

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot"]

Ordinance amending the Landmark Designation for Landmark No. 307, the Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection together with defined portions of 101 Taylor Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003 (known as the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot"), under Article 10 of the Planning Code, to include the entire building at 101-121 Taylor Street and to expand the period of significance; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Under Article 10, Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, designate an individual structure that has special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value as a City landmark. Unless prohibited by state law, once a structure has been named a landmark, any construction, alteration, removal or demolition for which a City permit is required necessitates a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission. (Planning Code § 1006; Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, § 4.135.) Thus, landmark designation generally affords a high degree of protection to historic and architectural structures of merit in the City. There are currently more than 300 individual landmarks in the City under Article 10, in addition to structures and districts in the downtown area that are protected under Article 11. (See App. A to Article 10.)

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code to amend the existing designation for historic Landmark No. 307: the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot," located at 101 Taylor Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003. This ordinance includes the entire four-story building located at 101-121 Taylor Street, expands the Landmark's period of significance, and capture the property's full historical significance. As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind, as determined necessary.