

FILE NO. 071082

ORDINANCE NO.

1 [Landmark Designation of Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex, Located at  
2 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State  
3 Teacher's College)

4 **Ordinance designating Richardson Hall (a.k.a. Burke Hall), Woods Hall (a.k.a. Anderson**  
5 **Hall), and Woods Hall Annex (a.k.a. Anderson Hall Annex), located at 55 Laguna Street**  
6 **(U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School**  
7 **College), as a individual Landmarks under Planning Code Article 10; and adopting**  
8 **General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and environmental findings.**

9 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
10 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
11 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
12 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. Findings.

14 (A) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board finds that the proposed  
15 landmark designations of Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex at 55 Laguna  
16 Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School)  
17 will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare

18 (B) The Board finds that the proposed landmark designations of Richardson Hall,  
19 Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex at 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly  
20 known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School) is are consistent with the City's General  
21 Plan and with Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in the document  
22 entitled "Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, General Plan Policies  
23 and Planning Code Section 101.1—General Plan Consistency and Implementation, 55  
24 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's  
25 School)," which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board finds that the proposed  
2 landmark designations ~~is~~ are consistent with the City's General Plan and with Planning Code  
3 Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in said document.

4 (C) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
5 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public  
6 Resources Code section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the  
7 Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

8 (D) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and  
9 Woods Hall Annex at 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San  
10 Francisco State Teacher's School), which are sited on portions of Lots 001 and 001A in  
11 Assessor's Block 0857 and Lots 001, and 002, ~~003~~ in Assessor's Block 0870, ~~has~~ have a  
12 special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value, and  
13 that ~~its~~ their designation as ~~a~~ Landmarks will further the purposes of and conform to the  
14 standards set forth in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

15 Section 2: Designation. The following three buildings are hereby designated as  
16 individual Landmarks, and shall be assigned individual Landmark numbers, as set forth below:

17 (A) Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, Richardson Hall (a.k.a. Burke Hall)  
18 located at the corner of Laguna and Hermann Streets, with a street address of 55 Laguna  
19 Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School),  
20 in the southeast portions of ~~Lots 001 and 001A in Assessor's Block 0857 and~~ Lots 001, and  
21 ~~002, 003~~ in Assessor's Block 0870, is hereby designated as a San Francisco Landmark ~~No.~~  
22 255 under Article 10 of the Planning Code. This designation was initiated by Resolution No.  
23 609 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on February 21, 2007, which Resolution is  
24 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and which  
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1 Resolution is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth. The Administration  
2 Wing of Richardson Hall is not included in this Landmark designation.

3 (B) Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, Woods Hall (a.k.a. Anderson Hall)  
4 located at the corner of Buchanan and Haight Streets, with a street address of 55 Laguna  
5 Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San Francisco State Teacher's School),  
6 in the northwest portions of Lots 001 and 001A in Assessor's Block 0857, is hereby  
7 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. This  
8 designation was initiated by Resolution No. 609 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory  
9 Board on February 21, 2007, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
10 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and which Resolution is incorporated herein by  
11 reference as though fully set forth.

12 (C) Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, Woods Hall Annex (a.k.a.  
13 Anderson Hall Annex) located on Haight Street between Laguna and Buchanan Streets, with  
14 a street address of 55 Laguna Street (U.C. Extension Center, formerly known as the San  
15 Francisco State Teacher's School), in the north portion of Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0857, is  
16 hereby designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. This  
17 designation was initiated by Resolution No. 609 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory  
18 Board on February 21, 2007, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
19 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and which Resolution is incorporated herein by  
20 reference as though fully set forth.

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22 Section 3. Required Data.

