

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: RODRIGUEZ HOUSE**

**LOCATION:** 1845 Niodrara Drive

**OWNERSHIP:** Private

**USE:** Residence

**LAND AREA:** 2356 square feet

**ZONE:** R1R-II

**DESIGNATION:** Glendale Register

**YEAR BUILT:** 1941

**STYLE:** Modern

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

The significance of this home is its design by one of the most highly respected and influential architects of this century. Commissioning the structure to be built in 1941, the owner at the time, Jose Rodriguez, chose Rudolph Schindler as the architect.

Schindler, an Austrian, received his training as an architect at the Academy of Vienna. Falling under the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright as student, Schindler left Vienna in 1914 to accept a job offer in Chicago. By 1918 he had achieved his early goal of working with Wright at the latter's headquarters in Oak Park, Illinois. When Wright moved to California in 1920, he chose Schindler as the person to supervise the work of many of his soon famous creations built in Southern California during the early 1920s. Wright, at the time, spent a great deal of this period in Japan designing the Imperial Hotel as well as completing various other commissions there.

Schindler broke with Wright in 1931 as a result of mutual disagreement over an exhibition of their work. By 1926, however, Schindler had already established his own reputation as an architect of international importance. Today, Schindler is credited with being one of the primary leaders in

introducing modern architecture to the Southern California area.

This home has been singled out for its "extraordinary structural gymnastics." The existing fences and vegetation, however, obscure many of the details of the home.

