## **United States Department of the Interior**

National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Pro	perty					
historic name	Barrio Santa Rosa					
other names/site	number Barrio Santa Rosa Historic District					
2. Location						
street & number	Roughly bounded by W. 18th St. on the north, S. Russell Ave. on the					
city or town Tu	y or town <u>Tucson</u> vicinity					
state Arizona	code AZ county Pima	code <u>019</u>	zip code <u>85705</u>			
3. State/Federal	Agency Certification					
As the designat	ed authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, a	as amended,				
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.						
	ne property meets does not meet the National Reignificant at the following level(s) of significance:	egister Criteria.	I recommend that this property			
national	statewide <u>x</u> local					
Signature of certifying official/Title Date						
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government						
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.						
Signature of comme	enting official D	ate				
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Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government						
4. National Pa	rk Service Certification					
I hereby certify that	this property is:					
entered in	the National Register determined	l eligible for the Na	tional Register			
determined	not eligible for the National Register removed fr	om the National Re	egister			
other (expl	ain:)					
Signature of the K	eeper D	ate of Action				

5. Classification

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Name of Property		County and S	tate	
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)			
		Contributing	Noncontributi	ng
x private	building(s)	86	38	buildings
public - Local	x district			sites
public - State	site			structures
public - Federal	structure		20	objects
	object	86	38	Total
Name of related multiple pr (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of	roperty listing a multiple property listing)	Number of con listed in the Na	tributing resour tional Register	ces previously
N/A			0	
6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)		
DOMESTIC: single dwelling,	DOMESTIC: single dwelling, multiple dwelling			
COMMERCE/TRADE: depart	rtment store,	RELIGION: relig	gious facility	
specialty store				
RELIGION: religious facility				
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)	ı	Materials (Enter categories fro	om instructions.)	
OTHER: Sonoran Tradition,	foundation: stone, concrete			
LATE VICTORIAN: Queen A	nne	walls: adobe, brick, concrete, stucco		
LATE 19 <sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	CENTURY	roof: metal, asphalt		
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS	S: Bungalow/	other: wo	ood	
Craftsman				
LATE 19 <sup>TH</sup> AND 20 <sup>TH</sup> CENTU	JRY REVIVALS:			
Mission/Spanish Colonial	Revival			
MODERN MOVEMENT: Ran	nch Style			
Narrative Description				
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(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

## **Summary Paragraph**

Barrio Santa Rosa Historic District is a residential neighborhood south of Tucson's downtown. The district contains 124 buildings, of which 86 are contributing resources. Two-thirds of these are adobe dwellings that represent the survival of the Sonoran Tradition (the regional Hispanic vernacular building tradition) into the early twentieth century. The others are examples of contemporaneous Anglo-American styles popular in Tucson; many of these are also built of adobe. The majority of the noncontributing resources are dwellings that postdate the district's period of significance. Barrio Santa Rosa retains considerable historic integrity in terms of location, design, and setting and a high degree of historic integrity with regard to materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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## **Narrative Description**

Barrio Santa Rosa Historic District is located south of downtown Tucson. The district is roughly bounded on the north by W. 18th St., on the east by S. Russell Ave., on the south by W. 22nd St., and on the west by S. 9th Ave. and S. Meyer Ave. Barrio Santa Rosa is on the east side of the Santa Cruz River, on the river's third terrace; the Santa Cruz is the principal drainage of the Tucson Basin. On the north and northwest is Barrio Libre Historic District, listed in the National Register in 1978, which contains what remains of Tucson's original "Barrio Viejo"—the old Hispanic urban core—after most of it was destroyed by urban renewal. To the east is Armory Park Historic District and the Santa Rita neighborhood. Armory Park (listed in 1976 and expanded in 1996) began developing in the 1880s as a largely Anglo-American residential district. Santa Rita is a predominately Hispanic residential district that dates from the early to middle twentieth century. On the south is the Ochoa neighborhood, similar to Santa Rita. To the west is Santa Rosa Park and Drachman Elementary, Posadas Sentinel (a recent public housing project), and Interstate 10. Beyond the interstate is Barrio Kroeger Lane, which borders the river. Other nearby barrios are El Hoyo (listed in 2008) and El Membrillo (listed in 2009), both to the northwest.

