



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 757

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### **RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 90-92 SECOND STREET, HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS THE BOURDETTE BUILDING, LOT 012 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 3707, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX**

1. WHEREAS, on May 12, 2012 the Historic Preservation Commission added 90-92 Second Street, the Bourdette Building, to the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, Planning Department staff member Jonathan Lammers, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 90-92 Second Street, which was reviewed by Department staff for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of July 1, 2015, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of 90-92 Second Street per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated July 1, 2015; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 90-92 Second Street nomination is in the form prescribed by the HPC and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 90-92 Second Street, constructed in 1903-1904, is eligible for landmark designation due to its direct and intimate association with the most significant event in San Francisco history, the 1906 Earthquake & Fire; and
6. WHEREAS, within the entirety of the 1906 burned district, it was the only building to survive with its contents intact and its windows unbroken, without anyone inside or outside the building fighting to save it; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 90-92 Second Street is architecturally significant as an example of a type, period and method of construction, as it is the only turn-of-the-century, small-scale brick masonry commercial building in downtown San Francisco to survive the disaster; and

8. WHEREAS, 90-92 Second Street is also architecturally significant as the work of master architects, Bliss & Faville, one of the most respected and prolific architectural firms in early 20th century San Francisco; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 90-92 Second Street meets the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the draft Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
11. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved, for reasons set forth in the July 1, 2015 Case Report; and
12. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical); and
13. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission at its regular meeting of July 1, 2015, approved initiation of Article 10 landmark designation of 90-92 Second Street, as described in Resolution No. 748,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of 90-92 Second Street, Assessor's Block 3707, Lot 012, pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on November 4, 2015.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

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NAYS:

ABSENT: D. Matsuda

ADOPTED: November 4, 2015