



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 0642

HEARING DATE: JANUARY 20, 2010

Date: January 14, 2010
Case No.: **2009.1141U**
Property Address: **2266 California Street**
Block/Lot: 0637/011
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2266 CALIFORNIA STREET, ON LOT 011 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0637, BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On November 25, 2009, Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer forwarded a request to the San Francisco Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for review and comment on the nomination of 2266 California Street, also known as the Temple Sherith Israel, on Lot 011 in Assessor's Block 0637, to the National Register of Historic Places (hereinafter "National Register").

Pursuant to the Certified Local Government Agreement between the Office of Historic Preservation (hereinafter "OHP") and the City and County of San Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") is provided with a sixty (60) day review and comment period to provide written comments to the OHP before the State Historical Resources Commission takes action on the above-stated National Register nomination.

The National Register is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. The National Register's criteria for evaluating the significance of properties were designed to recognize the accomplishments of all peoples who have made a contribution to the Nation's heritage in the areas of

Events, Persons, Design/Construction, and Information Potential. The four National Register criteria are designed to guide state and local governments, federal agencies and others in evaluating potential entries into the National Register.

At its hearing on January 20, 2010 the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of the Temple Sherith Israel located at 2266 California Street, to the National Register.

In reviewing the nomination, the Commission has had available for its review and consideration reports, photographs, and other materials pertaining to the nomination contained in the Department's case file, and has reviewed and heard testimony and received materials from interested parties during the public hearing on the Project.

The property was previously surveyed as part of the Junior Leagues 1969 Here Today Survey (page 36 of "Here Today"), it was also included in the City's 1976 Architectural Survey where it was given a rating of 4 on a scale of -2 to 5, and on the City's Unreinforced Masonry Building (UMB) Survey.

According to the nomination's summary, the Temple Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street, is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A (events) and C (design/construction). The subject building is significant under Criterion A in the area of law as the primary site of the San Francisco Graft Prosecutions of 1906-1908. Because the Temple was one of the only large buildings still standing after the 1906 earthquake and fire it was used by most of the Superior Courts of the City and County of San Francisco. From October 1906 to February 1908 it was the primary site of the Graft Prosecutions, which were a result of corruption in City government prior to the earthquake and fire. The subject building is considered significant under Criterion C in the area of Design/Construction as the work of a master architect, Albert Pissis.

Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically included in the California Register of Historical Resources and afforded consideration in accordance with state and local environmental review procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby **recommends** that the property located at 2266 California Street, also known as the Temple Sherith Israel, on Lot 011 in Assessor's Block 0637, be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and **further recommends** the State Historic Preservation Officer to process the National Register nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Resolution, and other pertinent materials in the case file 2009.1141U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **Adopted** by the Historic Preservation Commission on January 20, 2010.

Linda Avery
Recording Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Martinez, Wolfram, Chase, Buckley, Damkroger, Hasz and Matsuda
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
ADOPTED: January 20, 2010

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