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| NAME | Otis Building | | | REF. NO. | 187 |
| ADDRESS | 101 West Fourth Street | | | | |
| CITY | Santa Ana | ZIP | 92701 | ORANGE COUNTY | |
| YEAR BUILT | 1889 | LOCAL REGISTER CATEGORY: Key | | | |
| HISTORIC DISTRICT | Downtown | NEIGHBORHOOD | | | |
| NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION | C | NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS CODE | 1D | | |

Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

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Prehistoric Historic Both

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Renaissance (originally built as a Queen Anne in 1889)

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND RELATED TO PERIOD ARCHITECTURE:

The architectural style terminology is adapted from the National Register Bulletin 16A. The Renaissance style is one of the Late Victorian styles that spanned from 1820 to 1920. This style had two periods of prominence. The first occurred between 1820-1860 and the second reached its peak between 1890-1920. Scale and size distinguish the later Renaissance from the earlier Renaissance. The buildings of this style show a definite studied formalism of symmetrical composition of early sixteenth century Italian elements. Characteristics include finely cut ashlar or marble that may be accentuated with rusticated quoins and first floors, architrave framed windows, and doors supporting entablatures or pediments. Stories are organized into distinct horizontal divisions by pronounced belt or stringcourses. Enriched and projecting cornices are supported with large modillions or consoles.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY: (Construction data, alterations, and date of alterations)

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| Built | 1889 |
| Alterations: | March 4, 1925 |
| Alterations: | November 10, 1932 |
| Repair & alter storefront | February 16, 1937 |
| Alterations | January 21, 1949 |
| Reroof | October 26, 1950 |
| Seismic Retrofit | October 5, 1984 |
| Demolish interior partitions | May 29, 1985 |
| Interior rehabilitation only | August 27, 1985 |
| Install new elevator | February 24, 1988 |
| Close access to basement | July 25, 1991 |

RELATED FEATURES: (Other important features such as barns, sheds, fences, prominent or unusual trees, or landscape)

None identified

DESCRIPTION: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, settings, and boundaries.)

This rectangular shaped four-story retail and office building has a façade of brick with coursed smooth ashlar. The storefronts are 1950's commercial on the first story with deep bays flanked by display windows. The upper façade is of a Renaissance style with simplified elements. Two ornate cartouches are located beneath the second story and each level has a different articulation. Six double hung windows are vertically segmented in three divisions and the building has three upper floors of which the topmost is delineated by a simple belt course. Two small square attic windows flank decorative medallions on the upper level. A mansard roof of asphalt shingle caps the building.

The present façade dates from 1925 when an extensive remodeling of the old First National Bank building resulted in the H. H. Helbush Building with its main entrance at 408 N. Main. The building was sold next year and was renamed the Otis Building by its new owners.

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS:

This building housed the First National Bank from 1889 until 1925. Mr. Miles Crookshank, an early Santa Ana banking pioneer, was the president at the time the bank opened. The structure also housed the Oddfellows Hall until 1905, when they built their own new building. This site was formerly the Santa Ana Hotel, then in existence since 1871.

RESOURCE ATTRIBUTES: (List attributes and codes from Appendix 4 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation.)

HP 7 3+ story commercial building

DATE RECORDED: November 9, 2000

SURVEY TYPE: (Intensive, reconnaissance, or other)
Reconnaissance

REPORT CITATION: (Cite survey report and other sources)
Application for National Register of Historic Places, Downtown District
Santa Ana Historic Register Application Form

REFERENCES: (List documents, date of publication, and page numbers. May also include oral interviews.)

National Register Bulletin 16A

Identifying American Architecture by John J.-G. Blumenson

American Architecture Since 1870 by Marcus Whiffen

Marshall Duell, curator for Old Courthouse Museum, Orange County

Orange County Assessors Office

City of Santa Ana Building Division Records

EVALUATOR: _____

DATE OF EVALUATION: _____

EXPLANATION OF CODES:

- National Register Criteria for Evaluation: (From Appendix 7 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation)
 - C:** that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction
- National Register Status Code: (From Appendix 2 of Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, Office of Historic Preservation)
 - 1D:** Contributor to a listed district.