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City of Sunnyvale
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94088

Dear Ms. Vashight:

In November 2017 I was retained by Luke and Meena Sequeira-Tapsall to evaluate proposed plans for an addition to their house at 435 East McKinley Avenue. This residence was placed in the Sunnyvale inventory of historic properties in 1988, shortly after the publication of the volume *Images: Sunnyvale's Heritage Resources*, which provides a context for the development of the city. The house was ostensibly build as a factory in the 1930s by Samuel De Vita, who, as early as the 1920s, had supposedly begun producing potato chips and salted nuts to be sold as snacks. The factory is said to have been later "converted into a home while retaining its unpretentious industrial design."

In the course of researching the history of the house, I discovered that it was constructed in 1938 as a single-family residence and used for the production of snack food for no more than four years, beginning in 1940. *Images* makes no mention of the production of potato chips and salted nuts as an important Sunnyvale industry. Additionally, it appears that various alterations to the façade of the house since it was used in part for the production of salted snacks have led to a loss of integrity. Given its history, the property should be removed from the Sunnyvale Cultural Resources Inventory.

Sincerely yours,



Anthony Kirk, Ph.D.

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 #: (Assigned by recorder) 435 East McKinley Avenue

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Santa Clara

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Cupertino Date 1995 T 6 S; R 2 W; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address 435 East McKinley Avenue City Sunnyvale Zip 94086

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone ; mE/ mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

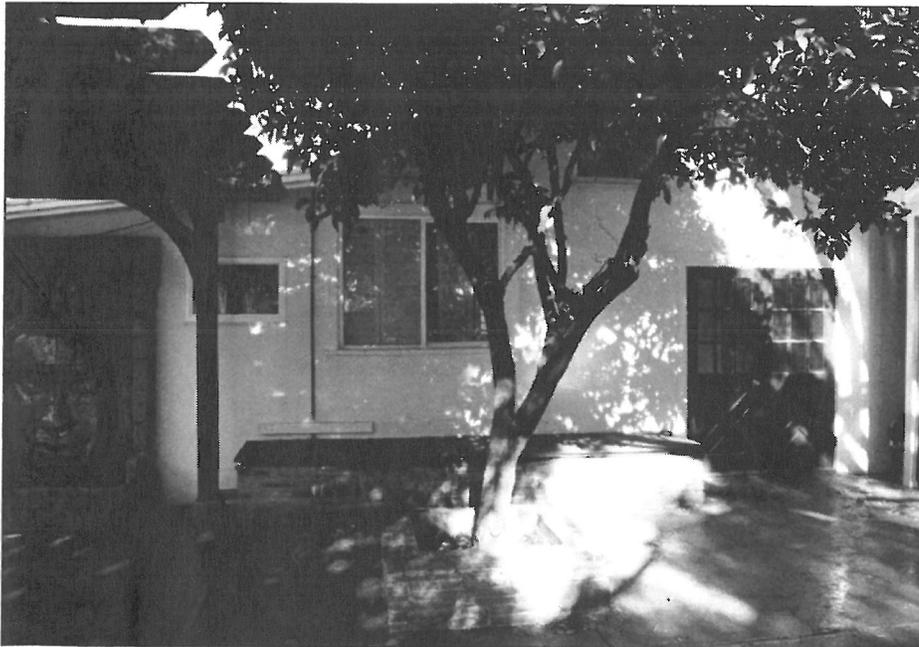
Santa Clara County APN 209-11-051

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

The single-family residence at 435 East McKinley Avenue is a one- and two-story wood-frame house that was constructed in 1938, according to the Santa Clara County Improvement Appraisal Record (DPR 523A Photo and figure 1). It is essentially rectangular in plan and encompasses approximately 2,693 square feet, including a partial basement. It rests on a concrete perimeter foundation. The house, which is built around an atrium, faces south by east, or south as it is designated in this report for simplicity and clarity, toward East McKinley. A concrete driveway leads to the front of the house and turns east, passing a glazed-and-paneled double entry door and stopping at a large outdoor dining room, crowned by a shed roof, with a barbeque at the one end. The exterior walls are clad with smoothly textured stucco painted a light buff color. The complex roof system is composed of a gabled and cross-gabled roof that is double pitched at the front of the house. A hipped roof covers a two-story tower at the northeast corner, which formerly held an Otis elevator. The roof is characterized by open eaves and minimal overhang. It is finished with composition shingles, except for the lower sections of the double-pitched roof, which are finished with composition sheets. Several skylights admit natural light to the house. Fenestration is asymmetrical and composed almost entirely of vinyl-sash (continued on page 3)

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2 – Single Family Property

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



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) Looking north at south side, 12/5/17

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: Historic Prehistoric Both

1938; Santa Clara County Improvement Appraisal Record.

*P7. Owner and Address: Luke & Meena Sequeira-Tapsall 435 East McKinley Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) Anthony Kirk, Ph.D. 420 Alberto Way, No. 36 Los Gatos, CA 95032

*P9. Date Recorded: 1/16/18

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") None

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure and Object Record Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List)

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*NRHP Status Code

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 435 East McKinley Avenue

- B1. Historic Name: Sunnyside Food Products
 B2. Common Name: None
 B3. Original Use: Single-family residence B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

*B5. Architectural Style: None

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alteration, and date of alterations) Constructed 1938; alterations, chiefly to the interior, for the manufacture of potato chips and salted nuts, ca. 1940; garage converted to living quarters and bathroom, ca. 1975; replacement of wood-sash windows with vinyl-sash windows and construction of exterior dining room, ca. 1990.

