

# Property Tax Savings

# MILLS ACT UPDATES

## The Mills Act

- The Mills Act contract is an agreement between the City and County of SF with the owner of a qualified historic property. Landmark designation qualifies owners of contributing buildings within designated landmark districts to apply for the Mills Act property tax reduction program.
- The Mills Act provides substantial property tax reductions to offset costs to rehabilitate, restore, or maintain historic properties, such as roof replacement, seismic strengthening, or general maintenance and repair.
- The Mills Act is a 10-year rolling contract. The Board of Supervisors approves all final contracts.
- Long-term property owners, who currently pay lower property taxes, derive the least benefit from the Mills Act. More recent property owners (post-1999), derive the most benefit.

## Recent Mills Act Amendments

- At the request of Duboce Park property owners, Supervisor Scott Wiener and the Planning Department pursued legislation amending the Mills Act. These amendments result in a quicker, cheaper, and more predictable application process.
  - Application fees for residential properties reduced from \$8,000 to \$2,500
  - Established set periods for the submittal and review of Mills Act applications
- The Mills Act amendments were passed by the Board of Supervisors, signed by the Mayor, and are in effect as of October 2012.