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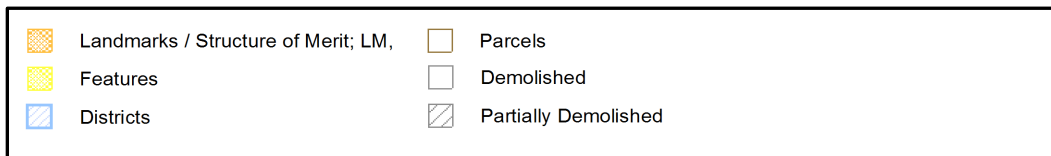
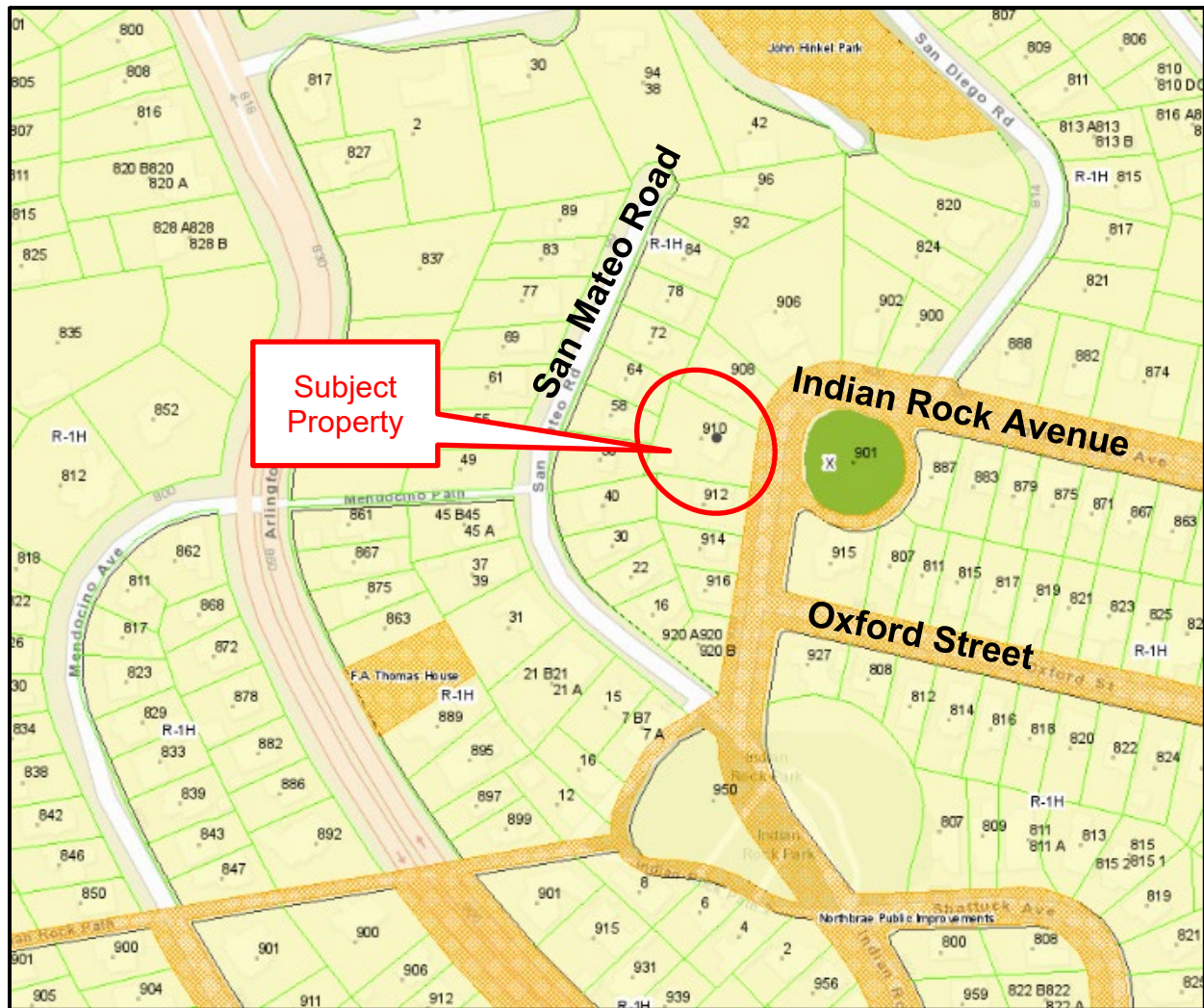
## 910 Indian Rock Avenue – Marrenner House

Landmark application #LMIN2023-0002 for the consideration of City Landmark or Structure of Merit designation status for a residential building constructed in 1916 – APN 61-2579-10.

### I. Application Basics

- A. Land Use Designations:** Single Family-Residential (R-1) District, Hillside Overlay (H)
- B. CEQA Determination:** Pending
- C. Parties Involved**
- **Initiated by:** Verified Application of 83 Berkeley residents
  - **Application Author:** John Bernstein and Anthony Bruce, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association
  - **Property Owner:** Jacqueline & Gregory Emerson  
910 Indian Rock Avenue  
Berkeley, CA
- D. Staff Recommendation:** Open the hearing, allow for public comment, and then continue the hearing without discussion to a future LPC meeting.

Figure 1: Vicinity Map – highlighting nearby City Landmarks and Structures of Merit



**Figure 2: Subject property, primary façade in 1920 (BAHA archive)**



**Figure 3: Subject property, primary façade (Kelly)**



## II. Application Chronology

During Public Comment on Non-agenda Items at their March 2, 2023 meeting, the Landmarks Preservation Commission received verbal testimony and

correspondences from the public about the subject property. Members of the public and representatives of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association were concerned about the proposed ministerial demolition of the building under the provisions of Senate Bill 9, and requested the LPC initiate Structure of Merit or Landmark designation for the dwelling.

On May 2, 2023, the City received a Landmark application petition for the subject property that was accompanied by the requisite Landmark application and the signatures of 83 Berkeley residents. In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 3.24.120, the petition and application has initiated consideration of this property for designation status.

At the May 4, 2023 LPC meeting, LPC considered the request from residents to initiate a Structure of Merit designation that was submitted as a Late Communication prior to the March 2, 2023 LPC meeting. LPC took no action on the initiation request.

On June 14, 2023, staff received requests from the property owner and the Landmark application author (John Bernstein) to continue consideration of this item to a date later than tonight's hearing.

On or before June 26, 2023, staff mailed and posted advance notice of tonight's hearing, in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.140.

### **III. Rationale for Recommendation**

BMC Section 3.24.130 requires the Commission to hold a hearing on a designation proposal within 70 days of receiving an application. The Commission must open the hearing on this matter tonight in order to satisfy this requirement. Since a continuance was requested by the property owner and applicant, staff requests that the Commission continue this hearing to a future LPC meeting.

### **IV. Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission open the hearing, allow for public comment, and then continue the hearing without discussion to a future LPC meeting.