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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code ____ Reviewer _____ Date __ _____

***Resource Name or**
P1. Other Identifier: 270 West H Street
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 270 H Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-111-02
***P3a. Description**

This is an elaborate picturesque Italianate house with a compound plan and elevated foundation. The house is sited on two parcels; one opening of West H Street and the other at the terminus of West G Street. The house is oriented toward the Straits and is not visible from H Street. The roof of the house is cross gable with wide overhanging eaves and gables. Eaves are supported on curved and decorated brackets. The gable end has a plain fascia and a half circle ornament on the ridge. Projecting bays are found on both the south and east elevations. Those on the south are tow-story and canted with hexagonal roofs supported on brackets. On the east elevation the bay is square with a hipped roof at the second story. The upper square bay extends beyond the lower bay and is supported on brackets. The entry is located on the east façade. A three-quarter-length porch extends along this façade between the square bay and end of the south gable wing. The porch has a plain cornice and plain posts which support a second story veranda. Both the porch and veranda have plain open rails. The entry is accessed via a wooden star with a plain baluster and decorative newel posts. Fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows arranged singly and in pairs. The windows immediately adjacent to the porch are multi-light. The building appears to be clad with a lapped asbestos siding.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view southwest

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** ☐ Prehistoric ■Historic ☐ Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Laan & Leann Taagepera
270 West H Street
Benicia, California 94510

***P8. Recorded by:**
Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-05

***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):

***Resource Identifier:** 270 West H Street ***NRHP Status Code:** 3D
B1. Historic Name: None
B2. Common Name: None
B3. Original Use: residence **B4. Present Use:** residence
***B5. Architectural Style:** Italianate
B7. Moved? ■ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown **Date:** N/A **Original Location:** same
***B8. Related Features:** There is a large carriage house or former barn located to the northwest of the house. This is a square two-story building with a hip roof. The roof exhibits a centered Gothic gable on both the north and south facades. On the south side a hay loft opening is situated just below the gable. Wooden barn doors are hung on an industrial rail. The building is clad with vertical board. The carriage house appears contemporary with the house.

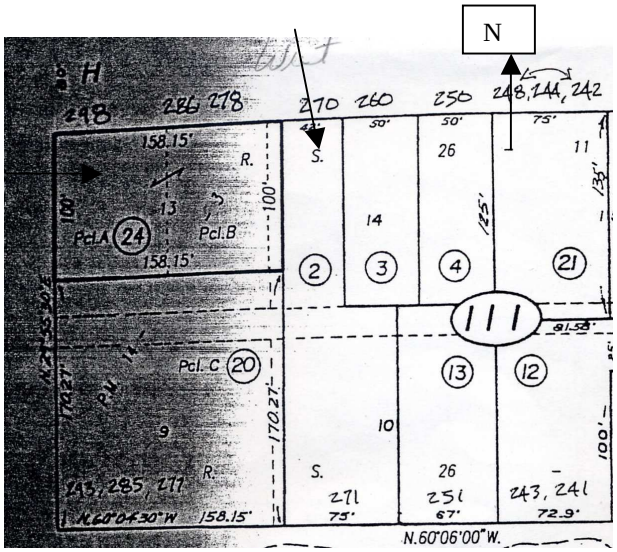
B9a. Architect: unknown **B9b. Builder:** unknown
***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance**: 1847-1940
Property Type: Single family residence **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This is an imposing residence sited to overlook the Straits. It is an excellent example of its architectural style and is associated with the late-19th century growth and prosperity of the town. It retains its integrity in all regards except it cladding. The house is considered a contributing building within the Historic District. It should be considered for elevation to Landmark status. The carriage house is prominent outbuilding on the property and should be considered as contributing to the overall significance of the property.

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.

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 9-25-05

(This space reserved for official comments.)

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Carriage House