

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: GLEN ARDEN**

**LOCATION:** 347 Arden Avenue.

**OWNERSHIP:** Private

**USE:** Multi Residence

**LAND AREA:** 6,680 square feet

**ZONE:** C2-II

**DESIGNATION:** Glendale Register

**YEAR BUILT:** 1929

**STYLE:** Spanish Revival

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

This property provides historical context to the development patterns of early Glendale, especially in the 1920s. The area near Arden Avenue and Pacific Avenue is developed with many modern office complexes. In the 1920s, residential development abounded in this location. The Verdugo Wash located behind this property was constructed in the late 1930s in response to the 1936 Flood Control Act. Also, in the early 1970s the 134 Freeway was built across Glendale. These conditions changed the general neighborhood character. More recently, the zoning for the south side of Arden Avenue was changed to Commercial Planned Development and the north side to Community Commercial.

This property is a two-story, 8-unit apartment building built in 1929 in the Spanish revival style of architecture, one of Glendale's most distinguishing architectural styles that flourished when Glendale experienced its most rapid period of growth. In the 1920s across the U.S., the period styles of architecture that mimicked European and Colonial American housing dominated building in this time period.

The major architectural distinctions of the building include the smooth stucco finish in the Spanish revival style, upper story balconies with

wooden casement doors, classic red-tile roof, arched entryway, decorative cornices under roof line, asymmetrical design, and numerous picture frame windows. Character defining features include the decorative wrought iron railings around the upper story balcony and the wrought iron grillwork over the lower story windows.

This house is designated a historic resource because it identifies interest or value as part of the heritage of the City; and, it exemplifies one of the best remaining architectural elements of attention to architectural design, details, materials or craftsmanship of a particular historic period.