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

*B8. Related Features: Outdoor dining room

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder:

*B10. Significance: Theme n/a

Area n/a

Period of Significance n/a

Property Type n/a

Applicable Criteria n/a

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

The house at 435 East McKinley Avenue is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of United States, California, or Sunnyvale history. It was constructed as a single-family residence and served for some four years as the headquarters of a business run by the occupants of the house, Samuel and Magdalene De Vita. The manufacturing and sale of potato chips and salted nuts is not an industry mentioned in *Images: Sunnyvale's Heritage Resources*, which provides a useful context for the development of Sunnyvale. The volume lists the Scott-Collins Winery, the Madison and Bonner Dried Fruit Packing Company, Libby, McNeil and Libby Canning Company as significant industries in early Sunnyvale, "which together have made Sunnyvale what it is today." (page 23) Wineries and fruit-packing plants reflected the early importance of local agriculture to Sunnyvale. There is no evidence that either potato chips or salted nuts were ever an important industry in the city. Given the brief time the Sunnyside Food Products company operated, there appears to be no reason to regard it as more than an interesting sidelight to the history of Sunnyvale.

The house is also not associated with an individual whose life was important within the history of the nation, the state, or the city. Samuel De Vita, for whom the house was built, worked as a carpenter, a salesman, (continued on page 3)

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

*B12. References:

Santa Clara County Improvement Appraisal Record, Office of the Santa Clara County Assessor.

435 E. McKinley United Avenue File, Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum, Sunnyvale, CA.

Census of the States, 1920, 1930, 1940, Ancestry.com.

Santa Clara County Directory, 1932-45.

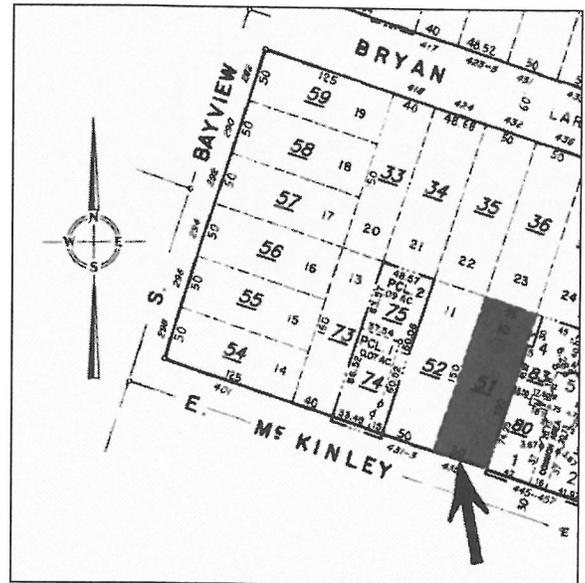
California History Center, De Anza College, *Images: Sunnyvale's Heritage Resources* (Sunnyvale, CA, 1988)

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: Anthony Kirk, Ph.D.

*Date of Evaluation: 1/16/18

(This space reserved for official comments.)



*Required Information

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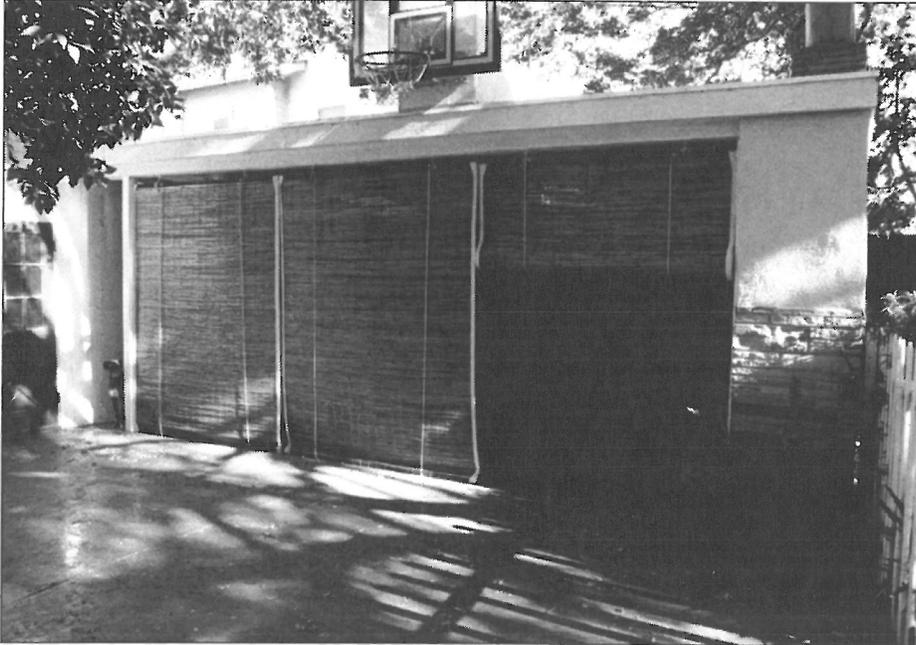


Figure 1. Looking northeast at west side of cooking and dining area, attached to house, ca. 12/5/17.