

Little Italy Signs Installed in East Sacramento!



PHOTO ABOVE: *LITTLE ITALY* in Sacramento! The new signs are up! This sign is located on 59th street across from Corti Brothers near the 59th Street/Highway 50 off ramp.

LITTLE ITALY SIGNS INSTALLED IN EAST SACRAMENTO

As part of the Little Italy Historic District Project, established in October 2021, seven new Little Italy signs have been installed to mark the boundaries of Little Italy. The colorful signs in brilliant green, white and red are a welcome addition to the area. They have been installed on poles and light posts throughout the Little Italy district.

The new signs are located at the corners of 48th and 52nd and 58th streets on Folsom Boulevard and at the corners of 48th and 57th streets on J Street. Another sign is located on 59th street across from Corti Brothers near the 59th street highway 50 off ramp. Another sign is located at the East Portal Park Bocce Courts off Rodeo Way and M street between J street and Folsom Blvd.

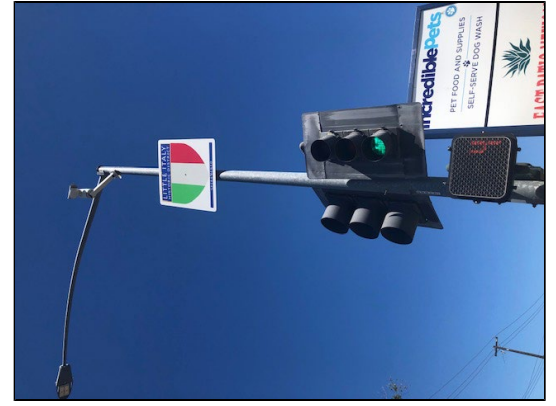
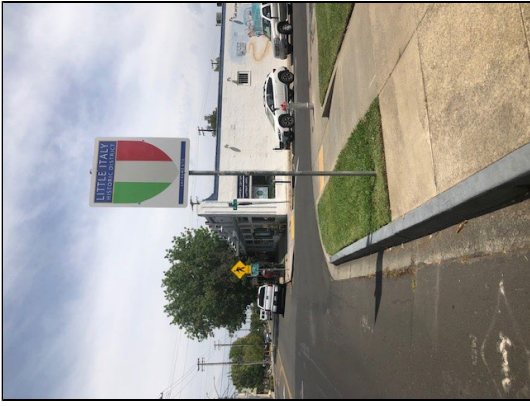
The Little Italy Historic District is bounded by 48th to 59th Street and by J Street and Folsom Boulevard.



PHOTO ABOVE: *LITTLE ITALY* in Sacramento! Sign on left is located at 48th Street and J Street, and the sign on the right is located at 57th Street and J Street.



PHOTOs ABOVE: *LITTLE ITALY* in Sacramento! This sign is located at 58th Street and Folsom Blvd.



PHOTOS ABOVE: *LITTLE ITALY* in Sacramento! Top left sign located at 48th Street and Folsom Blvd., the right sign is located at 51st Street and Folsom Blvd.

PHOTO BELOW: *LITTLE ITALY* in Sacramento! East Portal Park at Rodeo Drive and M Street, between Folsom Blvd. and J Street.



East Sacramento Italians



PHOTO ABOVE: *The Italian Corners Shopping Center at 51st Street and Folsom Blvd.*

ITALIAN ROOTS RUN DEEP IN SACRAMENTO.

Italian Americans were among the earliest pioneers of the city and have been settling here since the Gold Rush. The Italian presence in Sacramento represents over a century and a-half of Italian American history. After World War II, the largest concentration emerged in the East Sacramento area where the Italians established a thriving social community and business district.

The East Sacramento district has been home to many Italian families and farmers who developed the neighborhood. Generations of Italians have grown up and lived in the district and the Italian presence continues with longtime residents and businesses. The high concentration of Italians in East Sacramento established a distinctly Italian flavor to the neighborhood. The designation of the area as a “Little Italy Historic District” reflects the cultural and economic contributions the Italians have made to developing and improving the area.

Today, Sacramento County has over 66,000 Italian Americans, around 5% of the population.

PHOTO BELOW: *The 'Cabbage Patch', the old Italian garden on 'M' Street in East Sacramento in 1938. Many Italians, the Lagomarsino family being the most prominent, farmed in East Sacramento during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Italian*

farmers set the stage for the influx of Italians to the area.

Pietro Talini's Nursery & Garden Center located at Folsom and 56th

