HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Old City Hall
2. Historic name: Gilroy City Hall
3. Street or rural address: 7400 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100661
5. Present Owner: City of Gilroy Address: 7390 Rosanna St
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: vacant Original use: City Hall

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

Gilroy’s most famous landmark is a very ornate and complex building best described as Baroque due to the use of whimsically curved lines and the multiplicity of functionless decoration. The sandstone block first story gives the building its basic solidness and surrounds the various arched doors and windows, often hooded with fancy curved gables, including the large curved platform front stairway which leads to the big double door front entrance. The second story, brick and stucco over wood framing, consists of a series of round and arched windows outlined in sandstone blocks and often hooded with oversized bracketed gables. The inscription “1905” appears in raised letters on the south and west faces of the building but the most spectacular and imposing item is the bell tower and clock which rises from the top of the second floor, covered with tile (as is most of the roof) and a lofty finial.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: Factual 1905
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 42 Depth: 93
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
The corner stone for this prominent structure was laid in 1905 and it served as Gilroy's City Hall for over half a century. The Flemish style building with its bell and clock tower, its tile roof and heavy stone work, was designed by the firm of Wolfe and McKenzie, San Jose architects. Samuel Newsom was the designer. The structure has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the city used this building until the mid-1960s, the building went through many changes during its first half-century. The Fire Department grew too large for the building and had to move to larger quarters. This space was taken over by the Police Department, but that department, too, grew to large for the building to handle.

Sanborn Map 1888,1908

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