2.2.17 Fremont Park Historic District

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<u>Fremont Park Historic District</u>

The Fremont Park Historic District preserves a single block of predominately late Victorian-era homes situated on Q Street between 15th and 16th streets. The residences were constructed at the crossroads of two early streetcar routes, the P Street line and 15th Street extension of the K Street line. The district is consistent with the development of Midtown at the turn of the twentieth century as wealthy and middle-class residents began to move out of Sacramento's crowded West End. Despite the area's current mixed-use environs, this section of Q Street was historically a contiguous residential area of primarily single-family homes.

The core buildings of the Fremont Park Historic District were constructed over a 35-year period, between 1880 and 1915. For much of the second half of the nineteenth century, the area in question was situated at the southeastern edge of the city, bounded by largely undeveloped land to the east and the R Street railroad levee to the south. An 1870-perspective view of Sacramento depicts the sporadic pattern of residential development east of 15th Street. By 1895, the same sector was a dense residential neighborhood and the present buildings at 1500, 1504, 1508, 1512, and 1522 Q Street and 1714 16th Street had been erected.

The growth of Midtown and the East End (the stretch of land positioned east of the Capitol grounds) was spurred by the establishment of horse-drawn streetcar lines along K, 20th, and O streets during the 1870s. The completion of the P Street line in 1892 allowed for more efficient access to Fremont Park area. During the 1890s, the neighborhood's proximity to the plaza and the streetcar line was highlighted in newspaper real estate advertisements.
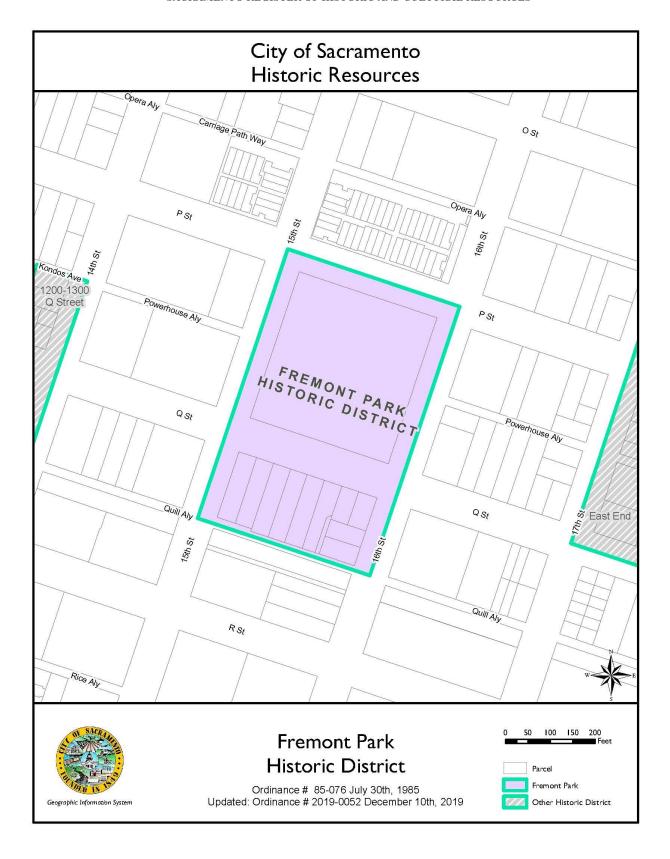
The first residents of Fremont Park were upper and middle-class individuals from diverse backgrounds. One of these individuals was Manuel I. Enos, an immigrant from the Azores who opened the Enos Grocery Store at 1500 Q Street in 1894. The store served as the commercial anchor of the surrounding neighborhood and as a convenient stop for streetcar passengers and travelers leaving town. The property remained in the Enos family until 1994.

Another appealing amenity of the neighborhood was John C. Fremont Park, named for well-known Western explorer John C. Fremont. The park, one of the original plazas donated to the city by John Sutter, Jr. in 1848, remained undeveloped prior to 1900. The area's new inhabitants compelled municipal officials to make improvements to the space. In 1913, local philanthropist Cornelia E. Fratt, who resided at 1511 P Street, gave $2,500 to the city to build a comfort station and band stand on the site.

The period of significance for the Fremont Park Historic District begins with the construction of the earliest surviving house in the district in 1880 and ends with the construction of the last building in the district in 1925.

Architectural Styles: Italianate, Queen Anne, Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Classic Box, Prairie

City of Sacramento
Historic Resources

Opera Aly

Carriage Path Way

O St

Opera Aly

P St

15th St

16th St

14th St

Kondos Ave

1200-1300 Q Street

Powerhouse Aly

P St

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Q St

Powerhouse Aly

Quill Aly

Q St

15th St

16th St

17th St

East End

R St

Quill Aly

Rice Aly

N
W — E
S

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Geographic Information System

0 50 100 150 200
Feet

☐ Parcel
☐ Fremont Park
▨ Other Historic District

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Contributing (C) and Non-Contributing (NC) Resources

Street Address	Parcel Number	Historic Status
1700 16TH ST	006-0292-009	Contributing
1708 16TH ST	006-0292-010	Contributing
1714 16TH ST	006-0292-011	Contributing
0 Q ST	006-0292-007	Non-Contributing
1500 Q ST	006-0292-001	Contributing
1504 Q ST	006-0292-002	Contributing
1508 Q ST	006-0292-003	Contributing
1512 Q ST	006-0292-004	Contributing
1515 Q ST	006-0291-001	Contributing
1518 Q ST	006-0292-005	Contributing
1522 Q ST	006-0292-006	Contributing
1526 Q ST	006-0292-008	Contributing

Note: Addresses of properties may not be all the addresses associated with the property; address shown reflect the address assigned to the parcel by the Sacramento County Recorder's Office.

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