23 (A) The description, location, and boundary of the three Landmark sites consists of  
24 the ~~City block located between Haight, Laguna, Hermann, and Buchanan Streets~~ Lots 001

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1 and 001A in Assessor's Block 0857 and Lots 001, 002, 003 in Assessor's Block 0870 (55  
2 Laguna, also referred to as the U.C. Extension Center and formerly known as the San  
3 Francisco State Teacher's School). following:

4 (1) For Richardson Hall (a.k.a. Burke Hall), located at the corner of Laguna and  
5 Hermann Streets, the description, location and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the  
6 outer boundaries of the exterior facades of the building, including the retaining walls adjacent  
7 to Richardson Hall along Hermann and Laguna Streets.

8 (2) For Woods Hall (a.k.a. Anderson Hall), located at the corner of Buchanan and  
9 Haight Streets, the description, location and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the  
10 outer boundaries of the exterior facades of the building and includes the Canary Island Palm  
11 tree (known as the "Sacred Palm"), located adjacent to and to the immediate south of Woods  
12 Hall, as a contributing feature to this Landmark.

13 (3) For Woods Hall Annex (a.k.a. Anderson Hall Annex), located on Haight Street  
14 between Laguna and Buchanan Streets, the description, location and boundary of the  
15 Landmark site consists of the outer boundaries of the exterior facades of the building.

16 (B) The characteristics of the Landmarks that justify ~~its~~ their designations are  
17 described and shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks  
18 Preservation Advisory Board on April 18, 2007 and other supporting materials contained in  
19 Planning Department Case Docket No. 2007.0319L . In brief, the National Register of Historic  
20 Places characteristics that justify the Landmark's' designations are as follows:

21 (1) Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex at ~~the~~ U.C. Extension  
22 Center property located at 55 Laguna Street, formerly San Francisco State Teacher's College,  
23 is ~~are~~ significant under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places (Association with  
24 events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history) as well  
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1 as Criterion 1 of the California Register of Historical Resources (Associated with events that  
2 have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the  
3 cultural heritage of California or the United States) for their site's association with the  
4 development of Normal Schools in California, for their site's association with the expanding  
5 role of state and federal government in education in the 1920s and 1930s, and for their site's  
6 association with the Works Progress Administration (WPA); and

7 (2) Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex ~~The property is~~ are also  
8 significant under Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places (Embodies the  
9 distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the  
10 work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and  
11 distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction) as well as Criterion 3  
12 of the California Register of Historical Resources (Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a  
13 type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master or possess  
14 high artistic values) as ~~an~~ examples of a transitional style of Spanish Revival architecture as  
15 employed by the Office of the State Architect's Office, in particular by George B. McDougall.

16 (C) The particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as  
17 determined necessary, of the three Landmarks designated herein are those generally shown  
18 in photographs and described in the Landmark Designation Report, which can be found in  
19 Planning Department Docket No. 2007.0319L and which is incorporated in this designation by  
20 reference as though fully set forth. Specifically, the following features shall be preserved.

21 (1) Richardson Hall (a.k.a. Burke Hall) ~~Berk Hall, a.k.a. Richardson Hall.~~

22 (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,  
23 from the period of significance (1924-1957) (this includes the retaining walls along Hermann  
24 and Laguna Streets adjacent to Richardson Hall, but does not include the retaining walls  
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1 adjacent to the Administrative Wing of Richardson Hall nor the freestanding wall along Haight  
2 and Laguna Streets);

3 (b) Massing of the auditorium, stacks, the owl on the auditorium wall facing  
4 Hermann Street;

5 (c) Entry portal on Hermann Street, including the sculpture over the entry, the  
6 windows, the pediment, columns, and stairs;

7 (d) Metal railing on south side of west wing, facing Hermann Street, with aeolic  
8 capitals;

9 (e) Faux bell tower and entry portal at the interior courtyard;

10 (f) Exterior historic windows including the material, configuration, operation, and  
11 details;

12 (g) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;

13 (h) Interiors:

14 (i) First-floor double-loaded corridors, including barrel and groin-vaulted  
15 ceilings and decorative plaster wall treatments designed in a Spanish Revival motif;

16 (ii) Mural of an angel above a double door, by Jack Moxom, for the WPA  
17 artists' project, and the entire wall where the mural is located.

