New Planning Code Summary:
Article 10 Landmark Designation of the
Swedish American Hall, 2168-2174 Market Street

Amended Sections: Article 10 Appendix A – List of Designated Landmarks
Case Number: 2011.0910L
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Initiated by: Supervisors Wiener and Breed
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The Way It Was:
Section 1001 of the Planning Code provides for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures, sites and areas that are reminders of past eras, events and persons important in local, state or national history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or are landmarks in the history of architecture, or which are unique and irreplaceable assets to the City and its neighborhoods, or which provide for this and future generations examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived. Section 1004 establishes procedures for the designation of landmarks and landmark districts. Up to now, the building at 2168-2174 Market Street, a.k.a. the Swedish American Hall, was not a designated landmark.

The Way It Is Now:
This ordinance amends the Planning Code to designate 2168-2174 Market Street as a new individual landmark under Article 10. The ordinance finds that 2168-2174 Market Street is eligible for designation as a City landmark under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its significant and longstanding associations with San Francisco’s Swedish and Scandinavian communities, and under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C for embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction, as well as for being an architecturally significant work of master architect, August Nordin. As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary.

Link to signed legislation: