



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 677

### ARTICLE 11 BUILDINGS DESIGNATION INITIATION

HEARING DATE: MAY 2, 2012

**RESOLUTION TO INITIATE ARTICLE 11 DESIGNATION FOR FORTY-THREE (43) PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TRANSIT CENTER PLAN AREA TO CATEGORIES I (SIGNIFICANT) THROUGH CATEGORIES V (UNRATED) AND TO INITIATE A CHANGE OF DESIGNATION FOR TWO (2) PROPERTIES FROM CATEGORY III (CONTRIBUTING) TO CATEGORY IV (CONTRIBUTING) PURSUANT TO SECTION 1106 OF THE PLANNING CODE.**

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Planning Department initiated a public planning effort called the Transit Center District Plan (TCDP), focused on the area roughly bounded by Market Street, Embarcadero, Folsom Street, and Hawthorne Street. The Planning Department held numerous public workshops and worked with consultants throughout 2008 and 2009, resulting in the publication of a Draft Transit Center District Plan in November 2009. In April 2012 the Planning Department published a Plan Addendum revising and clarifying aspects of the Draft Plan. The San Francisco Planning Department is seeking to adopt and implement the Transit Center District Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the TCDP enhances and augments the Downtown Plan's patterns of land use, urban form, public space, circulation, and historic preservation, and makes policy recommendations, including updating individual resource designations; and,

WHEREAS, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report on September 28, 2011. The Planning Commission will consider certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report on the Transit Center District Plan and adoption of CEQA findings at a hearing on or after May 24, 2012 prior to considering action on related General Plan, Planning Code, and Zoning Map Amendments and other Plan items; and,

WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider initiation of designation of forty-three (43) properties to Categories I (Significant) through Categories V (Unrated) and initiated a change of designation for two (2) properties from Category III (Contributing) to Category IV (Contributing) on May 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Kelley & VerPlanck Historical Resources Consulting and Carey & Company prepared supporting documentation in accordance with Resolution 527 and conforms to the requirements of Article 11 of the Planning Code; and,

WHEREAS, the supporting documentation was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and has been determined to be accurate and adequate for the purposes of this hearing; and,

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WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the supporting documentation for the subject properties and finds that the properties appear to exhibit strong architectural significance, individually or as contributors to the larger historic context identified with the Plan Area and with the Conservation District, and meet the eligibility requirements of Sections 1102 and 1006 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 11 designation; and,

WHEREAS, the HPC finds that designation of the subject properties advance the basic principles of the Downtown Plan and reinforce the unique sense of place provided by downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the HPC finds that the subject properties contains some notable buildings that should be considered for preservation under the proposed Article 11 designation as they appear to relate to the area's historical significance and to retain historical integrity; and

WHEREAS, all proposed alterations to exterior features of Significant or Contributory buildings or any buildings within a Conservation District shall be subject to review and approval by the Historic Preservation Commission, or as delegated to Planning Department staff by HPC Motion No. 0122, in accordance with Sections 1111 through 1111.6 of the Planning Code and Section 4.135 of the City Charter; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends initiation of the proposed Designation of Buildings and Change of Designation, and directs the Planning Department to finalize the documentation and case report and schedule a nomination hearing before the Historic Preservation Commission.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on May 2, 2012.

Linda Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Chase, Damkroger, Hasz, Johns, Matsuda, and Wolfram

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Martinez

ADOPTED: May 2, 2012