

# SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



**Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
12:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Commissioners:  
Diane Matsuda, President  
Ruchira Nageswaran, Vice President  
Kate Black, Chris Foley, Richard S.E. Johns,  
Lydia So, Jason Wright

Commission Secretary:  
Jonas P. Ionin

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[commissions.secretary@sfgov.org](mailto:commissions.secretary@sfgov.org) or (628) 652-7536 at least 48 hours in advance.

### **Ramaytush Ohlone Acknowledgement**

The Historic Preservation Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

### **Know Your Rights Under the Sunshine Ordinance**

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 409; phone (415) 554-7724; fax (415) 554-7854; or e-mail at [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org). Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Library and on the City's website at [www.sfbos.org/sunshine](http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine).

### **Privacy Policy**

Personal information that is provided in communications to the Planning Department is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. Personal information provided will not be redacted.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Planning Department and its commissions. All written or oral communications that members of the public submit to the Department regarding projects or hearings will be made available to all members of the public for inspection and copying. The Department does not redact any information from these submissions. This means that personal information including names, phone numbers, addresses and similar information that a member of the public elects to submit to the Department and its commissions may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents that members of the public may inspect or copy.

### **Accessible Meeting Information**

Commission hearings are held in Room 400 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in San Francisco. City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is accessible to persons using wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices. Ramps are available at the Grove, Van Ness and McAllister entrances. A wheelchair lift is available at the Polk Street entrance.

Transit: The nearest accessible BART station is Civic Center. Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the F, J, K, L, M, N, T (exit at Civic Center or Van Ness stations). MUNI bus routes also serving the area are the 5, 6, 9, 19, 21, 47, 49, 71, and 71L. For more information regarding MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485 or call 311.

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Language Assistance: To request an interpreter for a specific item during the hearing, please contact the Commission Secretary at (628) 652-7589, or [commissions.secretary@fgov.org](mailto:commissions.secretary@fgov.org) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

Allergies: In order to assist the City in accommodating persons with severe allergies, environmental illness, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities, please refrain from wearing scented products (e.g. perfume and scented lotions) to Commission hearings.

**SPANISH:** Agenda para la Comisión de Preservación de Edificios y Lugares Históricos (Historic Preservation Commission). Si desea asistir a la audiencia, y quisiera obtener información en Español o solicitar un aparato para asistencia auditiva, llame al (628) 652-7550. Por favor llame por lo menos 48 horas de anticipación a la audiencia.

**CHINESE:** 歷史保護委員會議程。聽證會上如需要語言協助或要求輔助設備，請致電(628)652-7550。請在聽證會舉行之前的至少48個小時提出要求。

**FILIPINO:** Adyenda ng Komisyon para sa Pangangalaga ng Kasaysayan (Historic Preservation Commission Agenda). Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa (628) 652-7550. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

**RUSSIAN:** Повестка дня Комиссии по защите памятников истории. За помощью переводчика или за вспомогательным слуховым устройством на время слушаний обращайтесь по номеру (628) 652-7550. Запросы должны делаться минимум за 48 часов до начала слушания.

## **Remote Access to Information and Participation**

*In accordance with Governor Newsom's statewide order for all residents to Shelter-in-place - and the numerous preceding local and state proclamations, orders and supplemental directions - aggressive directives have been issued to slow down and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.*

*On May 29, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission was authorized to conduct their hearings remotely. Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held via videoconferencing and allow for remote public comment. The Commission strongly encourages interested parties to submit their comments in writing, in advance of the hearing to [commissions.secretary@sfgov.org](mailto:commissions.secretary@sfgov.org). Visit the SFGovTV website (<https://sfplanning.org/>) to stream the live meetings or watch on a local television station.*

*The public comment call-in line number is (415) 655-0001. You will also need an access code to join the meeting. The access code for this hearing is 2491602 4429. This information will also be provided on the Department's webpage <https://sfplanning.org/> and during the live SFGovTV broadcast.*

*As the COVID-19 emergency progresses, please visit the Planning website regularly to be updated on the current situation as it affects the hearing process and the Historic Preservation Commission.*

## ROLL CALL:

President:	Diane Matsuda
Vice President:	Ruchira Nageswaran
Commissioners:	Kate Black, Chris Foley, Richard S.E. Johns, Lydia So, Jason Wright

**A. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

The Brown Act forbids a commission from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment. In response to public comment, the commission is limited to:

- (1) responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- (2) requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- (3) directing staff to place the item on a future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))

**B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

1. Department Announcements

**C. COMMISSION MATTERS**

2. President's Report and Announcements
3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for February 2, 2022](#)

Adoption of Commission Minutes – Charter Section 4.104 requires all commissioners to vote yes or no on all matters unless that commissioner is excused by a vote of the Commission. Commissioners may not be automatically excluded from a vote on the minutes because they did not attend the meeting.

