



LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1477

HEARING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Record No.: 2024-002473DES
Project Address: 951-957 Mission Street (Mint Mall and Hall)
Zoning: C-3-S (Downtown Support)
160-F Height and Bulk District
Priority Equity Geographies SUD
Cultural District: SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District
Block/Lot: 3725/088
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Planning Department
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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE MINT MALL AND HALL (951-957 MISSION STREET), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 3725, LOT NO. 088, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10.

1. WHEREAS, the Department received a Landmark Designation report for the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street, prepared by Zachary Frial of SOMCAN with assistance by Department staff Moses Corrette; and
2. WHEREAS, at a public hearing on July 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution No. 394-25 to initiate Landmark Designation of the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3725, Lot No. 088; and
3. WHEREAS, Mayor Lurie signed the Resolution on August 5, 2025 and the Clerk of the Board transmitted it to the Planning Department on August 15, 2025; and
4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards,

reviewed the DRAFT Landmark Designation Report for the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street), prepared by Zachary Frial of SOMCAN with assistance by Moses Corrette, for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and

5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 3, 2025, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the architectural and historical significance of the Mint Mall and Hall pursuant to Article 10, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the Mint Mall and Hall 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 the Mint Mall (basement, ground floor and mezzanine) and Hall (upper residential floors) are culturally significant to northern California's Filipino community dating back to the late 1970s; and houses a high proportion of Filipino residents, and located within the SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds further that the Mint Mall and Hall is significant as the home to many Filipino cultural and arts organizations, community serving non-profits and small businesses both past and present, such as Arkipelago Books, Teatro ng Tanan, Likha Pilipino Folk Ensemble, Filipino American Music and Arts Society (FAMAS), Super Reproductions, JT Restaurant (formerly New Filipinas Restaurant), Nida's Hair Salon, Mejia Hair Cutters, Aeroskin Worldwide, Pilipino AIDS Project, Pilipino Service Providers Network, Mint Mall Residents Association, and many others; and
9. WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall is the site of intangible cultural heritage significant to the Filipino community; and
10. WHEREAS, The Mint Mall contains several elements of a traditional indoor shopping center applied to an urban setting, including individual storefronts, food, restrooms and broad corridors; and
11. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of associated character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Report for the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street), should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the property's architectural and historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
12. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street) meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
13. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street) meets the Historic Preservation Commission's priority for designation as a property types associated with under-represented social and/or cultural groups and within Cultural Districts; and
14. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that designation of the Mint Mall and Hall 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

15. 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
16. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15308 (Categorical Exemption Class Eight), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of the Mint Mall and Hall (951-957 Mission Street), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3725, Lot No. 088, 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 September 3, 2025.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Cox, Tsern Strang, Baroni, Baldauf, Vegara, Foley, Matsuda
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: September 3, 2025