

Barranca

Status: city-recognized Historic District

The 100 blocks of East Brookdale Place, Union Avenue, and Glenwood Avenue comprise a pocket neighborhood of single-family residences built between Harbor Boulevard and the Brea Creek (or “barranca”, as it was commonly referred to). Most of these houses are California bungalows of simple detailing and features, constructed during the first two decades of the 1900s.

This neighborhood has some amount of post-WWII apartment development, but most of the lots retain the original housing stock. In 1997, the city applied a residential preservation zone (R-2P) to this neighborhood to encourage the long-term investment of these single-family residences as well as to ensure a compatible pattern of development in future improvements to these properties.

A significant development in this historic district was completed in 2021: a nine-unit apartment at the end of E. Brookdale Place. Designed with two-story buildings, the complex was designed to complement the neighborhood’s 1920s bungalows.

