

# Kohlenberger Engineering Corporation Building

**805 S. Harbor Boulevard**

**1929**

**Brick Commercial**

**Status: Unrecognized  
Significant Property**



This brick building has a classic appearance that has not been altered. The storefront features a symmetrical design constructed entirely of brick with modest detail work. Transom windows are obscured by the placement of fabric awnings.

The 9,200-sq.-ft. building was constructed for Kohlenberger Engineering Corporation, perhaps the city's first major manufacturing business. The company began operations in 1922, as Consolidated Ice and Cold Storage at 112 E. Walnut Avenue, eventually producing a complete line of refrigeration equipment, fittings, and machines for commercial and industrial applications. Growth of the business resulted in the construction of this building in 1929, with its location at the time considered to be the southern limits of the city. The front of the building featured a showroom and offices, while the back area was devoted to manufacturing activities.

The company continued to prosper, and to accommodate the firm's growth, much larger facilities were built at 1600 W. Commonwealth Avenue in 1948. In 1969, the company sold the Commonwealth property to Morehouse Industries and moved to Santa Fe Springs.

After the Kohlenberger Engineering Corporation vacated this building in 1948, it has been used for numerous commercial businesses over the years, but the structure has remained largely intact, looking much as it appeared in 1929. The building was completely rehabilitated in 1992, as part of improvements to meet earthquake safety requirements.