



**Street elevation looking northwest.**



**Street elevation along Martelo Avenue.**

Biography of Ingrid Adams James  
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Ingrid James was born on September 17, 1937 in Cologne, Germany. Currently, she has four brothers still living in Germany.

Ingrid migrated to the United States in 1963. She first relocated to Los Angeles, California. Later, she moved to Manhattan, New York where she worked for the John Robert Powers School from 1964 to 1982.

In April of 1984, Ingrid moved to Pasadena, where she has lived for the past 21 years. Between 1982 to 1993, Ingrid worked with the BARRIO ACTION Group, a nonprofit agency. While at Barrio Action group, she worked with youngsters at risk. The agency received a number of accolades from such dignitaries as Thomas Bradley, former mayor of Los Angeles, and former California Assemblyman Alex Polanco, among others. Barrio Action was considered one of the City's most respected referral agencies. It was used frequently by the LAPD to assist youthful offenders. While at Barrio Action, Ingrid received a "key" to the City of Los Angeles. Because of her tremendous dedication, she also received a private audience with Pope John Paul. Ingrid has had a very positive influence on the lives of many of the youngsters she worked with through the agency.

Ingrid James has lived at 435 Martelo Ave. for the past 22 years. She has lived on the property under three different owners, including myself, the current owner. Ingrid has been the primary caretaker of the property. It has been her countless hours of devoted care that make the property what it is today.

On June 5, 2005 Ingrid felt ill and shortly later was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The news turned worse when the tumor was determined to be malignant. Her hope was raised when the tumor was removed, but unfortunately, the tumor grew back. Following the recommendations of two doctors, Ingrid decided against having a second operation. She is now under hospice care at the home of Dave and Judy Denenholz, the family that she has worked for the past eleven years. The Denenholz's have lovingly taken the responsibility of caring for Ingrid.

I am delighted that the City Council will be voting on designating the property at 433-435 Martelo Ave. as a landmark structure. Not knowing the certainty of Ingrid's future, it is my wish to name the house after Ingrid, if the designation is approved. It would be a great honor to Ingrid and to the house to name it the "Ingrid Adams James" house. I hope the council will pass a resolution in support of my recommendation.