

SECTION 7.3 INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY PARK HPOZ ARCHITECTURAL STYLES

The Architectural Styles Chapter of this Plan is intended to give an overview of the predominant styles that may exist in the *University Park* HPOZ. Each architectural style explanation has been divided into two sections, a textual overview of the style and its development, and a listing of some typical significant architectural features of that style. These descriptions are intended to assist property owners and the HPOZ board in determining the predominant architectural style of a building or structure, and in understanding the elements of that style. These descriptions are not intended as comprehensive lists of significant features of any style, and are not to be taken as an exhaustive list of what features should be preserved. Rather, they are intended as a starting point for discussion about what rehabilitation or restoration projects might be appropriate to a particular property.

Each architectural style description contains a note on what architectural styles can commonly be found mixed together. This note is included because architectural styles are not always found in a pure state. Individual owners and builders quite often customized or mixed the elements of different architectural styles together in designing a structure. This may have been because cultural tastes were transitioning between two styles, with some styles falling out of favor and new styles being introduced, or simply due to the personal taste of the designer. It is important to realize that these mixed style structures are no less architecturally significant than the “purer” forms of a particular style, and that mixed style structures are not “improved” through remodeling with the goal of achieving a “pure” style. Los Angeles is particularly rich in inventive, “fantasy” structures that show a great deal of creativity on the part of the architect, owner, and builder, and this richness should be preserved.

The architectural style descriptions may contain some unfamiliar terms. Many of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of this Preservation Plan, or are illustrated in the corresponding section of the Residential or Commercial Rehabilitation Guidelines.

The University Park HPOZ district has approximately 620 parcels, not including vacant parcels and parking lots; of these 436 lots are contributing. Therefore over 70% of the University Park HPOZ is comprised of buildings that contribute to the district.