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Significance (continued):

Criterion 3 – Overall, the 3006 San Pablo building's facades, which continue to include the two westward adjoining parcels and their buildings, are forms of period architectural interest. The basic and jutilitarian commercial buildings the facades front otherwise have no historic architectural interest. The 3006 San Pablo building is a basic wood frame and wood clad commercial/store building, the original character of which is in question, its present exterior character understood to be the result of alterations undertaken in the late 1930s.

The design and materials of the existing facades exhibit poor to very poor conditions and qualities, the actuality of which substantially diminishes potential interest. The urban characteristics of these building fronts is also of poor to very poor quality. At the San Pablo front, utilities and street furnishings, including a bus stop that stands directly at the building wall – directly in front of the rounded storefront – make for a poor sidewalk environment. The rounded corner of the building, once apparently its primary feature, presently appears and feels vestigial and vacant. Worse yet is the elongated north front, where the very narrow sidewalk along the busy roadway (since 1947, State Hwy. route 13) provides a very poor and prohibitive pedestrian environment. And from the sidewalks along each street front, the poor exterior building material qualities are in direct evidence. Altogether, the primary east and north fronts of the subject buildings lack positively distinctive urban and architectural qualities.

Given the building's basic architectural character, it does not embody distinctive characteristics of its type or period, region, and there are no distinctive methods of construction. Neither is there an identified designer, architect, etc. nor are any artistic values present.

Criterion 4 – Relative to potential historic architectural resources, the subject property has not yielded and at this juncture, beyond the contents of this report, does not appear to have any potential to yield additional information of any historical importance.

In conclusion, the subject building at 3006 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley lacks any potential historical significance per the California Register criteria.