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Board Item No. 37

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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Bob Ross House]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Bob Ross House, 4200 20th Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2696 Lot No. 014A.**

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6 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
7 Resolution initiate landmark designation; and

8 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation
9 Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the
10 Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the
11 time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

12 WHEREAS, The Bob Ross House, located at 4200 20th Street, Assessor's Parcel
13 Block No. 2696 Lot No. 014A, is significant for its historical association with San Francisco's
14 LGBTQ community as the home of Bob Ross, co-founder of the Bay Area Reporter; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Ross co-founded the Bay Area Reporter in 1971 and remained the
16 publisher of the Bay Area Reporter until his death in 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Ross also co-founded the Tavern Guild, which raised money and
18 provided support for numerous pro-gay politicians; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Ross held frequent political and professional events at the subject
20 property; and

21 WHEREAS, Bob Ross was instrumental in helping Harvey Milk win the election and
22 was one of four names on Milk's short list to replace him if he died in office; and

23 WHEREAS, Bob Ross was appointed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein to help undertake a
24 joint investigation into the police response after the riot that erupted in the wake of the Dan
25 White verdict; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Ross also served on the board of the Gay Games and co-founded the
2 LGBTQ mental health organization Operation Concern; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2016 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
4 Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History in San Francisco which provided
5 frameworks for identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity
6 associated with San Francisco's diverse and robust LGBTQ histories; and

7 WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History was prepared
8 by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Citywide
10 Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History, the property can be considered as an
11 individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with LGBTQ History; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2017 Eureka Valley Historic Context Statement identifies
13 the 4200 20th Street as a potentially eligible historic resource as the home of Bob Ross and
14 frequent site of political and professional events for the LGBTQ community; and

15 WHEREAS, The Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's 2024 Cultural History, Housing and
16 Economic Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report includes the strategy, "Ensure the
17 Historic Preservation Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors prioritize further municipal
18 landmarking and state and national nominations of Castro LGBTQIA+ historical sites...";
19 including this house specifically; and

20 WHEREAS, The building exterior remains identifiable as the location of the Bob Ross
21 House, as it did during his tenure; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
23 Bob Ross House under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
25 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its

1 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
2 the Bob Ross House; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
4 Preservation Commission consider whether the Bob Ross House warrants landmark
5 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
6 Planning Code.

FAMILY ZONING PLAN LANDMARKING PROGRAM

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Family Zoning Plan Landmarking Criteria

- **Historic Resource Status Code (CEQA) :** *A except existing A10-11 properties and listed or formally determined eligible NRHP or CRHR*
- **Zoning :** All Districts, except RH and P
- **Dwelling Units # :** 0-1



