



# LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1325

**HEARING DATE: APRIL 19, 2023**

**Record No.:** 2022-003913DES  
**Project Address:** 2041 Larkin Street (The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples)  
**Zoning:** RH-3 RESIDENTIAL- HOUSE, THREE FAMILY  
40-X Height and Bulk District  
**Block/Lot:** 0572/003  
**Cultural District:** None  
**Project Sponsor:** SF Planning Department  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
**Property Owner:** The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples  
2041 Larkin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES (2041 LARKIN STREET), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0572, LOT NO. 003, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, at a public hearing on March 1, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1317 to initiate Landmark Designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003; and
2. WHEREAS, Department Staff Pilar LaValley, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Executive Summary and Fact Sheet for The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street), for conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of April 19, 2023, reviewed Department staff's analysis of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street) for historical significance pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, dated April 12, 2023, and recommended

Landmark Designation through this Resolution; and

4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street) 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 The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street) is eligible for local designation for association with significant persons, specifically, Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981) and Sue Bailey Thurman (1903-1966), influential figures in the civil rights and women's rights movements, as noted in the *African American Citywide Historic Context Statement (Final Draft: May 2019)*; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street), established in 1943, one of the first inter-racial, inter-cultural, inter-denominational churches in the United States, is also proper as a culturally and historically significant site representative of African American social, cultural, and intellectual life, and with the struggle for integration and civil rights, as described in the *African American Citywide Historic Context Statement (Final Draft: May 2019)*; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples meets one of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priority areas for designation: property types associated with under-represented social and/or cultural groups; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples advances the objectives outlined in Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Resolution No. 1127, adopted in 2020, otherwise called *Centering Preservation Planning on Racial and Social Equity*, which states goals for how the Commission and the Planning Department can develop proactive strategies to address structural and institutional racism and center their work and resource allocation on racial and social equity, focused on preservation; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street) meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
10. 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 cultural and historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
11. 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

12. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2041 Larkin Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0572, Lot No. 003, 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 April 19, 2023.

*Laura Lynch*  
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*Acting Commission Secretary*

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: So

ADOPTED: April 19, 2023