

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Notice of Hearing & Agenda

This Meeting will be held in:
Commission Chambers, Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett-Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Wednesday, December 7, 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

Hearing Materials are available at:

[Historic Preservation Commission Packet and Correspondence](#)

Commission Hearing Broadcasts:

Live stream: <https://www.sfgovtv.org/planning>

Disability and language accommodations available upon request to:
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.

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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.

Parking: Accessible parking is available at the Civic Center Underground Parking Garage (McAllister and Polk), and at the Performing Arts Parking Garage (Grove and Franklin). Accessible curbside parking spaces are located all around City Hall.

Disability Accommodations: To request assistive listening devices, sign language interpreters, readers, large print agendas or other accommodations, please contact the Commission Secretary at (628) 652-7589, or commissions.secretary@fgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

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 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.

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and Mayor Breed’s 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation, it is possible that some members of the Historic Preservation Commission may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment at the physical meeting location listed above or online at <https://www.sfgovtv.org>. Instructions for providing remote public comment are below.

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. Visit the SFGovTV website (<https://sfplanning.org/>) to stream the live meetings or watch on a local television station.

Below you will find information on how to participate remotely. You may do so by calling in or joining via Webex link.

	<i>Historic Preservation Commission Remote Participation</i>
<i>Hearing</i>	<i>December 7, 2022</i>
<i>Call-in</i>	<i>+1-415-655-0001</i>
<i>Access Code</i>	<i>2484 357 0591</i>
<i>WebEx Link</i>	https://sfgov.webex.com/sfgov/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4aa67c6d5bbcff3eb0d1798965aaceee

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,
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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. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for ARC October 19, 2022](#)
 - [Draft Minutes for HPC November 16, 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.

3. 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.

4. [Proposed 2023 Hearing Schedule](#)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.

5. 2022-006075DES (A. WESTHOFF: (628)652-7314)
THE CASTRO THEATRE, 429-431 CASTRO STREET – east side between 17th and 18th Streets, Assessor’s Block 3582, Lot 085 (District 8). Consideration to Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Landmark Designation Amendment of the Castro Theatre (429-431 Castro Street) to include both exterior and interior character defining features, and update the statement of significance to include LGBTQ historical associations, pursuant to Section 1004.2 of the Planning Code. The Castro Theatre Landmark designation amendment was initiated by Supervisor Mandelman and approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2022 (see BoS File No. 220550). The Castro Theatre is significant as an early work of renowned Bay Area architect Timothy Pflueger, as one of San Francisco’s few remaining movie palaces, and for its deep tradition of LGBTQ-themed programming. The subject property falls within the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, Castro NCD (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District, and 65-B Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department has found that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. If the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval of the landmark designation amendment to the Board of Supervisors, it will rely on that determination to make its decision.
Preliminary Recommendation: Recommend Landmark Designation Amendment to the Board of Supervisors
(Proposed for Continuance to February 1, 2023)

E. **REGULAR CALENDAR**

6. [2022-003902PCA](#) (A. STARR: (628) 652-7533)
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE ZONING DISTRICTS [BOARD FILE NO. 220340]– **Planning Code Amendment** - Ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Dorsey, amending the Planning Code to update and reorganize Neighborhood Commercial and Mixed Use Zoning District controls, including, among other things, to 1) permit Accessory Arts Activities, and production, wholesaling, and processing of goods and commodities, to occupy more than one-third of total space in Commercial (C), Downtown Residential (DTR), Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, Mission Bay, and Residential-Commercial (RC) Districts; 2) principally permit Arts Activities, Job Training, Public Facility, and Social Service and Philanthropic Facility uses in the Folsom Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit (NCT), SoMa NCT, Regional Commercial, and certain Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, and in historic and nonconforming commercial buildings in Residential Enclave Districts; 3) principally permit General Entertainment and Nighttime Entertainment uses in the Folsom Street NCT District; 4) principally permit Bar uses on the second floor in the Folsom Street NCT and Regional Commercial Districts; 5) principally permit Nighttime Entertainment uses in the Regional Commercial and Western SoMa Mixed Use - General (WMUG) Districts; 6)

principally permit Nighttime Entertainment in the Mixed Use - General (MUG) and WMUG Districts; 7) principally permit Job Training, Public Facility, and Social Service and Philanthropic Facility uses in the SoMa NCT District and certain Eastern Neighborhoods Districts; 8) require that large developments in South of Market Mixed Use Districts, which contain commercial spaces, provide a mix of commercial space sizes; 9) require that all Nighttime Entertainment uses comply with the Entertainment Commission's good neighbor policies; and 10) remove certain limitations on location for Nighttime Entertainment and Animal Services uses in the Western SoMa Special Use District; and adopting environmental findings, findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

- 7a. [2022-011009LBR](#) (E. MOORE: (628) 652-7322)
423 COLUMBUS AVENUE – southwest side between Vallejo, Green, and Stockton Streets, Assessor's Block 0131, Lot 026 (District 3). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Caffe Greco has served San Francisco for 34 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the North Beach NCD (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
- 7b. [2022-011011LBR](#) (B. GUNN: (628) 652-7367)
2975 WASHINGTON STREET – south side between Divisadero and Broderick Streets, Assessor's Block 1001, Lot 025 (District 2). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Bloomers has served San Francisco for 45 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within a NC-1 (Neighborhood Commercial, Cluster) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
- 7c. [2022-011010LBR](#) (A. HALL: (628) 652-7336)
540 ALABAMA STREET – southwest corner of Alabama and Mariposa Streets, Assessor's Block 4019, Lot 001 (District 9). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Developing Environments has served San Francisco for 46 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within a PDR-1-G (Production, Distribution & Repair – 1 – General) Zoning District and 68-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

8. [2016-013156SRV-03](#) (S. FERGUSON: (628) 652-7354)
CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: DUBOCE TRIANGLE – Consideration to **adopt, modify, or disapprove** the Duboce Triangle historic context statement. The Context Statement documents the history of Duboce Triangle from 1776 to 1976, describes its architectural resources, discusses property types, registration requirements, integrity thresholds, and recommendations for future work. The document is intended to be used to inform the Citywide Cultural Resource Survey effort and ensure that property evaluations are consistent with local, state, and federal standards.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt

9. [2014.0311U](#) (S. FERGUSON: (628) 652-7354)
CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: NORTH BEACH – Consideration to **adopt, modify, or disapprove** the North Beach historic context statement. The Context Statement documents the historical themes of North Beach including development phases of the neighborhood, social groups and social life, commerce and industry, entertainment and vice, infrastructure, architecture and property types, and provides an evaluative framework, integrity considerations, registration requirements, and recommendations for future work. The document is intended to be used to inform the Citywide Cultural Resource Survey effort and ensure that property evaluations are consistent with local, state, and federal standards.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt

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.

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.

Persons unable to attend a hearing may submit written comments regarding a scheduled item to: Historic Preservation Commission, 49 South Van Ness, 14th 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.

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.

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>.