DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION 1. Common name:		Milias Apartmen	ts				
		Milias Hotel					
		7397 Monter					
				County	Santa Clar	a	
4.	Parcel number:	79900834					
	-	Troy Savings Ba	nk	Address:	32 Second	Street	
	City Gilroy	Zip _	95020 Ownershi	p is: Public	Private	Χ	
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DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This three story hotel building, located near the south end of Gilroy's buzzing downtown shopping section, is easily the most massive structure in the area. Its tiled roofline, elevated on the north and south ends, is bordered by enclosed eaves and a decorated frieze. There are fancy sculptured decorations above and below some of the double hung windows on the second and third floors and sets of French doors, protected by low metal railings, which highlight the second floor above the Monterey Street entrance and near the ends of the building. The classic revival influence is noted in the scrollwork located on the sides of the building as well as in the three arches above the front entrance (Monterey Street) which is outlined by pilasters. The large cable-supported overhangs which in previous years advertised the ancient and staunchly conservative "Milias" have been removed due to modern sign ordinances and a change in ownership.



8.	Estimated Factual 1922
9.	ArchitectWilliam Weeks
10.	Builder
	Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage
12.	Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) March 1986

13.	Condition: ExcellentGood^ Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14.	Alterations: Storefront - first floor windows
15.	Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings Densely built-upX Residential Industrial Commercial X Other:
16.	Threats to site: None known X Private development Zoning Vandalism Other:
17.	Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? Unknown?
18.	Related features:
SIG1 19.	IFICANCE Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
	George Milias senior came to San Jose from his native Yugoslavia in 1881. In San Jose he owned and operated a successful restaurant for ten years. In 1922 he built the Milias Hotel on the corner of Monterey and Sixth Streets. The architect was the well known and influential William H. Weeks. The Milias Hotel had a fine restaurant on the ground floor and a popular roof garden with private party and dining facilities. A great novelty for the Gilroy area was the Milias Hotel's elevator. The Milias Hotel was successful for many years and was a favored place for travelers on Highway 101. The building is no longer a hotel, but is now apartments and businesses. The Milias family was also the owner of extensive ranching and cattle interests. George Milias, Junior was active in civic affairs, serving terms as Mayor of Gilroy from 1940 to 1954 and 1956 to 1958. George Milias, III served in the California State Assembly and was a Deputy Director of the Fish and Game Commission in Washington, D.C.
20.	Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.) Architecture Arts & Leisure Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement Military Religion Social/Education Social/Education Social/Education Religion Social/Education
	Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). A Field Guide to American Houses McAlister
22.	Sanborn Map 1888,1908 Gilroy Museum Files - Milias Date form prepared By (name) The Firm of Organization BONNIE L. BAMBURG Address: 247 N. Third Street City San Jose, CA Zio 95112 Phone: (408) 971-1421