The Santa Rosa neighborhood began in the 1890s within a 24-block area in the southwest corner of the original Tucson townsite, from 18th St. south to 22nd St., and from 6th Ave. west to what was then the city boundary, a block beyond 11th Ave. Until the 1940s, the only major changes to the blocks within the district occurred in 1904, when several blocks were resubdivided. Figure 1 shows the neighborhood in 1906. Santa Rosa Park, from which the barrio gets its name, was established in 1937 (Arizona Daily Star, 12 March 1937).

Of the 98 buildings in the district that were constructed during the neighborhood's period of significance, 29 date to the initial phase of development, from the 1890s up to 1920, and 40 date to the second phase, from 1920 to the Depression. A dozen date to the brief period of economic recovery prior to World War II, and 17 date to the immediate postwar period. With the exception of a store and dwelling built in 1936 and a Catholic mission built in 1946, all of these buildings are one-story single- or multiple-unit dwellings, and almost all are constructed of adobe. Just over half of these buildings represent the continuation of the Hispanic vernacular building tradition known regionally as Sonoran. (Until the United States' invasion of Mexico and the subsequent treaties of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848 and La Mesilla in 1854, what is now southern Arizona was northern Sonora.) The predominant building type in Tucson's old Hispanic urban core was the Sonoran row house, an adobe multiple-unit dwelling built flush or almost flush to the street. The Sonoran row house tradition continued in Hispanic neighborhoods like Barrio Santa Rosa that first developed beyond the old urban core. Examples are 827-835 8th, with five units (Photograph 1) and 1015-1019 Meyer, with three units (Photograph 2). Two-unit versions of the row house, as well as single-unit dwellings, gradually became more prevalent; a typical two-unit example is 1023-1025 Meyer (Photograph 3).

The other buildings constructed in the neighborhood during the period of significance represent contemporaneous Anglo-American styles. These dwellings are all one-story and relatively modest in size and scale. At the turn of the twentieth century, they was limited to the Queen Anne style, in a simplified version that has a hipped roof with a lower cross-gabled wing on one side and a front porch, as seen at 121 19th (Photograph 4). The Craftsman/Bungalow style appeared in the 1910s. The initial form of this style in the neighborhood is front-hipped with a centered gabled porch (Photograph 5, 125 19th). The later forms are front-gabled with a full-width integral porch (Photograph 6, 928 8th) and front-gabled with an

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offset porch (Photograph 7, 930 8th). These Craftsman/Bungalow dwellings are identical to those constructed of brick in Tucson's Anglo-American neighborhoods except that here they were usually constructed of adobe. The same is true of Mission Revival, the other Anglo-American style that appears in the neighborhood. This is a very simplified form of Mission Revival, characterized by stepped parapets and the use of Mission or Spanish tile as accents. The style

persisted in the barrios from the 1910s until World War II. A typical example is 126 Armijo (Photograph 8)

In the decade following World War II, most of the new dwellings were built of brick in the Ranch and Postwar Territorial styles. The Ranch-style dwellings are typically very basic, with rectangular plans, low-pitched roofs, and the characteristic horizontal emphasis; they are usually sited broadside to the street (Photograph 9, 921 7th). The dwellings in the Postwar Territorial-style are similar, but with flat parapeted roofs. A few dwellings were built of adobe in the vernacular tradition, but by the mid-1950s, adobe construction and the Sonoran Tradition were abandoned. During this period, the Diocese of Tucson built a mission, the Pio Decimo Center, on 8th between 18th and 19th. The center is a large but moderately scaled building that fits well into its surroundings (Photograph 10, 848 7th Ave.) After 1955, there was a hiatus in construction that lasted until the 1970s. For the 98 buildings in the district that were constructed during the neighborhood's period of significance, the percentages of dwellings by style is as follows:

Style	Percent
Sonoran Tradition	57.1
Queen Anne	2.0
Craftsman/Bungalow	18.4
Mission Revival	12.3
Ranch	9.2
Postwar Territorial	1.0
Total	100.0

