

1311 Lewis St, Santa Clara, CA 95050
APN: 269-03-124

Mills Act - Statement of Justification

My wife and I are requesting a Mills Act Historic Property Contract for our home at 1311 Lewis St. Our historic residence is proximately 1,415 sq. ft. The house and a garage (b. 1998) is set on an 8,338-sq.-ft. corner lot at Monroe Road and Lewis St.

Last year we moved to our 1889 Victorian Queen Anne Cottage with our two-year-old boy. I work at a technology company in the City of Santa Clara and my wife works at a mortgage company at neighboring city of San Jose. We purchased this house because of the central location for our work, but also because we like the historic houses in our neighborhood. We love our historic house and are proud of owning the Victorian style historic house in the charming Old Quad neighborhood. We enjoy the neighborhood activities here, such as going to the Farmers Market on Saturday where we meet local people, taste delicious street food, and listen to musicians' performances. We really enjoy living here and plan to grow our family here.

The attached DPR forms have detailed information about the house historical, architectural, cultural and geographic significance of our home. It is an especially fine example of the Queen Anne Cottage style and it plays a part in displaying what Santa Clara life was like in the 1890s.

Our beautiful home is in relatively good condition. We want to maintain its charming character and architectural integrity, but we realize to do so requires significant financial resources. We will use the tax saving dollars of the Mills Act contract to maintain, protect, and continue to restore this significant historic resource far into the future.