ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Yuma City Hall LOCATION 181 W. First Street

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH

181 W. First Street

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY
Yuma

OWNER

City of Yuma
OWNER'S ADDRESS

181 W. First Street Yuma, AZ 85364

FORM COMPLETED BY

Yuma County Historical Society

ADDRESS

240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364

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P. Callahan
VIEW
Southern elevation
PRESENT USE
DATE
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STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD

Spanish Colonial Revival

SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1921

Public use



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Yuma City Hall is a two story, reinforced concrete structure of symmetrical massing. Lawns and driveways separate the facility from its surroundings. In plan the building measures approximately 90 ft. by 40 ft. The hipped roof is covered with clay tiles; the cornice is bracketed. Windows are situated in the facade as discrete elements but are so located that they form implied groupings with strong horizontal direction. Location of a string course at the bottom of the second story windows gives the main floor greater scale. Applied ornament is concentrated in panels between the window bands and in the columned entry which extends slightly from the facade.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Yuma City Hall is noteworthy as a local landmark and for its exemplary architectural style. Since its completion in 1921 the building has functioned as the center of local government. To enhance and emphasize this function the City Council chose to locate the building on a rise at the northern end of the town. Lyman and Place, a distinguished southwestern architectural firm were hired, to design the building. They executed the project in the popular Spanish Colonial Revival Style. With the exception of a few modifications—notably window changes—the exterior of the building is still original. Additions and outbuildings at the rear are not distractive.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tract 1 less East 332 feet; Sec 35; T 16S; R22E.