Building placement on lots is variable. Many of the older dwellings are built flush to the front of the lot, in the traditional Hispanic urban tradition (Photograph 11, 901 Meyer). Most of the others have a minimal front setback, with a low fence or wall enclosing a small front yard (Photograph 12, 821 Rubio). This contrasts with the conventional Anglo-American suburban dwelling, where the setbacks are uniformly deeper and the front yard is an unfenced, largely symbolic lawn (or, today in Tucson, xeriscape). The neighborhood's trees are mostly local species such as mesquite, palo verde, and desert willow, with a few imports such as date palm, juniper, citrus, and ailanthus. Native cacti—particularly *nopal* (prickly pear)—are present in many yards. Besides single- and multiple-family dwellings, Barrio Santa Rosa had several stores; typically, these buildings housed both store and dwelling. The only remaining example of this building type in the neighborhood is at 863 9th; the store is currently vacant (Photograph 13).

The neighborhood's streetscapes are varied, ranging from the broad numbered east-west streets and north-south avenues (Photographs 14 and 15) to the narrow north-south alleys. Meyer was a major commercial thoroughfare in the old urban core. South of 18th it was platted as an alley in the townsite grid, but the portion between 19th and 20th still has an urban density (Photograph 16). Rubio and Russell were also platted as alleys and later were designated as avenues; they have their own small-scale character (Photographs 17 and 18), as does Armijo (Photograph 19). All of the streets are paved, but most do not have curbs or sidewalks. The street lights, which are mounted on utility poles, are minimal.

#### Assessment of District Integrity

#### Location

The district covers less than half of the area where the neighborhood developed. Part of the area west of 9th and Meyer was included in Barrio Libre Historic District in 1978 and the remainder has been entirely redeveloped, as explained in Section 8. Nonetheless, Barrio Santa Rosa still retains considerable integrity of location.

## Design

Within the district, the neighborhood has retained its distinctive architecture, streetscapes, and housescapes. Only five dwellings have lost their historic integrity because of inappropriate alterations. There is a substantial amount of recent infill, but the new dwellings are consonant in form and massing with the historic fabric. Their style can be classified as

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"Neo-Traditional"; a characteristic example is 860 Meyer (Photograph 20). Barrio Santa Rosa thus retains considerable integrity of design.

#### Setting

On the north and northwest where the neighborhood adjoins Barrio Libre Historic District, there has been no change in the setting. On the east, 6th Ave. from the 1920s on became a commercial strip containing businesses (mostly automotive-related) with a general city-wide clientele. On the south, 22nd St. has become one of the city's major east-west thoroughfares. On the west there is a new neighborhood school and an expanded Santa Rosa Park. Nonetheless, Barrio Santa Rosa still retains considerable integrity of setting.

#### Materials

In the neighborhood's contributing dwellings, the basic original building fabric is still extant: stone and concrete foundations and mostly adobe walls. Many of the dwellings retain their original wood double-hung sash windows. As a result, Barrio Santa Rosa retains a high degree of integrity of materials.

#### Workmanship

The people of the barrio used traditional adobe construction combined with framing and finishing techniques adopted from Anglo-American practice. Because this is still evident in the barrio's dwellings, Barrio Santa Rosa retains a high degree of integrity of workmanship.

#### Feeling

Barrio Santa Rosa developed within a formal city grid of wide streets and—except for its alleys and streets like Armijo—it lacks the closeness that typifies barrios like Anita or El Hoyo, with their much narrower streets. However, it does have the characteristic barrio house types and housescapes, and shares the same feeling as Tucson's other barrios. As a result, Barrio Santa Rosa retains a high degree of integrity of feeling.

#### Association

The neighborhood has retained the essential physical features that convey its historic identity as one of Tucson's barrios, significant under Criteria A and C. In the area of community planning and development, the distinctive environment created by its inhabitants is still evident. In the area of architecture, over half of its contributing dwellings are characteristic examples of the survival of the Sonoran Tradition into the twentieth century. The others are representative examples of Anglo-American styles popular in Tucson; most of these are also constructed of adobe. As a result, Barrio Santa Rosa retains a high degree of integrity of association.

