

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing the Pacific Islander Cultural District]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Pacific Islander Cultural District in and around the Visitacion Valley and Sunnysdale neighborhoods; to require the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to submit written reports and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor describing the cultural attributes of the District and proposing strategies to acknowledge and preserve the cultural legacy of the District; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The City established the cultural district program to recognize the contributions of communities to the fabric of San Francisco. The cultural district program seeks to formalize a collaborative partnership between the City and communities and bring resources in order to stabilize vulnerable communities facing or at risk of displacement or gentrification, and to preserve, strengthen and promote our cultural assets and diverse communities, so that individuals, families, businesses that serve and employ them, nonprofit organizations, community arts, and educational institutions are able to live, work and prosper within the City. Currently, the program consists of the following districts: Japantown, Calle 24 Latino Cultural District, SoMa Pilipinas – Filipino Cultural Heritage District, Transgender Cultural District, Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Cultural District, African American Arts and Cultural District, Castro Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Cultural District, American Indian Cultural District, and Sunset Chinese Cultural District.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would establish the Pacific Islander Cultural District in and around the Visitacion Valley and Sunnysdale neighborhoods.