

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 1801 Green Street (aka Golden Gate Valley
2 Carnegie Library)]

3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 1801 Green Street (aka Golden**
4 **Gate Valley Carnegie Library), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0554, Lot No. 001, as a**
5 **Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code; affirming the Planning Department's**
6 **determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making public**
7 **necessity, convenience and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and**
8 **findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of**
9 **Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

10 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
11 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
12 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
13 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
14 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
15 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
16 subsections or parts of tables.

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

18 Section 1. Findings.

19 (a) CEQA and Land Use Findings.

20 (1) The Planning Department has determined that the proposed Planning Code
21 amendment is subject to a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality
22 Act (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., "CEQA") pursuant to Section
23 15308 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the statute for actions by regulatory agencies
24 for protection of the environment (in this case, landmark designation). Said determination is
25 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220009 and is incorporated herein
by reference. The Board of Supervisors affirms this determination.

1 (2) Pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that
2 the proposed landmark designation of 1801 Green Street (aka Golden Gate Valley Carnegie
3 Library), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0554, Lot No. 001, will serve the public necessity,
4 convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission
5 Resolution No. 1221, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is
6 incorporated herein by reference.

7 (3) The Board finds that the proposed landmark designation of the Golden Gate
8 Valley Carnegie Library is consistent with the San Francisco General Plan and with Planning
9 Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission
10 Resolution No. 1221, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is
11 incorporated herein by reference.

12 (b) General Findings.

13 (1) Pursuant to Section 4.135 of the Charter of the City and County of San
14 Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission has authority "to recommend approval,
15 disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under
16 the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

17 (2) On June 2, 1999, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Landmarks
18 Board) added the Golden Gate Valley Carnegie Library to the Landmark Designation Work
19 Program.

20 (3) The Designation report was prepared by consultant Bridget Maley and
21 reviewed by Planning Department preservation staff. All preparers meet the Secretary of the
22 Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, and the report was reviewed for accuracy and
23 conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

24 (4) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of November
25 3, 2021 reviewed Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of the Golden Gate

1 Valley Library pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated
2 July 22, 2021.

3 (5) On November 3, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission passed
4 Resolution No. 1210, initiating designation of the Golden Gate Valley Carnegie Library as a
5 San Francisco Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. Such resolution is
6 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220009 and is incorporated herein
7 by reference.

8 (6) On December 1, 2021, after holding a public hearing on the proposed
9 designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning
10 Department staff and the Landmark Designation Case Report, the Historic Preservation
11 Commission recommended approval of the proposed landmark designation of the Golden
12 Gate Valley Library, by Resolution No. 1221. Such resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
13 Board in File No. 220009.

14 (7) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Golden Gate Valley Library
15 has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value,
16 and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to the
17 standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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19 Section 2. Designation.

20 Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, 1801 Green Street (aka the Golden
21 Gate Valley Carnegie Library), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0554, Lot No. 001, is hereby
22 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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1 Section 3. Required Data.

2 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
3 parcel located at 1801 Green Street (aka the Golden Gate Valley Carnegie Library),
4 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0554, Lot No. 001, in San Francisco's Marina neighborhood.

5 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
6 shown in the Landmark Designation Case Report and other supporting materials contained in
7 Planning Department Case Docket No. 2020-003803DES. In brief, the Golden Gate Valley
8 Carnegie Library is eligible for local designation as it is associated with events that have made
9 a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, and embodies distinctive
10 characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Specifically, designation of the
11 Golden Gate Valley Carnegie Library is proper given its association with patterns of social and
12 cultural history of San Francisco, particularly with the contestation of political and cultural
13 power between class-based groups. The building is associated with the Carnegie Library
14 Grant Program, established by wealthy Progressive industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1886 and
15 intended to fund the construction of libraries for the use of the public. Through this program,
16 Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 libraries across the United States, including seven
17 Carnegie libraries in San Francisco. The Golden Gate Valley Library was designed in the
18 Neoclassical style as part of the City Beautiful Movement and conforms to the aesthetic ideals
19 of the Carnegie Corporation, which made recommendations on the construction and design of
20 Carnegie-funded libraries. Designation of the Golden Gate Valley Library is also proper as it is
21 an excellent example of an institutional building designed in the Neoclassical architectural
22 style in San Francisco by master architect Ernest Coxhead.

23 (c) The particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined
24 necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the Landmark
25 Designation Case Report, which can be found in Planning Department Docket No. 2020-

1 003803DES, and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
2 forth. Specifically, the following features shall be preserved or replaced in kind:

3 Exterior:

- 4 (1) Terra cotta cladding and ornamentation
- 5 (2) Clay tile roof
- 6 (3) East façade with decorative columns
- 7 (4) Buff brick at rear facade
- 8 (5) Main entry bronze doors with glazed panels and transom
- 9 (6) Wood windows, trim, pattern and configuration
- 10 (7) Basilica-shaped plan
- 11 (8) West side courtyard terra cotta walls
- 12 (9) Granite entryway steps

13 Interior:

- 14 (1) Original wood interior doors in the Main Reading Room
- 15 (2) Interior entry vestibule including wood paneled walls, wood door, and marble
16 floor
- 17 (3) Marble side walls and stair in Main Reading Room
- 18 (4) The open spatial volume of the Main Reading Room
- 19 (5) The ornamental ceiling of the Main Reading Room
- 20 (6) Built-in shelving around the perimeter of the Main Reading Room
- 21 (7) Architectural woodwork including shelves, cornice over shelves, pilasters,
22 trim over windows, and plaster walls

23 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
24 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
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1 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
2 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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