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NRHP Status Code: _____
 Other Listings _____
 Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 401 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 401 West J Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-152-11

***P3a. Description**

This is a minimal traditional house probably built in the 1940s. There is a compound gable roof with three front facing gables of moderate pitch. Eaves and gables are clipped with the gable ends finished with decorative vertical boards with scalloped edging. A small attic vent is centered on the front gable. The second gable extends to cover a small cut-in of concrete with a metal rail. The front window is large with plate glass set into an arched casing. Other fenestration is double hung. A novelty siding is used to clad the building.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view north

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1940

Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Linda Ellen Lewis

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



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*P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-04

*P10. Type of Survey: Intensive
 Reconnaissance Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. Report Citation: none

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

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Identifier: 401 West J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Minimal Traditional

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940 Property Type: Single Family Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is a modest Minimal Traditional house of a type widely built in the 1940s. These houses marked a movement away from the Period Revival Styles of the 1920s and 1930s and a move toward the Ranch Style houses of the 1950s. Usually small in scale, these houses have little architectural distinction and rely on a few details such as the gable end, roof, and siding treatments to give the house visual interest. Although this type of house is common in California, there are very few houses dating from this period in downtown Benicia. They represent the last pre-World War II infill in this area. This house is a good example of the style and type and should be considered as a contributor to the Historic District.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

