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PROPERTY NAME Casa Romantica

HISTORIC NAME Ole Hanson Estate; Casa Blanca

PROPERTY ADDRESS 415 Avenida Granada

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 692-012-38

PROPERTY TYPE Cultural center and gardens

OTHER DESCRIPTION

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1928 (F)

INTEGRITY Extensive rehabilitation post-1995 Historic Resources Survey prepared by Leslie Heumann & Associates.

SIGNIFICANCE This 5,800 square foot building was originally constructed as the private residence of San Clemente founder Ole Hanson. Designed by prominent architect Carl Lindbom, it contains 15 rooms arranged around a central courtyard overlooking the Municipal Pier. (See Continuation Sheet).

STATUS CODE 1S

STATUS Listed in the National Register as an individual property. The property also appears eligible at the local level both individually and as a contributor to a potential historic district. It is recommended for retention on the Historic Structures List.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued).

Character-defining features include thick white stucco walls, handmade red clay tile roofing, imported hardwood floors and redwood ceilings, hand-painted Mexican floor tiles and Spanish wall murals, Italian marble fountains, multiple fireplaces, and locally-forged wrought iron accents.

Hanson occupied the residence with his wife and eight younger children from its completion in 1928 until 1933. Following his departure the home stood vacant for over a decade. After a series of subsequent owners, it was purchased in 1989 by the City of San Clemente for \$2.5 million. In 1991, an anonymous donor contributed \$1.25 million for the rehabilitation of the property and the creation of an endowment for a cultural and arts center. The property now serves the City of San Clemente as the Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens.

Casa Romantica was listed on the National Register of Historic Places 1991. It appears eligible at the local level under Criterion A as the residence of San Clemente founder Ole Hanson, and for its association with the Ole Hanson/Spanish Village by the Sea period of development (1925-1936). It also appears eligible under Criterion C for its association with prominent architect Carl Lindbom and as a unique and highly elaborate interpretation of the Spanish Colonial Revival style in San Clemente.

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