



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 0655

HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2010

*Date:* September 29, 2010  
*Case No.:* **2010.0865U**  
*Property Address:* **150 Otis Street**  
*Block/Lot:* 3513/007  
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**ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 150 OTIS STREET, ON LOT 007 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 3513, BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.**

### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2010, 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 150 Otis Street, also known as the San Francisco Juvenile Court and Detention Home, on Lot 007 in Assessor's Block 3513, 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 October 6, 2010, the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of the San Francisco Juvenile Court and Detention Home located at 150 Otis 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.

150 Otis Street is San Francisco City Landmark 248 and listed on the California Register as a contributing resource to the Central Freeway Area District. 150 Otis Street was previously surveyed by San Francisco Heritage where it received an A rating and was also included in the City's 1976 Architectural Survey where it was given a rating of 5 on a scale of -2 to 5.

According to the nomination's summary, the San Francisco Juvenile Court and Detention Home at 150 Otis Street is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, for its association with the development of the city's juvenile justice system during the early twentieth century and as the work of a master architect Louis Christian Mullgardt. Soon after California passed its first juvenile justice law in 1903, activists – and notable women – in San Francisco began to campaign for the design and construction of a combined and modern juvenile court and detention home. In 1914 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors finally appropriated money for this purpose and appointed master architect Louis Christian Mullgardt to design the new facility. Mullgardt's design incorporated the most modern theories of the juvenile justice system. The San Francisco Juvenile Court and Detention Home is Mullgardt's first permanent government or institutional building in San Francisco and one of the few – if not the only – remaining institutional buildings that he designed in San Francisco.

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 150 Otis Street, also known as the San Francisco Juvenile Court and Detention Home, on Lot 007 in Assessor's Block 3513, 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 2010.0865U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **Adopted** by the Historic Preservation Commission on October 6, 2010.

Linda Avery  
Recording Secretary

AYES: Martinez, Wolfram, Chase, Damkroger and Hasz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Buckley and Matsuda

ADOPTED: October 6, 2010

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