### Contributing and Noncontributing Resources

The following list provides the status of the resources within Barrio Santa Rosa. The initial date of construction and the building's style are also given. For most of the buildings constructed prior to the 1950s, the dates are estimates based on available evidence. Dates for later buildings are based on data from the Pima County Assessor's property record files. Of the 124 buildings in the district, 86 are contributing.

Two-thirds of the 39 noncontributing buildings postdate the period of significance. Nine of the other noncontributors are buildings that would be contributing, except that they are obscured from the street by a high wall or fence. These were disqualified as contributing resources in accordance with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines Regarding Front Yard Walls/Fences (2003); a typical example is 1015 7th (Photograph 21). The remainder of the noncontributors have been inappropriately altered, resulting in a loss of historic integrity. Changes made to buildings during the neighborhood's period of significance are considered part of the neighborhood's evolution. Inappropriate alterations are defined as changes made after the period of significance that have transformed the basic form and character of the building, as seen from the street. Evaluations were based on National Register guidelines and on the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Policy Statement for Recommendations of Eligibility (May 1992). The latter stipulates that, for properties being nominated to the Arizona or National Registers of Historic Places under Criterion C,

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"the primary façade must have a majority (51 percent) of its features intact, and at least 75 percent of all exterior walls must be present." Four of the noncontributors are in this category; a typical example is 950 8th, where extensive additions have recently been made to the front of the dwelling (Photograph 22).

Street Address	Site No.	Date	Style	National Register Status
S. 7th Ave.				
827-829	004	ca. 1940	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
848	005	1946	Mission Revival	Contributing
908 921	006 007	1993 1953	Neo-Traditional Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing
921 922A	007	2007	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
922B	009	ca. 1905	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing (postdates period of significance)
928	011	ca. 1905	Queen Anne	Contributing
934	012	ca. 1930	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
938	014	1953	Ranch	Contributing
946	015	ca. 1950	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
1012	016	ca. 1940	Front-gabled Sonoran	Noncontributing (obscured by high front wall)
1015 1018	017 018	ca. 1915 ca. 1925	Craftsman/Bungalow	Noncontributing (obscured by high front fence) Noncontributing (obscured by high front fence)
1016	019	ca. 1925	Front-gabled Sonoran Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing (obscured by high from lence)
1027	020	ca. 1930	Parapeted Sonoran	Noncontributing (obscured by high front wall)
1029-1031		ca. 1925	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
1109	022	ca. 1940	Mission Revival	Contributing
1110	023	1955	Ranch	Contributing
1116	024	ca. 1950	Postwar Territorial	Contributing
1117 1122	025	1994 1955	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
1122	026 027	1955	Ranch Ranch	Contributing Noncontributing (obscured by high front wall)
1136	028	1974	Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance
1141	029	ca. 1940	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
1144	030	ca. 1930	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
S. 8th Ave.				
812	035	1954	Ranch	Contributing
820	036	1994	Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
821-823 825	037 038	ca. 1925 ca. 1910	Front-gabled Sonoran Hipped Sonoran	Contributing Contributing
827-835	039	ca. 1895	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
830	040	1994	Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
837-843	041	ca. 1900	Side-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
840	042	ca. 1930	Mission Revival	Contributing
901	043	ca. 1900	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
904	044	ca. 1895	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
915-917 916	045 046	ca. 1910 ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran Hipped Sonoran	Contributing Contributing
918	047	ca. 1910 ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
920-922	048	ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
921	049	ca. 1925	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
925	050	ca. 1915	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
928	051	ca. 1920	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
930	052	ca. 1925	Craftsman/Bungalow	Contributing
933 934	053 054	ca. 1930 1993	Mission Revival Postwar Territorial	Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
93 <del>4</del> 949	055	1993	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
950	056	ca. 1930	Parapeted Sonoran	Noncontributing (inappropriate alterations)
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S. 8th Ave. 1002 1009 1011 1012 1016 1019 1021 1022 1026-1028 1107 1115 1121 1127 1133 1134 1137	057 058 059 060 061 062 063 064	ued) ca. 1930 ca. 1925 ca. 1925 ca. 1920 ca. 1920 ca. 1920 ca. 1920 ca. 1920 ca. 1920 1970 1971 1970 1995 ca. 1950 ca. 1935 ca. 1940	Parapeted Sonoran Front-gabled Sonoran Front-gabled Sonoran Craftsman/Bungalow Craftsman/Bungalow Craftsman/Bungalow Craftsman/Bungalow Craftsman/Bungalow Front-gabled Sonoran Ranch Ranch Ranch Ranch Front-gabled Sonoran Parapeted Sonoran Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing Noncontributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing Contributing Noncontributing (obscured by high mid-lot fence)
<u>S. 9th Ave.</u> 863	086	1936	Sonoran	Contributing
W. 18th St. 127 145	089 090	ca. 1915 1955	Craftsman/Bungalow Ranch	Contributing Contributing
W. 19th St. 23-25 31 37 117 121 123 125 127 131	094 095 096 097 098 099 100 101	ca. 1930 ca. 1950 ca. 1930 1993 ca. 1905 2007 ca. 1915 1985 ca. 1950	Mission Revival Parapeted Sonoran Mission Revival Neo-Traditional Queen Anne Neo-Traditional Craftsman/Bungalow Neo-Traditional Hipped Sonoran	Contributing Contributing Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing Contributing
W. 20th St. 111 115-117 118 124 127 138 140-142 177	106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113	ca. 1950 ca. 1915 ca. 1930 ca. 1935 ca. 1925 1955 ca. 1930 1990	Front-gabled Sonoran Hipped Sonoran Craftsman/Bungalow Front-gabled Sonoran Front-gabled Sonoran Ranch Mission Revival Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (obscured by high front wall) Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
W. 21st St. 16 19 21 26 28 101 102	114 115 116 117 118 119 120	ca. 1925 ca. 1925 ca. 1925 ca. 1930 ca. 1930 1994 ca. 1915	Mission Revival Craftsman/Bungalow Craftsman/Bungalow Parapeted Sonoran Parapeted Sonoran Ranch Hipped Sonoran	Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Contributing

