HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Margarita Club

2. Historic name:

3. Street or rural address: 7355 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy     Zip: 95020     County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 799839

5. Present Owner: Tony Arreola
   Address: 8401 Wayland Lane
   City: Gilroy     Zip: 95020     Ownership: Public  Private X

6. Present Use: Bar     Original use:

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Commercial

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

7355 Monterey is another well-scaled brick commercial building from the 1880's which has unfortunately been altered by the stuccoing over of the street front commercial window forms. The structure is rectangular in plan. The facade is flat faced with a slightly projected cornice line, a projecting string course, decorative paneling on the upper portion of the street facade. A band of horizontal shaped windows separates the stucco surface from the area that contains the front windows. Note, however, that the existing fenestration is an altered form from the original large plate glass which typifies the commercial style and may be seen unaltered at #7357 next door. The entry is recessed and marked by a simple wooden door which is also an alteration. The major detail element is found in the decorative tile work which frames the lower facade and which is found in slight variations.

8. Construction date: Estimated after 1920

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 20    Depth 142
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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14. Alterations: Storefront modifications, stucco covering

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up __ X Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: 

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: 

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The commercial district along Monterey has a preponderance of well scaled one and a half story commercial buildings. 7355 is a contributing structure to the continuity of the street. Remodeled from what it once was, the view need only look to the storefront, to the north to see that this is in facade and horizontal banding a structure in context with the others.

Originally one of three businesses in the same structure, this was a cigar store possibly operated by Mr. Porcella prior to his expanding into the dry goods business and occupying the space to the north.

The two story Union Hotel Building stood on this site prior to 1926.

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 ___ Government ___ Military ___ Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

   American Architecture Since 1780
   Whitten
   Sanborn Maps, 1888-1908
   Gilroy Museum Files - Porcella

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks): NORTH