

LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1345

HEARING DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Record No.: 2015-005890DES

Project Address: 546-548 & 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (Sacred Heart Parish Complex) **Zoning**: RM-3 Residential-Mixed Medium Density and RM-1 Residential-Mixed Low Density, 40-X height

and bulk district

Block/Lots: 0828/021, 022, 022A and 012

Project Sponsor: Historic Preservation Fund Committee

Property Owners: Noe Vista LLC, 41 Dorman Ave Ste 5, San Francisco, CA 94124 and 554 Fillmore Street LLC, P.O.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF SACRED HEART PARISH COMPLEX (546-548 FILLMORE STREET, 554 FILLMORE STREET, 735 FELL STREET, 660 OAK STREET), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0828, LOT NOS. 021, 022, 022A, 012, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

- 1. WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Consultant Elaine Brown Stiles, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex), which was reviewed by Department Staff Shannon Ferguson, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
- 2. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of October 5, 2016, reviewed Department staff's analysis of 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex) historical significance per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated October 5, 2016 and initiated Landmark designation process through Resolution 806; and
- 3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex) nomination is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
- 4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street,

735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street, (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex), which includes the former rectory, church, school and convent buildings, is associated with the growth and development of the Western Addition and Catholic religious institutions in San Francisco in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; is associated with prominent and influential civil rights activist Father Eugene Boyle, pastor of the church from 1968 to 1972; and is a distinctive and well-executed example of a Romanesque Revival-style Catholic parish grouping; and as the work of architect of merit Thomas J. Welsh; and

- 5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex) meets the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
- 6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of exterior character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet dated September 20, 2023, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
- 7. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code sections 101.1 and 302; and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved; and
- 8. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight Categorical); and
- 9. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of 546-548 Fillmore Street, 554 Fillmore Street, 735 Fell Street, 660 Oak Street (aka Sacred Heart Parish Complex), Assessor's Block 0828, Lots 021, 022, 022A and 012 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 September 20, 2023.

Jonas P. Ionin Commission Secretary

AYES: Vergara, Wright, Foley, Nageswaran, Matsuda

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: September 20, 2023