Cultural Contexts



Status

Historic Contexts

African American



American Indian



Chinese American



Counterculture



Filipino American



German American



Irish American



Italian American



Japanese American



Jewish



LGBTQ+



Middle East & North
African American



Pacific Islander



Pan-Latino



Russian American



Women's History



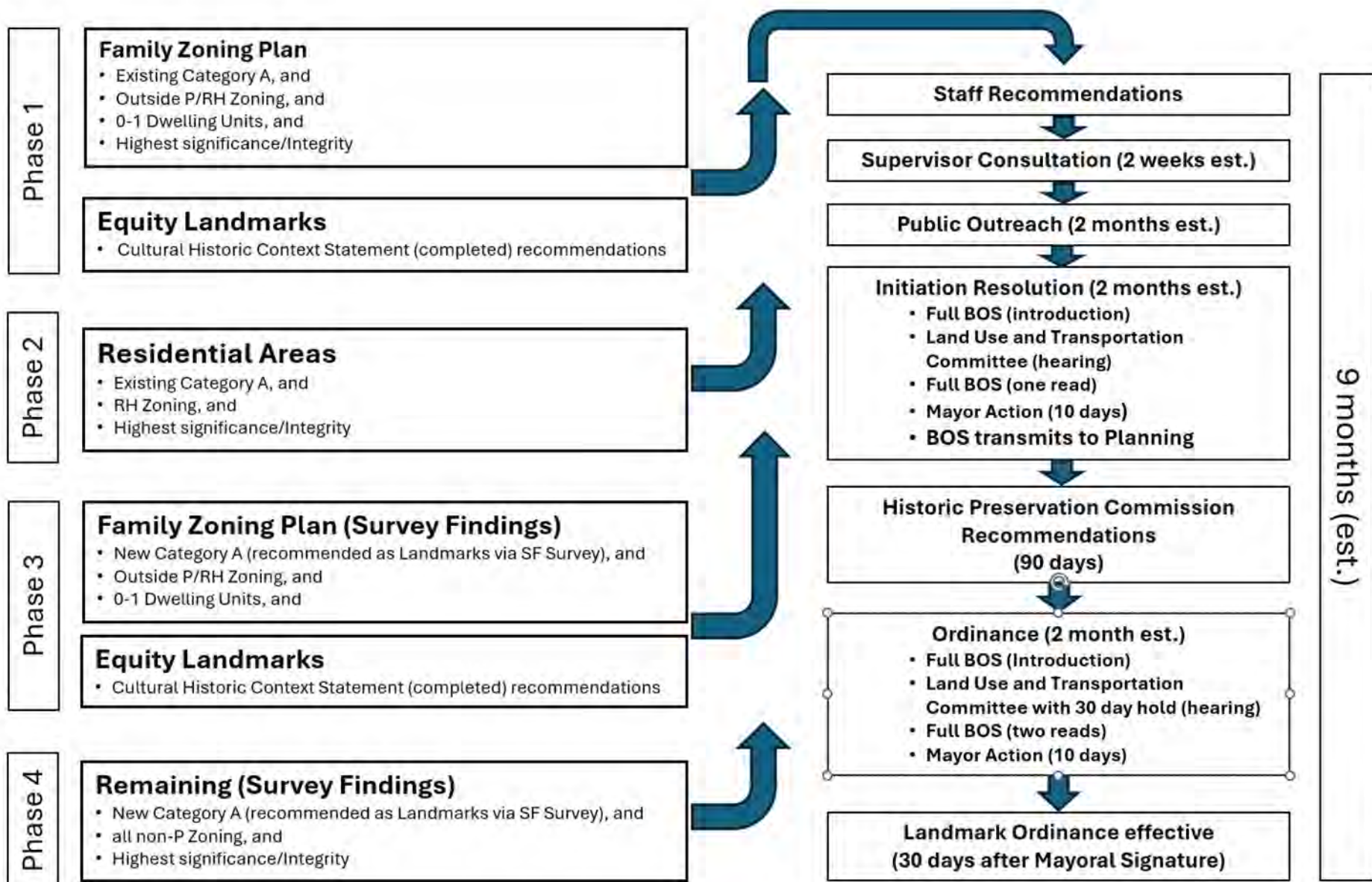
South Asian American



Southeast Asian
American



Because each of San Francisco's cultural groups are distinct in their histories, practices, and cultural resources, cultural contexts *do not* require grouping into any sub-contexts. Because each cultural context document will explore a broad range of topics, cultural contexts also *do not* require division into separate theme documents. Cultural contexts will inevitably support the citywide context statement as a whole and find relevance in many of the other thematic and architectural contexts.



Family Zoning Plan District 8 Proposed Landmarks

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Chautauqua House

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Maud's

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San Francisco AIDS Foundation

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Firehouse: Hose Company #30

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St. Nicholas Cathedral

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361 San Jose Avenue

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Castro Rock Steam Baths

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Full Moon Coffeehouse

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Sha'ar Zahav (Historic Location)

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St. Matthew's Church

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102 Guerrero Street

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Engine Company No. 13

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St. Paul's Church

14



Bank of Italy Branch Building

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Most Holy Redeemer Church Complex

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Bob Ross House



Firehouse : Hose Company #30



Address: 1757 Waller St.