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W. 21st St.	(continu	ied)		
110	121	ca. 1925	Mission Revival	Contributing
121	122	1994	Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
126	123	1970	Ranch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
W. 22nd St.				
38	124	ca. 1935	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
138	125	ca. 1940	Cross-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
W. Armijo A	Ave.			
114	126	ca. 1905	Hipped Sonoran	Noncontributing (inappropriate alterations)
115	127	ca. 1950	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
122	128	ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
123	129	1953	Ranch	Contributing
126 130	130 131	ca. 1930 ca. 1925	Mission Revival	Contributing
131	132	1975	Mission Revival Ranch	Contributing Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
131	132	1975	Nanch	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
S. Meyer A	ve.			
860	146	2003	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
861	147	2002	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
870	148	2003	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
901	149	ca. 1895	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
903	150	1999	Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
905	151	ca. 1915	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
911	152	ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
915 921	153 154	2005 2005	Neo-Traditional Neo-Traditional	Noncontributing (postdates period of significance) Noncontributing (postdates period of significance)
935	155	ca. 1915	Hipped Sonoran	Noncontributing (inappropriate alterations)
937	156	ca. 1915	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing (mappropriate alterations)
1015-1019		ca. 1925	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
1023-1025		ca. 1935	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
1037	159	ca. 1940	Side-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
S. Rubio Ave.				
821	162	ca. 1930	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
826	164	ca. 1910	Hipped Sonoran	Contributing
838	165	ca. 1915	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
1010-1014	166	ca. 1925	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
1016	167	ca. 1925	Front-gabled Sonoran	Contributing
1013-1015		ca. 1915	Parapeted Sonoran	Contributing
1019	169	ca. 1915	Side-gabled Sonoran	Noncontributing (obscured by high front wall)
S. Russell Ave.				
1026-1028		ca. 1930	Mission Revival	Noncontributing (obscured by high front fence)