18 (i) The Administration Wing of Richardson Hall (a.k.a. Burke Hall) is not included in  
19 this Landmark designation.

20 ~~(2) Berk Hall, a.k.a. Richardson Hall, Administration Wing.~~

21 ~~(a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,~~  
22 ~~from the period of significance (1924-1957);~~

23 ~~(b) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and~~  
24 ~~details;~~

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- 1           ~~(c)~~ Mission tile roof and related fixtures;
- 2           ~~(d)~~ Exterior arches and decorative tiles around and over the windows.
- 3           ~~(3)~~(2) Woods Hall (a.k.a. Anderson Hall), a.k.a. Woods Hall.
- 4           (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
- 5 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 6           (b) Entry at corner of Haight and Buchanan including ~~low wall at sidewalk~~, urns,
- 7 grill, archway, doors, light fixtures, and pilasters;
- 8           (c) Entry hall interior shape and original exposed roof rafters and purlins;
- 9           (d) Entry from interior courtyard including archways with Ionic columns above door,
- 10 grillwork;
- 11           (e) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
- 12 details;
- 13           (f) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;
- 14           ~~(g)~~ Canary Island Palm tree located immediately adjacent to and to the south of
- 15 Woods Hall, known as the "Sacred Palm."
- 16           ~~(4)~~(3) Woods Hall Annex (a.k.a. Anderson Hall Annex), a.k.a. Woods Hall Annex.
- 17           (a) All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,
- 18 from the period of significance (1924-1957);
- 19           (b) Entry archway on south side with columns and capitals and WPA plaque;
- 20           (c) Large "bay" window on south side above interior staircase and facing Kadish
- 21 mural.
- 22           (d) Historic light fixtures on exterior facades;
- 23           (e) Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and
- 24 details;
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- 1 (f) Mission tile roof and related fixtures;
- 2 (g) Interior: Interior staircase and mural, "A Dissertation on Alchemy," by Reuben  
3 Kadish, done for WPA artists' project.
- 4 ~~(5) — Gymnasium Building, a.k.a. Middle Hall.~~
- 5 ~~(a) — All elements on exterior facades, including those facing the interior courtyard,~~  
6 ~~from the period of significance (1924-1957);~~
- 7 ~~(b) — Double staircase at south side of building;~~
- 8 ~~(c) — Historic exterior windows including the material, configuration, operation, and~~  
9 ~~details;~~
- 10 ~~(d) — Mission tile roof and related fixtures.~~
- 11 ~~(e) — Interior:~~
- 12 ~~—— (i) — Gymnasium space and truss work;~~
- 13 ~~—— (ii) — South entry with trim around it at top of stair.~~
- 14 ~~(6) — Other.~~
- 15 ~~(a) — Freestanding wall along Haight and Laguna Streets;~~
- 16 ~~(b) — Canary Island Palm on upper campus, known as the "Sacred Palm";~~
- 17 ~~(c) — Extant historic exterior doors on site.~~
- 18 ~~(D) — The following features do not contribute to the significance of the landmark site~~  
19 ~~and are not herein designated for preservation. Non-contributing features:~~
- 20 ~~(1) — Dental School building and related features, including stairs;~~
- 21 ~~(2) — Alterations to Middle Hall and the Administration wing of Richardson Hall that~~  
22 ~~were constructed after the period of significance (1957);~~
- 23 ~~(3) — Three asphalt parking lots;~~
- 24 ~~(4) — Entrance gate and parking kiosk;~~
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1           ~~(5) Terracing but buildings should not be 'buried' by change of grade;~~

2           ~~(6) Site stairs not leading directly into buildings;~~

3           ~~(7) Site lighting not on buildings;~~

4           ~~(8) Site landscaping (except for Sacred Palm).~~

5           Section 4. The three individual Landmarks designated herein ~~property~~ shall be subject  
6 to further controls and procedures pursuant to the San Francisco Planning Code and Article  
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