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Huntington Boulevard Historic District

Map Ref. #25

P1. Resource Name: The Maria and J.B. Cella Home

***P2. Location:** *a. County: Fresno

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno South, California (Photorevised 1981); Section 2,T14S R20E

c. Address: 3504 E. Huntington Blvd.

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 461-182-01

***P3a. Description:** This full two-story Italian Renaissance home has an asymmetrical plan and commands the .34 acre corner lot. The clay tile medium pitched cross-hipped roof has a decorated boxed cornice. The home is stucco clad with scored concrete decorative quoins at the corners of the façade. The front entrance has a fanlight above, faces diagonally onto Huntington and 5th and is set within a portico of scored concrete. A 1/1 double hung sash window above the portico has a wrought iron balconet and is framed with decorative pilasters. The windows on the first floor are all double hung wood sash with 2/2 lights with arches above which include a decorative stucco medallion centered within the arch. Windows on the second floor of the street elevations are 1/1 sash with decorative shutters, which are less commonly seen on the style. An external brick fireplace is located on the north elevation. A large yard to the east of the home is enclosed in a high wall with scored concrete piers which are topped with finials in a flower pot design. A hipped roof 3 car garage faces onto 5th Street and is connected to the rear elevation of the home by a 1 story arcade with three arches.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2 (Single Family Residence)

***P4. Resources Present:** ● Building ● Element of District



P5b Photo date: 7.12.13

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1939, building permit and certificate of completion

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Patricia and Larry Raven
Trustees
3504 E. Huntington Boulevard
Fresno, CA 93702

***P8. Recorded by:**
Karana Hattersley-Drayton
Historic Preservation Project
Manager, City of Fresno

***P9. Date Recorded:** 7.12.13;
29 October 2014

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Huntington Blvd. District Nomination to Fresno's Local Register of Historical Resources"

***Attachments:** ● District Record

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*Recorded by: Karana Hattersley-Drayton

*Date: December 2, 2014

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Block 3, Map Reference #020: The B. B. Turner Home and guest house, 3406 E. Huntington Boulevard. This stately Neoclassical home was built in 1938. The 2-story guest house, also with a portico entrance, was constructed at the rear of the parcel and attached to the garage in 1950 by Taylor-Wheeler Builders. This home is also featured in the publication, *A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods*. The residence was later the home of a J.E. O'Neill who apparently entertained widely, including President J.F. Kennedy.

#021: The Dudley Carlsen Home, 3420 E. Huntington Boulevard. Trewhitt-Shields and Fisher constructed this contemporary home in 1936. The original owner, Dudley Carlsen, was the manager and vice president of Borden Dairy Delivery Company. He was a founding member of the Bulldog Foundation.

#022: The Clarence and Bessie Bernhauer Home, 3428 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#287). This Italian Renaissance style home was built in 1919 and sits on a .5 acre parcel, which previously included private tennis courts. Clarence Bernhauer was the Vice President of the Fresno Planing Mill. The home was designated individually to the Local Register of Historic Resources on September 25, 2014. Additional historical information can be found on the survey forms for this property.

#023: The Le Roy St. John Home, 3448 E. Huntington Boulevard. This one-story Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1921 by contractor S.L. Allen. Alterations occurred in 1950---perhaps the rock veneer to façade and base of the porch piers. Le Roy St. John was a restaurant operator.

#024: The Florence Folsom Home, 3462 E. Huntington Boulevard. Walker and Walker were the contractors for the 1941 Spanish Revival style home. Florence Folsom was the first owner and resided in the residence from 1941-1952, after which other members of her family continued to own and live here. This home is included in the publication, *A Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods*.

Block 4, Map Reference #25: The J.B. and Maria Cella Home, 3504 E. Huntington Boulevard. This Italian Renaissance home was completed in 1939 and commands the .34 acre parcel on the southeast corner of E. Huntington and Fifth Street. The design is attributed to San Francisco architect, Louis Franceschi, and the property owner, J.B. Cella, is listed as the contractor on the building permit(s). J.B. Cella emigrated from Piacenza, Italy in 1898 and was influential in the American wine industry. Cella owned the Roma Wine Company in Fresno (and other wineries as well) and was the director and vice president of Schenly Distillers Corporation.

#026: The Peter and Evelyn Loinaz Home, 3528 E. Huntington Boulevard. Peter and Evelyn Loinaz were the original owners of this 1919 Prairie/Italian Renaissance Revival home. Loinaz was a Fresno County rancher and wholesale liquor dealer. The contractor listed on the building permit is W.H. Ackerman.

#027: The Edward and Myrtle Granz Home, 3530 E. Huntington Boulevard. This 1931 Tudor Revival home easily disappears behind a facade of English ivy. The roof is slate. Original owners with Edward and Myrtle Granz; Edward Granz was a local rancher and insurance agent.

#028: The Dr. Dwight and Margaret Trowbridge Home, 3560 E. Huntington Boulevard. This impressive 2½ story Tudor Revival style home is attributed to the design-build firm of Felchlin, Shaw and Franklin (see context section on architects). It was constructed in 1925 for Dr. Dwight and Margaret Trowbridge. Dr. Trowbridge was a physician and surgeon and also owned ranch property. Margaret Trowbridge was a schoolteacher and active in community affairs.