4. Commission Comments & Questions
  - Disclosures.
  - Inquiries/Announcements. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).
  - Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that

could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### D. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Commission will consider a request for continuance to a later date. The Commission may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Historic Preservation Commission, and may be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing.

5. [2017-003843COA-02](#) (R. SALGADO: (628) 652-7332)  
809 MONTGOMERY STREET – west side of Montgomery Street between Jackson Street and Pacific Avenue, Lot 005 in Assessor's Block 0176 (District 3). Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the construction of a one-story rooftop addition visible from the street. The proposal also includes a horizontal addition at the rear of the lot, the replacement of non-historic windows and doors at the Montgomery Street façade with new windows and doors in the existing openings, and interior alterations at all floors. This project was previously approved through Motion No. M-0368 at an HPC hearing on March 6, 2019. The project has undergone no changes since that time and is returning to the HPC solely to seek an extension of the expiration date of the original Motion. The subject property is located within the Article 10 Jackson Square Landmark District and is within a C-2 (Community Business) Zoning District and 65-A Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions*

#### F. REGULAR CALENDAR

6. [2020-006466COA](#) (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)  
621 WALLER STREET – south side between Carmelita and Pierce Streets; Lot 023 in Assessor's Block 0864 (District RTO) – Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness**, pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code, to abate violations and comply with Planning Enforcement Case No. 2020-008528ENF. The project scope includes legalization of work performed without permits including reconstruction of front entry wood stairs, repair and reconstruction of front decorative railings, re-roofing, and the addition of four new skylights. Additional unpermitted work proposed for legalization includes alterations to the rear of the building such as repair/restoration of the wood siding, removal of window openings, and the addition of new window and door openings. Proposed new work will include front window repairs and the removal of two skylights added without permits. 621 Waller Street has a Mills Act Historical Property Contract and is located within the Duboce

Landmark District. The property is within a RTO (Residential Transit Oriented) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).

*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions*  
(Continued from Regular Hearing on January 15, 2022)

- 7a. [2021-007060DES](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)  
200 RHODE ISLAND STREET – west side between 15th and 16th Streets, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 3936 (District 10). Consideration to Recommend to the Board of Supervisors **Landmark Designation** of Takahashi Trading Company (200 Rhode Island Street) as an individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.2 of the Planning Code. The heavy timber-frame brick industrial building, designed by architect G. Albert Lansburg, was constructed in 1912. From 1965-2019 it was under the ownership of Japanese-American entrepreneurs and philanthropists, Henri and Tomoye Takahashi, and it served as the headquarters for the Takahashi Trading Company and Takahashi Charitable Foundation. 200 Rhode Island Street is located within a PDR-1-D (Production, Distribution & Repair – 1 – Design) Zoning District and 58-X/68-X Height and Bulk Districts. The Planning Department has found that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. If the landmarking ordinance is approved, the Historic Preservation Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval*
- 7b. [2021-007060CRV](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)  
200 RHODE ISLAND STREET – west side between 15th and 16th Streets, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 3936 (District 10). Consideration of a **Resolution Recommending Approval** of a proposed project under Planning Code Section 210.3 to change the use from PDR (Production, Distribution and Repair) to office use on the third and fourth floors (collectively measuring approximately 22,580 square feet) and endorsing a Historic Structure Report for the subject property. Per Planning Code Section 210.3, the Historic Preservation Commission must determine that the proposed use will enhance the feasibility of preserving a historic building, and that the project is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. 200 Rhode Island Street is located within a PDR-1-D (Production, Distribution & Repair – 1 – Design) Zoning District and 58-X/68-X Height and Bulk Districts.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Project*
8. [2020-009614DES](#) (M. CORRETTE: (628) 652-7356)  
2778 - 2868 MISSION STREET (MISSION CULTURAL CENTER FOR LATINO ARTS, MCCLA) – Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6516, Lot No. 007 (District 9). Consideration to Recommend to the Board of Supervisors **Landmark Designation** of MCCLA (2868 Mission Street) as an individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.2 of the Planning Code. The MCCLA building was initiated for designation by the Historic Preservation Commission on January 20, 2021 (Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 1166). The MCCLA Building (2868 Mission Street) is significant for its association with Latino history and culture in San Francisco, specifically, as Mission Cultural Center, the foremost art and cultural center for Latinos in San Francisco. The Mission Cultural Center is significant for its

association with the social and ethnic history of the Mission District as a predominately Latino enclave, along with the development of Latino arts in San Francisco in association with California's Latino cultural center movement of the 1970s. 2868 Mission Street is located in the NCT – Mission (Neighborhood Commercial Transit) Zoning District, the 45-X and 80-B Height and Bulk Districts. The Planning Department has found that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. If the landmarking ordinance is approved, the Historic Preservation Commission will rely on that determination to make its decision.

*Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval*

## ADJOURNMENT

### **Hearing Procedures**

The Historic Preservation Commission holds public hearings on the first and third Wednesday, of most months. The full hearing schedule for the calendar year and the Commission Rules & Regulations may be found online at: [www.sfplanning.org](http://www.sfplanning.org).

Public Comments: Persons attending a hearing may comment on any scheduled item.

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission in City Hall, Room 400, please note the timer indicating how much time remains. Speakers will hear two alarms. The first soft sound indicates the speaker has 30 seconds remaining. The second louder sound indicates that the speaker's opportunity to address the Commission has ended.

Sound-Producing Devices Prohibited: The ringing of and use of mobile phones and other sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a mobile phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (*67A.1 Sunshine Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings*).

For most cases that are considered by the Historic Preservation Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. Presentation by Staff;
2. Presentation by the Project Sponsor's Team (which includes: the sponsor, representative, legal counsel, architect, engineer, expeditor and/or any other advisor) for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
3. Public testimony from supporters of the Project not to exceed three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
4. Presentation by Organized Opposition recognized by the Commission President through written request prior to the hearing for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
5. Public testimony from opponents of the Project not to exceed three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
6. Staff follow-up and/or conclusions;
7. Public comment portion of the hearing shall be closed and deliberation amongst the Commissioners shall be opened by the Chair;
8. A motion to approve; approve with conditions; approve with amendments and/or modifications; disapprove; or continue to another hearing date, if seconded, shall be voted on by the Commission.

Every Official Act taken by the Commission must be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Commission, a minimum of four (4) votes. A failed motion results in the disapproval of the requested action, unless a subsequent motion is adopted. Any Procedural Matter, such as a continuance, may be adopted by a majority vote of members present, as long as the members present constitute a quorum (four (4) members of the Commission).

### **Hearing Materials**

Each item on the Agenda may include the following documents:

- Planning Department Case Executive Summary
- Planning Department Case Report
- Draft Motion or Resolution with Findings and/or Conditions
- Public Correspondence

Materials submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission prior to a scheduled hearing will become part of the public record only when the materials are also provided to the Commission Secretary and/or Project Planner. Correspondence may be emailed directly to the Commission Secretary at: [commissions.secretary@sfgov.org](mailto:commissions.secretary@sfgov.org).

Persons unable to attend a hearing may submit written comments regarding a scheduled item to: Historic Preservation Commission, 49 South Van Ness, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. Written comments received by the close of the business day prior to the hearing will be brought to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission and made part of the official record.

Advance Submissions: To allow Commissioners the opportunity to review material in advance of a hearing, materials must be received by the Planning Department reception eight (8) days prior to the scheduled public hearing. All submission packages must be delivered to 49 South Van Ness, 14th Floor, by 5:00 p.m. and should include fifteen (15) copies.



Day-of-Submissions: Material related to a calendared item may be distributed at the hearing. Please provide ten (10) copies for distribution.

### **Appeals**

The following is a summary of appeal rights associated with the various actions that may be taken at a Historic Preservation Commission hearing.

Case Type	Case Suffix	Appeal Period*	Appeal Body
Certificate of Appropriateness	COA (A)	30 calendar days	Board of Appeals**
CEQA Determination	ENV (E)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Permit to Alter/Demolish	PTA (H)	30 calendar days	Board of Appeals**

*\*\*An appeal of a Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Alter/Demolish may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or if the project is associated with a Conditional Use Authorization appeal. An appeal of an Office Allocation may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires a Conditional Use Authorization.*

For more information regarding the Board of Appeals process, please contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880. For more information regarding the Board of Supervisors process, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184 or [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

### **Challenges**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge, in court, the approval of (1) a Certificate of Appropriateness, (2) a Permit to Alter, (3) a Landmark or Historic District designation, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Historic Preservation Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

### **Proposition F**

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit [sfethics.org](http://sfethics.org).

### **San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance**

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 21.00-2.160] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; and online <http://www.sfgov.org/ethics>.