

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Colombo Market Arch]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate Colombo Market Arch, situated**  
4 **within Sydney Walton Square, 600 Front Street, a portion of Assessor's Parcel Block**  
5 **No. 0172, Lot No. 010, as a Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Article**  
6 **10 of the Planning Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the**  
7 **California Environmental Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and**  
8 **welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with**  
9 **the General Plan, and the 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.

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

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17 Section 1. CEQA and Land Use Findings.

18 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
19 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
20 Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
21 Supervisors in File No. 230922 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of  
22 Supervisors affirms this determination.

23 (b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the  
24 proposed landmark designation of Colombo Market Arch, a surviving remnant of Colombo  
25 Market building, situated within Sydney Walton Square, 600 Front Street, a portion of

1 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0172, Lot No. 010, will serve the public necessity, convenience,  
2 and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No.  
3 1333, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is incorporated herein by  
4 reference.

5 (c) On June 21, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission, in Resolution No. 1333,  
6 adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,  
7 with the City's General Plan and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section  
8 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own.

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10 Section 2. General Findings.

11 (a) On March 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 099-23,  
12 initiating landmark designation of Colombo Market Arch as a San Francisco Landmark  
13 pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. On March 17, 2023, the Mayor approved  
14 the resolution. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board  
15 File No. 230232.

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

19 (c) Planning Department Preservation staff prepared a Landmark Designation Fact  
20 Sheet for Colombo Market Arch. All preparers meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional  
21 Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as set forth in Code of Federal  
22 Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was reviewed for accuracy and  
23 conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

24 (d) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of June 21, 2023,  
25 reviewed Planning Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of Colombo

1 Market Arch set forth in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet dated June 14, 2023.

2 (e) On June 21, 2023, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation, and  
3 having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff, and the  
4 Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended  
5 designation of Colombo Market Arch as a landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code by  
6 Resolution No. 1333. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in Board File No.  
7 230922.

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

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14 Section 3. Designation.

15 Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, Colombo Market Arch, situated in  
16 Sydney Walton Square, 600 Front Street, a portion of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0172, Lot  
17 No. 010, is hereby designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning  
18 Code. Appendix A to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this  
19 property.

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21 Section 4. Required Data.

22 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the portion  
23 of the City parcel located at 600 Front Street, in Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0172, Lot No.  
24 010, occupied by the free-standing brick remnant of the former Colombo Market Building, in  
25 San Francisco's Financial District.

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. 2023-003440DES. In brief, Colombo Market Arch,  
4 the sole surviving remnant of the Colombo Market building—the rest of the building was  
5 demolished for construction of the Golden Gateway Center in the early 1960s by the  
6 Redevelopment Agency—is eligible for local designation under National Register of Historic  
7 Places Criterion A (Events) for its association with the Italian-American community and with  
8 the Colombo Market, the first purpose-built, enclosed, wholesale market for fruit, vegetables,  
9 and related agricultural products in San Francisco, and catalyst for the city’s produce district  
10 and incubator for Italian-American agricultural businesses, including the Del Monte  
11 Corporation and agricultural businesses of A.P. Giannini, later of the Bank of Italy and Bank of  
12 America.

13 (c) The particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined  
14 necessary, are those shown in photographs and described in the Landmark Designation Fact  
15 Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Docket No. 2023-003440DES,  
16 and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set forth.  
17 Specifically, the following features are character-defining and shall be preserved or replaced  
18 in kind:

19 (1) All those physical features, including form, architectural ornament, and  
20 materials of Colombo Market Arch, identified as:

21 (A) One-story height;

22 (B) Red brick masonry construction;

23 (C) Brick piers flanking an elongated or depressed arch opening below a  
24 stepped pediment capped by “header” bricks;

1 (D) Stucco belt course extending from pier to pier just above peak of  
2 arch; and

3 (E) Below the belt course, stucco cladding (only vestiges of these  
4 materials are extant) at piers and arch.

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6 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
7 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
8 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
9 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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