessor's Map Bk. 07-Pg.10
County of Santa Barbara, Calif.

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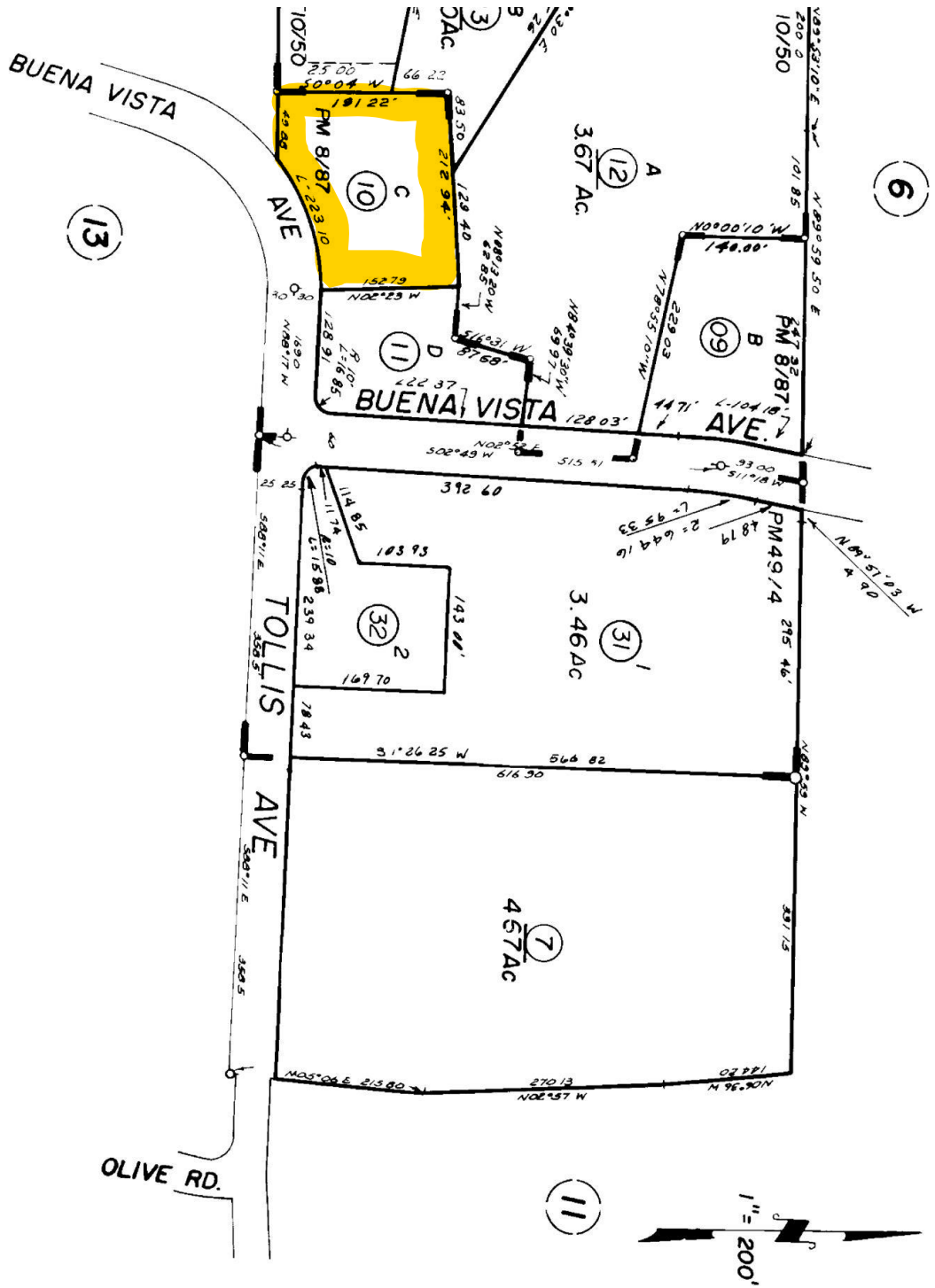
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Sean Stewart

Signature of Declarant

Printed Name of Declarant



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