

## LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1195

**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021** 

**Record No.:** 2021-002831DES

**Project Address**: One Montgomery Street (aka 1-25 Montgomery Street) (Crocker National Bank Building)

**Zoning**: C-3-O (Downtown Office)

250-S Height and Bulk District

**Block/Lot**: 0292/001A & 002

**Project Sponsor:** SF Planning Department

49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400

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**Property Owner:** Redco Montgomery Owner, LLC.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF ONE MONTGOMERY STREET (AKA 1-25 MONTGOMERY STREET, CROCKER NATIONAL BANK BUILDING), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0292, LOT NOS. 001A AND 002, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

- 1. WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, Supervisor Peskin introduced a proposed Resolution under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File No. 201404 to initiate the Landmark designation process for One Montgomery Street (aka 1-25 Montgomery Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0292, Lot Nos. 001A and 002; and
- 2. WHEREAS, on January 4, 2021, the Board of Supervisors at its Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting recommended unanimously to recommend to the full Board approval of the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation (Board File No. 201404); and
- 3. WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, and on January 22, 2021 with the Mayor's signature, Resolution No. 011-21 became effective

(Board File No. 201404); and

- 4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet for One Montgomery Street, 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 August 4, 2021, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of One Montgomery Street pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary dated July 28, 2021, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and
- 6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of One Montgomery Street 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 One Montgomery Street is eligible for local designation for association with reconstruction in the Financial District following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire; and
- 8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of One Montgomery Street is also proper given its architectural and historical significances as an excellent and well-preserved example of an early twentieth century banking temple building type in the Italian Renaissance Revival-style with grand interiors that exhibits high artistic value, was designed (in its first phase) by recognized master architect Willis Polk, and includes the work of master craftsman Arthur Putnam; and
- 9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that One Montgomery Street does not meet any of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priority areas for designation; and
- 10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that One Montgomery Street meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
- 11. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
- 12. 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
- 13. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight Categorical); and,



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of One Montgomery Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0292, Lot Nos. 001A and 002 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 August 4, 2021.

Jonas P. Ionin

Commission Secretary

AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, So, Matsuda

NOES: None

RECUSED: Wright

ADOPTED: August 4, 2021

