



# LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1369

**HEARING DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2023**

**Record No.:** 2023-009941DES  
**Project Address:** San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 (1298 GIRARD STREET)  
**Zoning:** P (Public)  
40-X Height and Bulk District  
**Block/Lot:** 6194/010  
**Project Sponsor:** SF Planning Department  
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**Property Owner:** City & County of San Francisco  
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND WITH MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF SAN FRANCISCO FIRE STATION NO. 44 (1298 GIRARD STREET), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 6194, LOT NO. 010, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023, Supervisor Walton introduced a Resolution under Board File No. 230880 to initiate the Landmark designation process for San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 (1298 Girard Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010; and
2. WHEREAS, on September 18, 2023, the Board's Land Use and Transportation Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board approval of the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 (1298 Girard Street) (Board File No. 230880); and
3. WHEREAS, on September 26, 2023, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, and on October 5, 2023, with the Mayor's signature, Resolution No. 448-23 became effective (Board File No. 230880); and
4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Executive Summary and Fact Sheet for San Francisco Fire Station No. 44,

which was reviewed for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and

5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of December 20, 2023, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the architectural and historical significance of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary, dated December 13, 2023, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 as a Landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that San Francisco Fire Station No. 44, constructed in 1913 and one of the oldest active fire stations in the city, is significant for association with a period of expansion in San Francisco's Fire Department in the 1910s; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 is also proper given its architectural significance as a building that embodies distinctive characteristics of an early twentieth century, Classical Revival style, brick fire station, and it is also representative of the work of architect of merit, John Reid, Jr.; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 meets the eligibility requirements of 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 considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and draft Ordinance, should be amended to include the herringbone pattern brick floor within the apparatus bay on the ground floor as a character-defining feature, because they relate to the structure's architectural and 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 landmarks and historic buildings be preserved, and will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302; and
12. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15308 (Categorical Exemption Class Eight), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval with modification of landmark designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 (1298 Girard Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, consistent with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on December 20, 2023.



Jonas P. Ionin  
*Commission Secretary*

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- AYES: Baldauf, Campbell, Vergara, Foley, Nageswaran, Matsuda
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Wright
- ADOPTED: December 20, 2023