Block/Lot(s): 1250/029

Zoning: Haight Street NCD

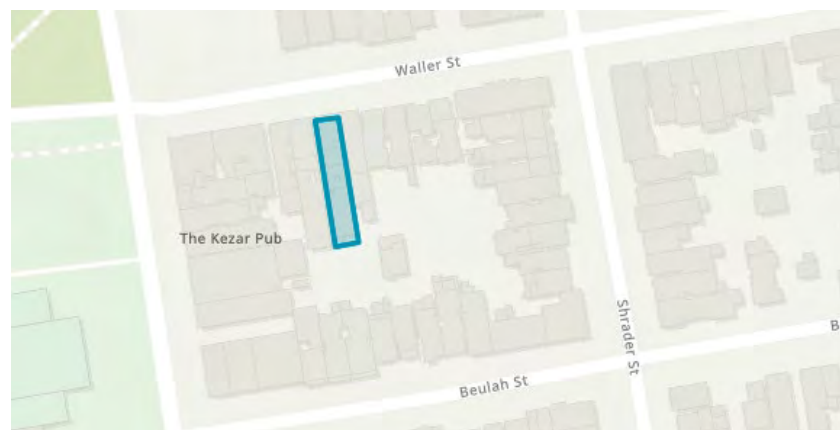
Year Built: 1896

Architect: Unknown

Period(s) of Sig.: 1896-1956

Historic Context Statement:
Counter-Culture

Past Survey/Evaluations:
Here Today



Maud's



Address: 929-941 Cole Street

Block/Lot(s): 1272/003

Zoning: Cole Valley NCD

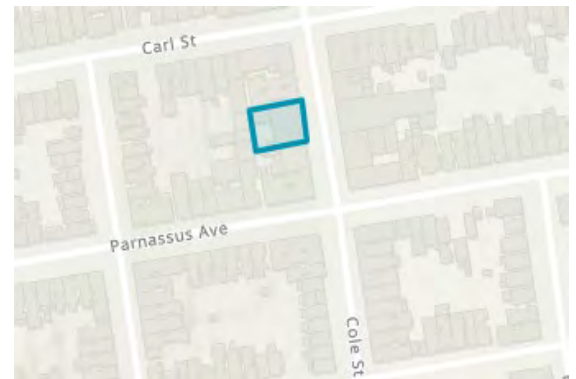
Year Built: 1916

Architect: Louis M Gardner

Period(s) of Sig.: 1966-1989

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ, Counter-Culture

Past Survey/Evaluations :Neighborhood Commercial Corridors Survey (2015), Historic Resource Evaluation Response (2015)



St. Matthew's Church



Address: 3281 16th St.

Block/Lot(s): 3567/034

Zoning: RM-1

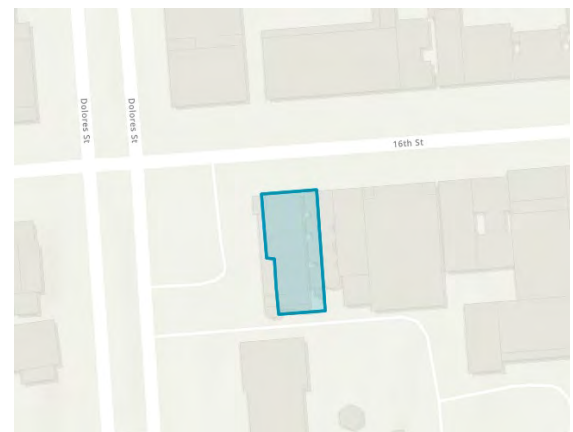
Year Built: 1907

Architect: N/A

Period(s) of Sig.: 1907

Historic Context Statement : N/A

Past Survey/Evaluations: Inner Mission (2004 & 2011), Here Today (1968)



St. Nicholas Cathedral



Address: 2005 15th St.

Block/Lot(s): 3558/074

Zoning: RTO

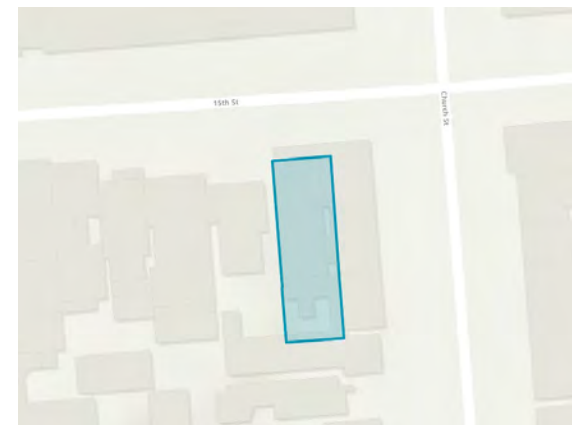
Year Built: 1904

Architect: Unknown

Period(s) of Sig.: 1904-1960

Historic Context Statement : Russian American

Past Survey/Evaluations: Here Today (1968),
Market Octavia (2010)



Saint Paul's Church



Address: 1660 Church St.

