

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Landmark Number: **87**

Historic Name: **Casa de Anza**

Address: **606-612 N. Ventura Avenue, 11-15 E. Simpson Street**

Designated: **March 23, 1998**

Description:

This prominent apartment building was built in 1929 by Richard Langdon along with Austin A. Chute Development Co. as a direct response to the booming oil business and the need to house oil field workers in the Ventura Avenue area of the city. The three story building accommodated 14 residential apartments on the second and third floors and four commercial areas on the first floor. Among the first businesses to occupy the buildings were a dress shop, an upholstery shop, a beauty shop, and a refrigeration service.

Built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style of the 1920s, the red brick structure features a hipped roof tower, quoins in contrasting buff colored brick at the corners, deeply recessed wood casement windows, wood or steel mullioned store windows, wood and glass doors and tile bulkheads. As a result of efforts by the Westside Community Council, the Casa de Anza apartment building has been restored and once again houses apartments and the Avenue branch of the public library.



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