1. NAME
   COMMON: Governor's (Executive) Mansion
   AND/OR HISTORIC: Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: 400 East 8th Avenue
   CITY OR TOWN: Denver
   STATE: Colorado

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   □ District □ Site □ Building □ Structure □ Object
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   OWNERSHIP
   □ Public □ Private □ Both
   □ Public Acquisition: □ In Process □ Being Considered
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   □ Preservation work in progress

   STATUS
   □ Occupied □ Unoccupied □ Restricted
   □ Unoccupied
   □ Unrestricted
   □ Yes
   □ No

   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   □ Yes
   □ Restricted
   □ Unrestricted

   PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   □ Agricultural □ Government □ Park
   □ Commercial □ Industrial □ Private Residence
   □ Educational □ Military □ Religious
   □ Entertainment □ Museum □ Scientific
   □ Transportation □ Other (Specify)
   □ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME: State of Colorado
   STREET AND NUMBER: Capitol
   CITY OR TOWN: Denver
   STATE: Colorado
   CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, etc.: Tax Assessor's Office
   STREET AND NUMBER: City and County Building
   CITY OR TOWN: Denver
   STATE: Colorado
   CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY: Junior League Survey of Historic Denver Sites
   DATE OF SURVEY:
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society of Colorado
   STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue
   CITY OR TOWN: Denver
   STATE: Colorado
   CODE: 05
The Mansion, built in 1908, has 27 rooms and stands 2½ stories. The construction is of wood and brick. In addition to the large, well landscaped grounds which possess house nurseries; the Mansion's main attractions are its furnishings. Furniture from the Vatican, Gobelin tapestry from Russia, and a White House chandelier are among the historic pieces. Period furniture in the French Provincial, Louis XIV, and Italian Renaissance style provide the decor for the interior rooms.

The exterior facade of the Mansion is done in the Colonial architectural style. The Mansion and its out buildings occupy approximately a little more than one acre of ground.
Built in 1908, the mansion has been the residence of three of Denver's prominent families. Since 1960, the Cheesman-Boettcher residence has been the official mansion of Colorado's Governor.

Walter S. Cheesman, founder of the Denver Union Depot Company, also the city's water works, began work on the site in 1904. He died before the mansion's completion. However, his wife and daughter completed the work in 1908.

Cheesman's daughter, Gladys, married John Evans, II, the son of the Governor and a noted banker. The couple lived in the mansion, possibly until 1926. At this time (1926) Claude Boettcher bought the residence. Claude was the son of the founder of the Great Western Sugar Company.

The Cheesmans, the Evanses, and the Boettchers are considered among Colorado's empire building families.

When Boettcher and his wife died, the house was given to the State of Colorado via the Boettcher Foundation. In 1960, Governor McNichols accepted for the State of Colorado the historic Boettcher mansion.
**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

*Denver Dwellings* by Davis and Baldwin (1963) pp. 42-3

*Denver's Historic Mansions* by E. E. Kohl (1957) pp. 247-63

"Colorado's Executive Mansion" pamphlet by State Historical Society of Colorado

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME AND TITLE:**

Robert Pink

**ORGANIZATION:** State Historical Society of Colorado

**DATE:** 10-23-69

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

200 Fourteenth Avenue

**CITY OR TOWN:** Denver

**STATE:** Colorado

**CODE:** 05

**STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

**Name:** President, Board of Directors

**Title:** State Historical Society

**Date:** November 5, 1969

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**DATE:**

**ATTEST:**

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Keeper of The National Register

**DATE:**
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

1. **NAME**
   - COMMON: Governor's Mansion
   - AND/OR HISTORIC: Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion

2. **LOCATION**
   - STREET AND NUMBER: 400 East 8th Avenue
   - CITY OR TOWN: Denver

3. **MAP REFERENCE**
   - SCALE: 1" = 50'
   - DATE: 1929

4. **REQUIREMENTS**
   - TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
     1. Property boundaries where required.
     2. North arrow.
     3. Latitude and longitude reference.
**National Register of Historic Places**

**Property Photograph Form**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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