Block/Lot(s): 6619/001

Zoning: RM-1

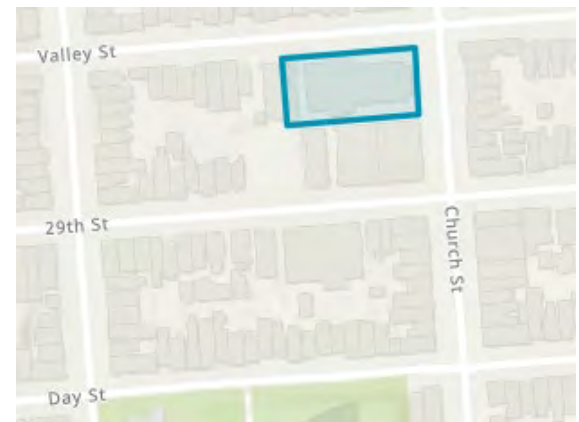
Year Built: 1901

Architect: Shea & Shea

Period(s) of Sig.: 1901

Historic Context Statement : Architect Bios, Pan-Latino

Past Survey/Evaluations: Here Today (1968)



102 Guerrero St.



Address : 102 Guerrero St.

Block/Lot(s) : 3534/068

Zoning : RTO

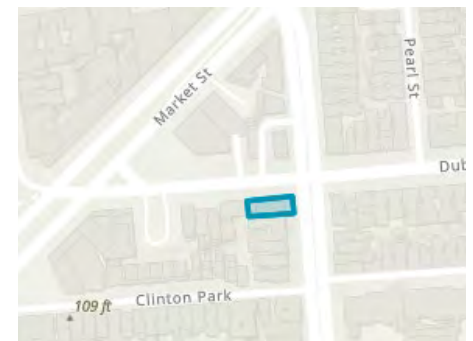
Year Built : 1873

Architect : Henry Geilfuss

Period(s) of Sig.:1873

Historic Context Statement : N/A

Past Survey/Evaluations: Inner Mission North (2004/2011), Here Today (1968)



Bank of Italy Branch Building



Address: 400-410 Castro St

Block/Lot(s): 2647/035

Zoning: Castro Street NCD

Year Built: 1922

Architect: Edward T. Foulkes

Period(s) of Sig.: 1922

Historic Context Statement : Eureka Valley

Past Survey/Evaluations: National Register (1993)



Bob Ross House



Address: 4200 20th Street

Block/Lot(s): 2696/014A

Zoning: RH-3

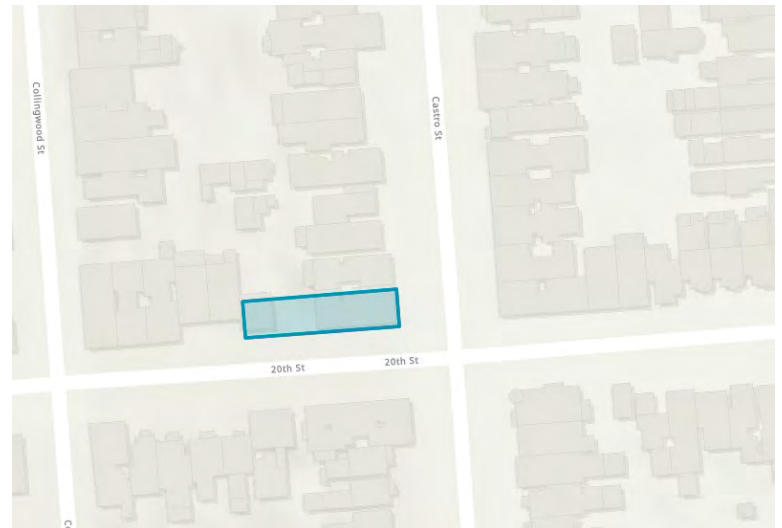
Year Built: 1925

Architect: Orrin Knox and Son (builder)

Period(s) of Sig.: 1977-1993

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ

Past Survey/Evaluations: N/A



Castro Rocks Steam Baths



Address: 582 Castro Street

Block/Lot(s) : 2695/013

Zoning : Castro Street NCD

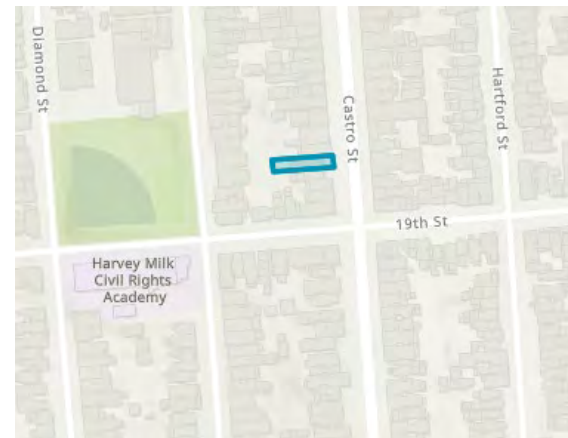
Year Built: 1897

Architect: Fernando Nelson (builder)

