

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: American Legion Hall
3. Street or rural address: 92 Fifth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 799-7-42
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: \_\_\_\_\_ Original use: Meeting Hall

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival Commercial
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A single story structure in an elongated rectangle plan. The facade has an entry and small pane windows. Spanish tile crests the flat roof. Covered in stucco, the structure is not distinguished for architectural form or craftsmanship. The utilitarian design and volunteer construction represent an important aspect of the Organization's history.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1926-27
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder American Legion Member
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) X Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up X  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial X Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Built in 1926 and 1927 by the members of Post 217, the American Legion Hall is a significant reminder of the activity and dedication of such civic groups. It was built in Spanish Colonial Revival style as a tribute to Gilroy's early heritage. Many Gilroy residents played a part in their country's conflicts and returned to become members of the American Legion. Some of the City's most prominent citizens were active in Legion affairs.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education 1

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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