AREA DESCRIPTION

1. NAME OF CITY: San Jose, California  
   SECURITY GRADE: Low Yellow  
   AREA NO.: C-7

2. DESCRIPTION OF TERRAIN: Level


4. DETRIMENTAL INFLUENCES: Somewhat isolated. Inharmonious racial elements just outside city limits on north. Lack of proper sewers and street improvements. Distance from schools of higher grade.

5. INHABITANTS:
   a. Type: Gardeners, laborers, W.P.A.  
   b. Estimated annual family income: $900-1200
   c. Foreign-born: Italians 10%  
   d. Negro: No
   e. Infiltration of foreign elements: No threat
   f. Relief families: Yes, quite a few
   g. Population is increasing slowly: decreasing

6. BUILDINGS:
   a. Type or types: 1-story
   b. Type of construction: Stucco frame
   c. Average age: 25 years
   d. Repair: Fair to poor

7. HISTORY:
   YEAR | RANGE | SALE VALUES | RENTAL VALUES
   1929 level  | $1500-2500 | 5 room frame | $2950-3500 | PREDOMINATING $ | 15 to 30 | 28 to 40 | 100%
   1933 low  | 1000-2000 | 1500 | 60 | 10 to 20 | 18 to 25 | 60
   current  | 2000-3500 | 2500 | 100 | 15 to 30 | 25 to 35 | 100
   Peak sale values occurred in 1929 and were 100% of the 1929 level.
   Peak rental values occurred in 1929 and were 100% of the 1929 level.

8. OCCUPANCY:
   a. Land: 50%
   b. Dwelling units: 57%
   c. Home owners: 55%

9. SALES DEMAND:
   a. Fair
   b. 5 room $2500
   c. Activity is Full

10. RENTAL DEMAND:
    a. Good
    b. 5 room $250
    c. Activity is Good

11. NEW CONSTRUCTION:
    a. Types: $2500-5000 single
    b. Amount last year: 16 singles, 2 duplexes

12. AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE FUNDS:
    a. Home purchase: Limited
    b. Home building: Limited


14. CLARIFYING REMARKS:
    Zoned single and two-family residential with provision for trading center at Taylor and 21st. The greatest density of population is in the southern portion of the area, and the northern part contains many small chicken ranches, garden tracts, and orchards of one and two acre dimensions. There are two automobile camps within the limits of the area, and the district just north of it outside the city limits is extremely heterogeneous in character, being inhabited largely by low-class Italians, Portuguese, Slavs, and some Mexicans. This condition puts a blight upon both this area and the "yellow-hatched" district to the northeast.

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