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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 9, 2023
To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission
Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department
From: *see* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board
Subject: Planning Code - Landmark Designation - The Church for the Fellowship
of All Peoples (File No. 230493)

On June 27, 2023, the Board of Supervisors finally passed Ordinance No. 125-23, sponsored by Supervisors Peskin, Preston, and Melgar, and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on July 6, 2023.

A copy of the Ordinance is being submitted for informational purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

cc: Richard Sucre, Planning Department
Andrea Ruiz-Esquide, Office of the City Attorney

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate The Church for the Fellowship of**
4 **All Peoples, at 2041 Larkin Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003, as a**
5 **Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code;**
6 **affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental**
7 **Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under**
8 **Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the**
9 **eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

10 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
11 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
12 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
13 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
14 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
15 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
16 subsections or parts of tables.

17 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

18 Section 1. CEQA and Land Use Findings.

19 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
20 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
21 Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
22 Supervisors in File No. 230493 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of
23 Supervisors affirms this determination.

24 (b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
25 proposed landmark designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, at 2041
Larkin Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003, will serve the public necessity,

1 convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission
2 Resolution No. 1325, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is
3 incorporated herein by reference.

4 (c) On April 19, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission, in Resolution No. 1325,
5 adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,
6 with the City's General Plan and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section
7 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own.

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9 Section 2. General Findings.

10 (a) Pursuant to Charter Section 4.135, the Historic Preservation Commission has
11 authority "to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and
12 historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

13 (b) Planning Department Preservation staff prepared a Landmark Designation Fact
14 Sheet for The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. All preparers meet the Secretary of
15 the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as
16 set forth in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was
17 reviewed for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the
18 Planning Code.

19 (c) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of April 19, 2023,
20 reviewed Planning Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of The Church for
21 the Fellowship of All Peoples set forth in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet dated April 19,
22 2023.

23 (d) On March 1, 2023, after holding a public hearing on the proposed initiation, the
24 Historic Preservation Commission initiated landmark designation of The Church for the
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1 Fellowship of All Peoples by Resolution No. 1317. Said resolution in on file with the Clerk of
2 the Board in File No. 230493.

3 (e) On April 19, 2023, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation, and
4 having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and the
5 Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended
6 designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples as a landmark under Article 10 of
7 the Planning Code by Resolution No. 1325. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
8 Board in File No. 230493.

9 (f) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that The Church for the Fellowship of All
10 Peoples has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest
11 and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to
12 the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board hereby
13 incorporates by reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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15 Section 3. Designation.

16 Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, The Church for the Fellowship of All
17 Peoples, at 2041 Larkin Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003, is hereby
18 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. Appendix A
19 to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this property.

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21 Section 4. Required Data.

22 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
23 parcel located at 2041 Larkin Street (aka The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples), in
24 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003, in San Francisco's Russian Hill
25 neighborhood.

1 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
2 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in
3 Planning Department Record Docket No. 2022-003913DES. In brief, The Church for the
4 Fellowship of All Peoples is eligible for local designation because it is associated with the lives
5 of historically significant people, specifically, Dr. Howard Thurman and Sue Bailey Thurman,
6 and because it is associated with events that have made a culturally and historically
7 significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history. Designation of The
8 Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples is proper for its association with Dr. Howard
9 Thurman, co-founder and pastor of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples from 1944 to
10 1953, who was a nationally prominent theologian, religious scholar and educator, renowned
11 author, prolific lecturer, spiritual advisor to many African American religious and political
12 leaders, one of the principle intellectual influences shaping the modern, nonviolent civil rights
13 movement, and a visionary for a new, multi-racial American Christianity. Designation of The
14 Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples is also proper for its association with Sue Bailey
15 Thurman, author, editor, lecturer, historian, and community organizer, renowned for her efforts
16 to integrate and progress the lives of Black women, dissemination of African American history,
17 and advocacy of interracial, intercultural, and international understanding in support of
18 universal emancipation. Designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples,
19 established in 1943, one of the first inter-racial, inter-cultural, inter-denominational churches in
20 the United States, is also proper as a culturally and historically significant site representative
21 of African American social, cultural, and intellectual life, and associated with the struggle for
22 integration and civil rights, as described in the *African American Citywide Historic Context*
23 *Statement (Final Draft: May 2019)*. The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples moved into
24 its permanent home at 2041 Larkin Street after purchasing the property in 1949.

1 (c) The particular features that should be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined
2 necessary, are those shown in photographs and/or described in the Landmark Designation
3 Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Docket No. 2022-
4 003913DES, and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
5 forth. Specifically, the following features are character-defining and shall be preserved or
6 replaced in kind:

7 (1) All those exterior elevations, architectural ornament, and materials of The
8 Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, identified as:

9 (A) Two-story height;

10 (B) Bell tower, clad in smooth stucco, rising from southeast corner of
11 structure;

12 (C) Smooth stucco (front façade) cladding with bas relief decoration at
13 apex of peaked-gable parapet and flanking the upper floor window opening;

14 (D) Window and door openings at front and side elevations;

15 (E) Entrance doors, consisting of three recessed, pointed arch openings
16 with paired wood doors under wood transom sash with translucent glazing;

17 (F) Wood windows, consisting of:

18 (i) Wood-framed, arched, double-hung, stained-glass, wood sash
19 at side elevations of second floor;

20 (ii) Wood-framed, multi-lite, fixed, stained-glass, wood sash
21 window with pointed arched head at front façade;

22 (iii) Wood-framed, arched, single-lite over single-lite, wood double-
23 hung at side elevations; and

24 (2) The following are character-defining interior features of The Church for the
25 Fellowship of All Peoples, all of which were historically accessible to the public:

- 1 (A) Entrance vestibule with walls of textured stucco, mimicking travertine;
- 2 (B) Stairs to second floor sanctuary, including mirrored dog-leg
- 3 configuration, wood treads and risers, wood handrails with turned balusters and posts, and
- 4 wood wainscot with chair rail;
- 5 (C) Intermediate and second floor stair landings, consisting of a double-
- 6 height space with walls of textured stucco, mimicking travertine, capped with a picture rail of
- 7 molded plaster, under a curved and arched dome ceiling clad in smooth plaster;
- 8 (D) Sanctuary;
- 9 (i) Painted wood ceiling beams that curve to extend as brackets
- 10 along the sidewalls;
- 11 (ii) Wood-framed, arched window openings;
- 12 (iii) Raised platform at west end of sanctuary bounded by a tall,
- 13 wood-paneled railing with wood corner posts;
- 14 (E) Stained-glass windows and angled, stained-glass and wood-paneled
- 15 walls, at second floor stair landing and east end of sanctuary; and
- 16 (F) Spatial configuration and layout of Thurman Hall (also known as
- 17 Fellowship Hall) at ground floor of building.
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19 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after

20 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

21 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board

22 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
25 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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June 05, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 13, 2023 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING


Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton


June 27, 2023 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 6/27/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


London N. Breed
Mayor

7/6/23
Date Approved