



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 940 HEARING DATE MARCH 7, 2018

Case No. 2017-013035DES
Project: 234-246 First Street (Phillips Building)
Recommendation to Board of Supervisors
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 234-246 FIRST STREET (AKA PHILLIPS BUILDING), ASSESSOR'S BLOCK NO. 3736, LOT 006, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX

1. WHEREAS, on May 12, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission added 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building), in Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006, to the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Consultant Architectural Resources Group, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 234-246 First Street, Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006 (aka Phillips Building), which was reviewed by Department Staff Shannon Ferguson and Tim Frye, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of December 6, 2017 reviewed Department staff's analysis of 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building) in Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006, historical significance pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated December 6, 2017 and initiated Landmark designation process through Resolution 917; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building) in Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006, as a landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building) in Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006, conveys its architectural significance as a distinctive example of the Art Deco style, specifically the Mayan Deco substyle, and is the largest Art Deco style loft building in San Francisco; and is significant for its association with master architects Henry H. Meyers and George R. Klinkhardt; and

6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building) in Assessor's Block No. 3736, Lot 006, meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of exterior and interior character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation, as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
8. 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 historic buildings be preserved, and will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302; and
9. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of 234-246 First Street (aka Phillips Building), in Assessor's Block 3736, Lot 006 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on March 7, 2018.



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Commission Secretary

AYES: Johns, Johnck, Pearlman, Matsuda, Wolfram

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hyland

ADOPTED: March 7, 2018