Period(s) of Sig.: 1971-1977

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ

Past Survey/Evaluations : Historic Resource
Evaluation Response, 2013



San Francisco AIDS Foundation



Address: 520 Castro Street

Block/Lot(s) : 2695/002

Zoning : Castro Street NCD

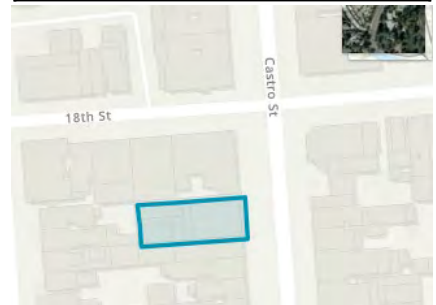
Year Built: 1906

Architect: N/A

Period(s) of Sig.: 1982

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ,
Eureka Valley

Past Survey/Evaluations: Historic
Resource Evaluation Response,
2013



Full Moon Coffeehouse



Address: 4416 18th St

Block/Lot(s): 2650/017

Zoning: Residential-House, Three Family (RH-3)

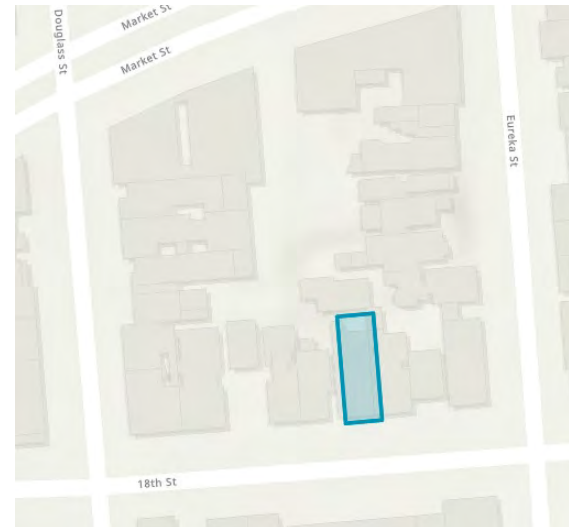
Year Built: 1900 (c.)

Architect: N/A

Period(s) of Sig.: 1974-1977

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ

Past Survey/Evaluations: N/A



Most Holy Redeemer Church Complex



Address: 110 Diamond (Church), 100 Diamond Street (Rectory), 115 Diamond (Convent) 117 Diamond Street (School)

Block/Lot(s): 2693/002 (Church) 2693/001 (Rectory), 2694/033 (Convent), 2694/028 (School)

Zoning: Residential House, Two-Family (Church and Rectory); Residential House, Three-Family (School and Convent)

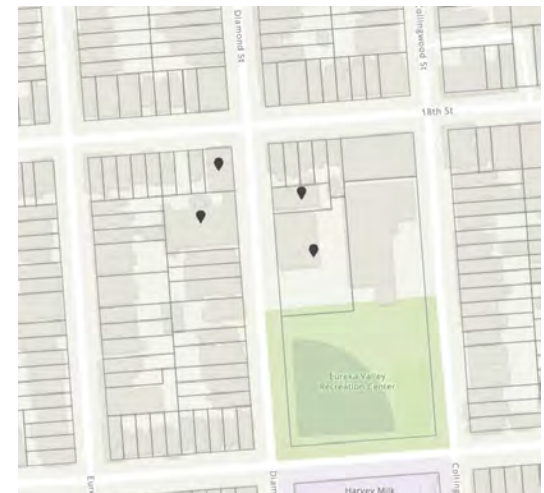
Year Built: 1901 (Church), 1939 (Rectory), 1925 (Convent), 1925 square feet (School)

Architect: Charles J.I. Devlin (Church), John J. Foley (Rectory), Shea and Shea (Convent), Unknown (School)

Period(s) of Sig.: 1901-1999

Historic Context Statement: LGBTQ, Eureka Valley

Past Survey/Evaluations: N/A



Sha'ar Zahav (Historic Location)



Address: 220 Danvers St.

