The aerial photograph, appearing on the following page, is given in order that the location of San Jose, with relation to its near neighbors, may be visualized.

3. History.

In 1777 the Catholic padres, acting under a commission from the King of Spain, founded the Mission Santa Clara and the Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe. The mission was dedicated to organized education, and the pueblo was established as an agricultural settlement. Probably no two cities in the country have adhered more closely to the pattern of their inception than San Jose and Santa Clara. The latter is now the seat of the University of Santa Clara, one of the outstanding Catholic educational institutions in America, and the little farming pueblo has developed into one of the important agricultural centers of the country.

When California was ceded to the United States by the treaty of 1848, San Jose became its capital, and the first session of the State Legislature was held there in 1849. The city was chartered by the Legislature in 1850 and thus became the first incorporated city in the state.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the community under survey is not of recent origin and is rich in historical background.

4. Type of Community.

San Jose occupies a portion of the level floor of the Santa Clara Valley and is completely surrounded by orchards and walnut groves. In fact, the city might literally be said to have been carved from a forest of fruit trees, as most of the residential sections were orchards prior to being subdivided, and many of the original trees still ornament the gardens of the invading residences.

In the more accessible residential districts, broad streets, lined with shade trees and well-kept gardens, create an atmosphere of peace and serenity which is most enchanting. It is hard to conceive of a residential location more charming and altogether desirable than Palm Haven Avenue in Area B-6, or more attractive surroundings than those found in parts of Areas A-2 and B-5. The district surrounding the Municipal Rose Garden in Area A-1 is also very lovely and attractive.

The architecture and grounds of the State College and numerous elementary schools add to the attractiveness of the districts in which they are located. Even