State of California — The Resources Agency **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # HRI# **Trinomial**

NRHP Status Code

Other Listings **Review Code**

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: 611 N. Sunset Ave.

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication X Unrestricted

*a. County: Los Angeles

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.) *b. USGS 7.5' Quad:

Date: ; R 1/4 of Sec ; M.D.

1/4 of City: West Covina

B.M.

Zip: 91790

c. Address: 611 N. Sunset Ave.

mE/

d. UTM: Zone: 10: mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation: APN: 8458-018-004

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

The house located at 611 N. Sunset Avenue is a two-storied Craftsman built in 1911. The house is a modified square shape and has an intersecting gable roof and side-gabled front porch. The front façade of the house is characterized by asymmetrical fenestration, large front-facing gabled dormer and triangular knee braces. The roof is finished in asphalt shingle and the walls are finished in wood siding. The porch supports and chimney are constructed of brick. The house is separated from the street by a lawn and bushes along the street frontage. The house fronts Sunset Avenue, a busy street, in a residential neighborhood. The property is listed with the County of Los Angeles as being a 4 bedroom, 2 bath single-family residence with 1,776 square feet of interior space and a lot size of 21,200 square feet. The house appears to have little exterior alteration and is in good/excellent condition.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (HP2) single family property

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



P5b. Description of Photo: (View West, taken Nov. 15, 2005)

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: Historic

□Prehistoric □Both 1911 (Fidelity National Title) 1911/1924 (LA County

*P7. Owner and Address:

Alexander and Maria Machucha (Same as above)

*P8. Recorded by:

Assessor)

Historic Preservation Partners 419 Concord Ave Monrovia, ca 91016

*P9. Date Recorded:

Nov. 15, 2005

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive Survey of pre-1946 homes in West Covina city

boundaries

*P11. Report Citation:

Reconnaissance Survey of pre-1946 homes in West Covina city boundaries (2005, Historic Preservation Partners)

*Attachments: DNONE DLocation Map DSketch Map DContinuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record □Linear Feature Record □Milling Station Record □Rock Art Record □Archaeological Record □District Record □Artifact Record □Photograph Record □ Other (List):

DPR 523A (1/95) *Required information State of California — The Resources Agency Primary #
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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code 3S/3CS/5S3

*Resource Name or # 611 N. Sunset Ave.

B1. Historic Name: B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Dwelling B4. Present Use: Dwelling

*B5. Architectural Style: Craftsman

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

611 N. Sunset Ave. was constructed in 1911, according to Fidelity National Title. According to City of West Covina, pre-1947 building permits are no longer available. Permits show \$5,000 worth of work in 1956 simply referred to as "modernization." This was most likely interior remodeling. Building does not appear to have been altered significantly.

*B7. Moved? ⊠No □Yes □Unknown Date: Original Location:

*B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Residential Architecture

b. Builder: unknown

Area: West Covina

Period of Significance: 1911-1912 Property Type: Dwelling

Applicable Criteria: C (NR), 3 (CR)

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

611 N. Sunset Ave. is locally significant under National Register Criteria C: Design/Construction. The house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman style, popular in the late 19^a and early 20th century in West Covina. The house features key Craftsman style elements, such as wide-overhanging eaves with triangular knee braces and a large incorporated front porch. The house is eligible for the California Register under the same criteria (California Register Criteria 3).

Agriculture was a prominent feature and way of life for West Covina in the early part of the century. Initial settlers cleared the land and planted a variety of crops. Large floods in 1913 and 1914 greatly affected the wheat fields, which were then the area's main crop. But West Covina survived and farmers in the area continued their agricultural pursuits along with efforts to strengthen the community support system. By 1908 West Covina had its main streets laid out—Cameron, Vine, Merced, Service, Orange, and Irwindale (now Sunset) Avenues. Early photographs of main streets show wide boulevards lined with trees. By 1909 West Covina had its own one-room school on South Sunset Avenue with an enrolment of eleven students. In 1916 a community group called the West Covina Improvement Association was founded and eventually became the West Covina Chamber of Commerce. 611 N. Sunset Ave. is an excellent example of Craftsman style residential architecture built in the early 20* century. The house does not appear to have been altered and retains historic integrity.

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

*B12. References:

- -Carol Lundstrom, <u>75 Years of Education in West Covina</u> (West Covina, n.p.) n.p.
- -Barbara Pronin, West Covina: Fulfilling the Promise (Windsor Publications, 1989).
- West Covina Building Permit File

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator:

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*Date of Evaluation: Nov. 15, 2005

