

1 [Landmark Designation of 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the
2 San Francisco State Teacher's School)

3 **Ordinance Designating 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the**
4 **San Francisco State Teacher's School) as a Landmark under Planning Code Article 10;**
5 **and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and environmental findings**
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8 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
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11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

12 Section 1. Findings.

13 (A) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board finds that the proposed
14 landmark designation of 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San
15 Francisco State Teacher's School) will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare

16 (B) The Board finds that the proposed landmark designation of 55 Laguna Street
17 (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School) is
18 consistent with the City's General Plan and with Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the
19 reasons set forth in the document entitled "Board of Supervisors of the City and County of
20 San Francisco, General Plan Policies and Planning Code Section 101.1—General Plan
21 Consistency and Implementation, 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known
22 as the San Francisco State Teacher's School)," which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
23 Supervisors in File No. 071028 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board finds that
24 the proposed landmark designation is consistent with the City's General Plan and with
25 Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in said document.

1 (C) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
2 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
3 Resources Code section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. 071028 and is incorporated herein by reference.

5 (D) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension
6 Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School), Lots 001 and 001A in
7 Assessor's Block 0857 and Lots 001, 002, 003 in Assessor's Block 0870, has a special
8 character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value, and that its
9 designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to the standards set forth
10 in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

11 Section 2: Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, 55 Laguna
12 Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School),
13 Lots 001 and 001A in Assessor's Block 0857 and Lots 001, 002, 003 in Assessor's Block
14 0870, is hereby designated as Landmark No. 255. This designation was initiated by
15 Resolution No. 609 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on February 21, 2007,
16 which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071028 and
17 which Resolution is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

18 Section 3. Required Data.

19 (A) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
20 block located between Haight, Laguna, Hermann, and Buchanan Streets Lots 001 and 001A
21 in Assessor's Block 0857 and Lots 001, 002, 003 in Assessor's Block 0870 (55 Laguna, also
22 referred to as the U.C. Extension Center and formerly known as the San Francisco State
23 Teacher's School).

1 (B) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
2 shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory
3 Board on April 18, 2007 and other supporting materials contained in Planning Department
4 Case Docket No. 2007.0319L . In brief, the National Register of Historic Places
5 characteristics that justify the Landmark's designation are as follows:

6 (1) The U.C. Extension Center at 55 Laguna Street, formerly San Francisco State
7 Teacher's College, is significant under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places
8 (Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our
9 history) as well as Criterion 1 of the California Register of Historical Resources (Associated
10 with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional
11 history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States) for the site's association with
12 the development of Normal Schools in California, for the site's association with the expanding
13 role of state and federal government in education in the 1920s and 1930s, and for the site's
14 association with the Works Progress Administration (WPA); and

15 (2) The property is also significant under Criterion C of the National Register of
16 Historic Places (Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of
17 construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or
18 that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual
19 distinction) as well as Criterion 3 of the California Register of Historical Resources (Embodies
20 the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent
21 the work of a master or possess high artistic values) as an example of a transitional style of
22 Spanish Revival architecture as employed by the Office of the State Architect's Office, in
23 particular by George B. McDougall.

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1 (C) The particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as
2 determined necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the
3 Landmark Designation Report, which can be found in Planning Department Docket No.
4 2007.0319L and which is incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
5 forth. Specifically, the following features shall be preserved.

6 (1) Berk Hall, a.k.a. Richardson Hall.

7 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
8 from the period of significance (1924-1957) (this includes the retaining walls along Hermann
9 and Laguna Streets);

10 (b) Massing of the auditorium, stacks, the owl on the auditorium wall facing
11 Hermann Street;

12 (c) Entry portal on Hermann Street, including the sculpture over the entry, the
13 windows, the pediment, columns, and stairs;

14 (d) Metal railing on south side of west wing, facing Hermann Street, with aeolic
15 capitals;

16 (e) Faux bell tower and entry portal at the interior courtyard;

17 (f) Exterior historic windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
18 details;

19 (g) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;

20 (h) Interiors:

21 (i) First-floor double-loaded corridors, including barrel and groin-vaulted
22 ceilings and decorative plaster wall treatments designed in a Spanish Revival motif;

23 (ii) Mural of an angel above a double door, by Jack Moxom, for the WPA
24 artists' project, and the entire wall where the mural is located.

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- 1 (2) Berk Hall, a.k.a. Richardson Hall, Administration Wing.
- 2 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
3 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 4 (b) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
5 details;
- 6 (c) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;
- 7 (d) Exterior arches and decorative tiles around and over the windows.
- 8 (3) Anderson Hall, a.k.a. Woods Hall.
- 9 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
10 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 11 (b) Entry at corner of Haight and Buchanan including low wall at sidewalk, urns,
12 grill, archway, doors, light fixtures, and pilasters;
- 13 (c) Entry hall interior shape and original exposed roof rafters and purlins;
- 14 (d) Entry from interior courtyard including archways with Ionic columns above door,
15 grillwork;
- 16 (e) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
17 details;
- 18 (f) Mission tile roof and related fixtures.
- 19 (4) Anderson Hall Annex, a.k.a. Woods Hall Annex.
- 20 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
21 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 22 (b) Entry archway on south side with columns and capitals and WPA plaque;
- 23 (c) Large "bay" window on south side above interior staircase and facing Kadish
24 mural.
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- 1 (d) Historic light fixtures on exterior facades;
- 2 (e) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
3 details;
- 4 (f) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;
- 5 (g) Interior: Interior staircase and mural, "A Dissertation on Alchemy," by Reuben
6 Kadish, done for WPA artists' project.
- 7 (5) Gymnasium Building, a.k.a. Middle Hall.
- 8 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
9 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 10 (b) Double staircase at south side of building;
- 11 (c) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
12 details;
- 13 (d) Mission tile roof and related fixtures.
- 14 (e) Interior:
- 15 (i) Gymnasium space and truss work;
- 16 (ii) South entry with trim around it at top of stair.
- 17 (6) Other.
- 18 (a) Freestanding wall along Haight and Laguna Streets;
- 19 (b) Canary Island Palm on upper campus, known as the "Sacred Palm";
- 20 (c) Extant historic exterior doors on site.
- 21 (D) The following features do not contribute to the significance of the landmark site
22 and are not herein designated for preservation. Non-contributing features:
- 23 (1) Dental School building and related features, including stairs;
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1 (2) Alterations to Middle Hall and the Administration wing of Richardson Hall that
2 were constructed after the period of significance (1957);

3 (3) Three asphalt parking lots;

4 (4) Entrance gate and parking kiosk;

5 (5) Terracing -but buildings should not be 'buried' by change of grade;

6 (6) Site stairs not leading directly into buildings;

7 (7) Site lighting not on buildings;

8 (8) Site landscaping (except for Sacred Palm).

9 Section 4. The property shall be subject to further controls and procedures pursuant to
10 the San Francisco Planning Code and Article 10.

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