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) 1445 Bush Street

P1. Historic name of building (if any): Ernest A. Cornley 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 Location: *a: County San Francisco ☐ Not for Publication ■ Unrestricted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 1445 Bush Street City San Francisco Zip 94109
d. UTM: Zone _____; _____mE/ _____ mN *e. Assessor's parcel #: Block 670, lot 22

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

This is a two-story-plus-mezzanine brick masonry building that fills the width of its 32'-6" wide lot. Near the top of the building, just below the parapet, is a profiled cornice with block modillions and (at the ends) two curvilinear brackets). Beneath the cornice is a blank frieze. In the second story, four mullions divide the area into five windows. All of these window, plus the windows in the mezzanine and first story, have non-original metal frames. In addition, non-original siding fills large areas of the mezzanine and first story that may originally have been devoted to larger windows than now exist there. Signage covers much of the brick spandrel area between the mezzanine and second floor. At far right, in the first story, is a vehicle entrance.

*P3b Resource Attributes: HP8 – industrial 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
1916; building permit

*P7. Owner and Address:
LEONARD A & FAY L FREGOSI
1445 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)

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

 *NRHP Status Code 6Z

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B1. Historic Name: Ernest A. Cornley auto repair shop
B2. Common Name: Giampolini and Co.
B3. Original Use: auto repair B4. Present Use: dry wall and plastering contractors
*B5. Architectural Style: Classical Revival
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
Built in 1916. Openings altered at an unknown date.

*B7. Moved? ■ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____
*B8. Related Features:
none

B9a. Architect: O. R. Thayer b. Builder: Joseph B. Reite
*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 1916 for owners Lacey and Reite to designs by architect O. R. Thayer. The builder was one of the owners, general contractor Joseph B. Reite. The original building permit states that this would be a one-story-plus-basement building (which differs from its actual height) that would be used as a machine shop. The first occupant was a machinist and auto repairman, Ernest A. Cornley. In addition to general auto repair he distributed Rayfield carburetors and thermostats, Simplex and Duplex governors, Morse silent chains, and ignition parts. He remained here to 1924.

During 1925-1929 the building was occupied by R. E. Berrios, who performed automobile painting, repaired tops, fenders, and radiators, and did brazing and welding. From 1933-1936 the building was occupied by the American Hammered Piston Ring Co. In all, the building had nearly twenty years of use by automobile machinists and repair shops.

(See Continuation Sheet, page 3.)

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

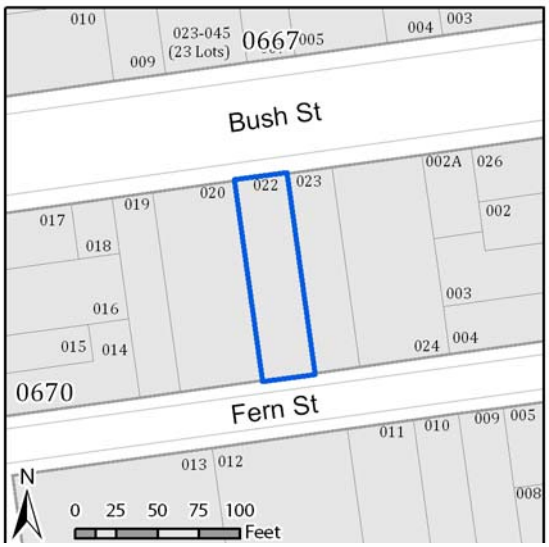
*B12. References:
Building permit #65852 (1916), at S. F. Building Inspection Dept., 1660 Mission Street
Crocker-Langley, Polk's city directory, and PT&T reverse directory listings for occupants of this building, 1917-1964

B13. Remarks:

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

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch map with north arrow



History (continued)

Occupants from 1937 to 1945 are unknown. In 1946 several businesses were associated with this building, none auto-related. From at least 1953 to the present the occupant has been Giampolini and Co., originally painting contractors and more recently dry wall and plastering contractors.

Integrity

The alterations to the openings in this building involve most of the façade area and can be characterized as extensive. In addition, the parapet and frieze (above and beneath the cornice) look as if they might have suffered alterations since the original construction, although this is not certain. Finally, signage obscures much of the brick area. In sum, the building retains integrity of location and setting, but has lost integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Evaluation

Although this is one of the older auto-related buildings in the study area, its auto-related use was somewhat under twenty years in length, and the building has suffered substantial loss of integrity. For these reasons, the building does not appear to be eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under criteria 1, 2, or 3.