

**From:** [Kathy Lee](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Parkside Library  
**Date:** Friday, December 9, 2022 6:12:26 PM

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Dear San Francisco Land Use and Transportation Committee (SFLUTC),

I am writing to you to ask that you move forward, with a positive recommendation to the full San Francisco Board of Supervisors Board (BOS), Resolution Number 221110, "Initiating Landmark Designation - 1200 Taraval Street (aka Parkside Library)", introduced on October 25, 2022, by Supervisor Mar of District 4.

To date, the Parkside neighborhood, its community and heritage has been largely overlooked in identifying and designating historic landmarks. Today, we ask that the SFLUTC approve and move forward Resolution Number 221110 while recognizing the effort and determination of Parkside residents to preserve the character and history of our neighborhood.

The Parkside Library was passed over approximately ten years ago from receiving historic designation. At the time, it was undergoing renovation and it was concluded by the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission that the renovation might interfere with the historic designation process. Since then, Parkside residence have been struggling to bring attention to the library and its historical significance to our neighborhood. It is important to us that the Parkside Library can be shared by future generations of Parkside and San Francisco residents alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lee

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

Name:           Kathy Lee          

Address:           2445 Yorba Street, SF CA 94116

Date: 12/9/2022

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As a resident of the Outer Sunset, I regretfully have to state that the Parkside neighborhood, its community and heritage has been largely overlooked in identifying and designating historic landmarks. That’s, why I ask that the SFLUTC approve and move forward Resolution Number 221110 while recognizing the effort and determination of Parkside residents to preserve the character and history of our neighborhood.

The Parkside Library was passed over approximately ten years ago from receiving historic designation. At the time, it was undergoing renovation and it was concluded by the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission that the renovation might interfere with the historic designation process. Since then, Parkside residence have been struggling to bring attention to the library and its historical significance to our neighborhood and the city’s modern libraries in general. The Parkside Library was the first of eight modern libraries to be built in San Francisco. Appleton and Wolford were the architects of these libraries. The renovation does not interfere with the original design and provides necessary working space for the librarians. It is important that this example of Mid- Century Modern architecture will be preserved to be shared by future generations of Parkside and San Francisco residents alike.

I would also like to pay tribute to the late Mary Brown, planner at the San Francisco Planning Department, who wrote the original San Francisco Modern Architecture and Landscape Design 1935-1970 Historic Context Statement on which this document rests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Inge S. Horton

2363 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94116

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [Natalie Simotas](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** LUTC Meeting 12/12/22 - Parkside Library, Resolution Number 221110  
**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:45:59 PM

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December 8, 2022

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Natalie Simotas, Parkside Resident and  
Parkside Heritage Working Committee

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**From:** [Evan Rosen](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORTING 221110 Land Use and Transportation Committee  
**Date:** Friday, December 9, 2022 2:46:33 PM

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To the BOS Land Use and Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of Resolution 221110 initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Parkside Library.

According to San Francisco historian Woody LaBounty, the Parkside Library at 1200 Taraval Street was the first of eight Modern-style city library branches constructed by the architectural firm of Appleton & Wolfard between 1951 and 1966. Despite being called "the finest branch library in the country" by *The Architect and Engineer* magazine, to date the library has not been recognized with any official historical designation or protection.

Lack of historical designation and protection is emblematic of significant structures in the Parkside, a traditionally working class San Francisco neighborhood which has been overlooked. Beginning with the Trocadero Clubhouse, the Parkside Heritage group has worked to correct this imbalance and begin securing landmark designation for significant structures in our neighborhood. An important next step in this process is landmark designation for the Parkside Library.

I urge you to vote FOR Resolution 221110 initiating landmark designation for the Parkside Library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Evan Rosen  
Parkside resident  
Member, Parkside Heritage

**From:** [The Imp](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Parkside Library  
**Date:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 4:35:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [PARKSIDE.pdf](#)

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Dear Ms Major,

Attached below please find my letter recommending acknowledgment of the Parkside Library for Landmark designation. I lived in Parkside while obtaining my B.A. at San Francisco State University, in a flat right across the street from what is now the Parkside Tavern, at that time the Lost Weekend Lounge. I sometimes went over to the Parkside Library to study, and get out of the flat. Though I no longer live in San Francisco (though I do live in a town that uses "SF" as an abbreviation), I have good memories of both Parkside in general and the library in particular. Please see the attached letter below.

Best Regards,

Doug Gerash

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature:



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Date: DEC. 11, 2022