Block/Lot(s): 2702/019

Zoning: RH-2

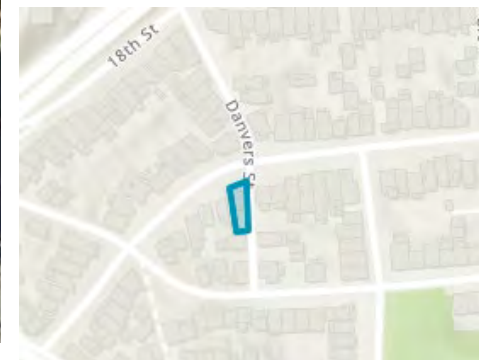
Year Built: 1904

Architect: Unknown

Period(s) of Sig.: 1983-1998

Historic Context Statement : LGBTQ

Past Survey/Evaluations: N/A



361 San Jose Avenue



Address: 361 San Jose Avenue

Block/Lot(s): 6531/021A

Zoning: RM-2

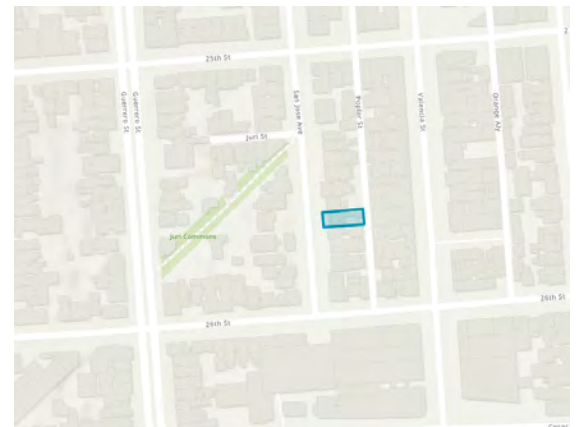
Year Built: 1865 (c.)

Architect: N/A

Period(s) of Sig.: 1865

HCS: Early Settlement Era Styles

Past Survey/Evaluations: South Mission (2010)



Chautauqua House



Address: 1451 Masonic Avenue

Block/Lot(s): 1270/002

Zoning: Residential-House, Two Family

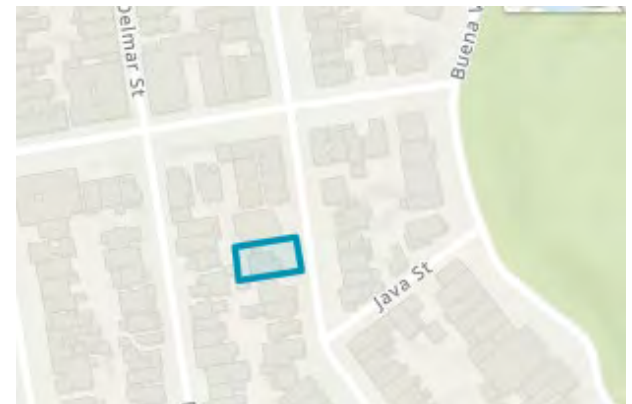
Year Built: 1900 (c.)

Architect: N/A

Period(s) of Sig.: 1967-1986

Historic Context Statement: American Indian

Past Survey/Evaluations: Historic Resource Evaluation Response, 2019



Engine Company No. 13



Address: 1458 Valencia St.

Block/Lot(s): 6531/011

Zoning: Valencia Street NCT

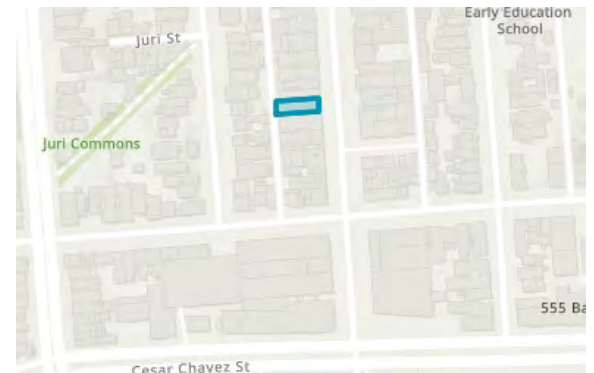
Year Built: 1883

Architect: N/A)

Period(s) of Sig.: 1883 – 1958

Historic Context Statement: N/A

Past Survey/Evaluations: South Mission Historic Resources Survey (2010) – 3S, Here Today (1968)



THANK YOU



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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
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- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. []
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on []

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

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