



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Draft Resolution No. 0643

HEARING DATE: JANUARY 20, 2010

Date: January 13, 2010
Case No.: **2009.1138U**
Property Address: **554 Fillmore Street**
Block/Lot: 0828/022
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 554 FILLMORE STREET, ON LOT 022 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0828, BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION / TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.

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 554 Fillmore Street, also known as the Sacred Heart Church, on Lot 022 in Assessor's Block 0828, 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 Sacred Heart Church located at 554 Fillmore 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 and was assigned a rating of 3S- "Appears eligible for the National Register as an individual resource"- in 1993 and 2D2- "Contributor to a district determined eligible for NR by consensus through Section 106 process"- in 1996. It was also included in the City's 1976 Architectural Survey and given a rating of 2 on a scale of -2 to 5.

According to the nomination's summary, the Sacred Heart Church located at 554 Fillmore Street, is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, for embodying distinctive characteristics of the Romanesque Revival style and as one of the finest examples of the style in San Francisco. The building is also the work of an early master architect in San Francisco- Thomas J. Welsh- and possesses high artistic values in regard to its architecture- both inside and out- as well as its extensive art program. The Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination.

The Commission also finds that the style represents more of an amalgamation of different styles rather than a purely Romanesque Revival style as stated in the nominations summary; and that and it reflects a change in social context to mostly African American congregations under Criterion C.

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 **adopts a resolution** that recommends the property located at 554 Fillmore Street, also known as the Sacred Heart Church, located on Lot 022 in Assessor's Block 0828, 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 **2009.1138U** 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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