State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code 6Z
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 1425-1433 Bush Street

P1. Historic name of building (if any): Albert E. Lattimore auto repair shop

P2. Location: *a: County San Francisco ☐ Not for Publication ■ Unrestricted

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad _____ Date _____ T ___; R ___; ___¼ of ___¼ of Sec ___; _____B.M.

c. Address 1425-1433 Bush Street City San Francisco Zip 94109

d. UTM: Zone _____; _____mE/ _____ mN *e. Assessor's parcel #: Block 670, lot 24

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This is a one-story building that, according to the 1929 Sanborn map, is of brick masonry construction. The façade is covered in stucco and has a curvilinear parapet that is reminiscent of the Art Nouveau style. This is the only surviving ornament. The eastern half of the building is devoted to a storefront with replacement metal windows and pedestrian door, and the western half of the building is devoted to two vehicle entrances. Except for the middle and end piers, all of the building below the general parapet area is non-original in its materials and design.

***P3b Resource Attributes:** HP6 – one-story commercial building

***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)
View looking south
June 2009

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:** ■ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both
1915; published building contract

***P7. Owner and Address:**
CITY RENT A CAR INC
1433 BUSH ST
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94109

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, and address)
William Kostura
P. O. Box 60211
Palo Alto, CA 94306

***P9. Date Recorded:** August 2009

***P10. Survey Type:** (Describe) intensive

P11. Report Citation*: (Cite survey report.) William Kostura. *Van Ness Auto Row Support Structures*. San Francisco Department of City Planning, 2010.

***Attachments:** ☐ NONE ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ■ Continuation Sheet ■ Building, Structure and Object Record ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List)

Photograph of 1425-1433 Bush Street in the 1950s or 1960s.
San Francisco History Center, Main Library. Assessor's Negatives, 1433 Bush.

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

***NRHP Status Code** 6Z

***Resource Name or #** (Assigned by recorder) 1425-1433 Bush Street

B1. Historic Name: Albert E. Lattimore auto repair shop

B2. Common Name: _____

B3. Original Use: auto repair B4. Present Use: auto rental

***B5. Architectural Style:** Art Nouveau

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
Built in 1915. Storefronts altered after 1976.

***B7. Moved?** ■ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown **Date:** _____ **Original Location:** _____

***B8. Related Features:**
none

B9a. Architect: Joseph Leonard b. Builder: unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme** auto industry **Area** San Francisco
Period of Significance n/a **Property Type** auto repair shop **Applicable Criteria** n/a
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

History

This building was built in 1915 for owner Charles M. Myrick to designs by architect Joseph Leonard. The occupants of 1915-1917 are unknown, but the subsequent occupant remained for more than 46 years. From 1918 to at least 1964 this was the auto repair shop of Albert E. Lattimore. During his several decades in this building he listed his shop as having a variety of specialties, e.g. auto repair (1918); auto tops and trimming, plus upholstering, painting, and woodwork (1921-1924); auto builder (1927-1930s); auto painting (1950), and auto body repair (1953-1964). The 1929 Sanborn map lists the building's use as an auto top factory and painting. This is one of the half-dozen oldest auto repair shops standing in the study area of this report (using 1918 as a beginning date), and is also the auto repair shop with the greatest longevity of use by a single proprietor.

(See Continuation Sheet, page 4.)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) _____

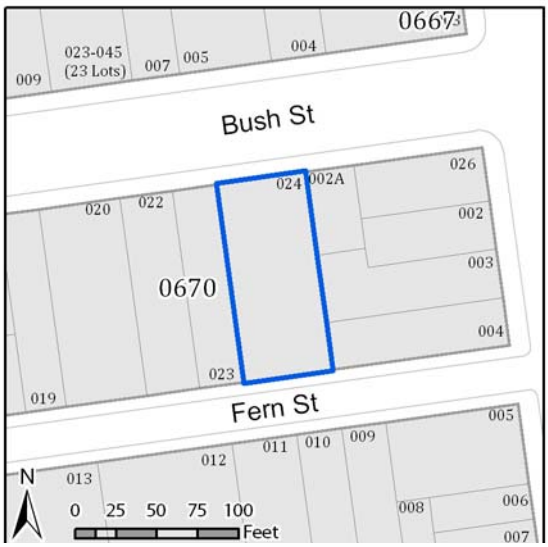
***B12. References:**
Edwards Abstracts July 8, 1915 (via Heritage files)
Crocker-Langley and Polk's city directory and PT&T reverse directory listings for occupants of this building, 1918-1964
1929 Sanborn insurance map: auto top factory and painting
Assessor's Negatives, SFPL (1433 Bush)
DCP 1976 survey photo (1433 Bush)

B13. Remarks:

***B14. Evaluator:** William Kostura
Date of Evaluation: August 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch map with north



History (continued)

However, the integrity of this building is poor. A 1976 photograph taken for the Department of City Planning shows that this building once consisted of four bays, with storefronts in the eastern two bays, a storefront with a pedestrian entrance in next bay to the west, and a vehicle entrance in the westernmost bay. Now the third bay (from the east) has been turned into a second vehicle entrance. In addition, the building once possessed plaster ornament in the piers and transom bars; this has all been removed, along with the original window framing.

Integrity

This building retains integrity of location and setting. Due to the alterations described above, it has lost integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Evaluation

This is one of more than 100 buildings along the Van Ness Avenue corridor that have a history as automobile support structures, and that are being evaluated for possible historic significance according to the criteria of the California Register of Historical Resources. With a few exceptions, these buildings were auto showrooms, public garages, auto repair shops, auto parts and supplies stores, and auto painting shops. The time period that is being studied is from the initial years of the automobile industry in San Francisco through 1964. Among the factors that have been considered when evaluating a building are its date of construction, its longevity of auto-related use, the importance of its occupants in local auto industry history, integrity, and architectural quality. These factors, and how they apply to evaluations of buildings, are discussed in a cover report, *Van Ness Auto Row Support Structures, 1908-1964*.

This building has an early use as an auto repair shop (beginning in 1918), excellent longevity as an auto repair shop, and excellent longevity by a single proprietor, Albert E. Lattimore. However, the integrity of the building is poor. While few auto repair shops in the study area are older, fifteen or more buildings used as auto repair shops beginning in the 1910s and 1920s have better integrity. Due to the loss of integrity, this building does not appear to be eligible for the California Register of Historical resources under criteria 1, 2, or 3.