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## MEMORANDUM

### LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2022. This item was acted upon at the Committee Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

**Item No. 24**                      **File No. 220924**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 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"), as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code; 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.

#### **RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vote:

Supervisor Myrna Melgar - Aye  
Supervisor Dean Preston - Aye  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin - Aye

cc: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection]

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9 reference.

10 (3) The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed landmark designation of  
11 the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot is consistent with the General Plan and with Planning  
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13 Resolution No. 1264.

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1 the Compton's Cafeteria Riot pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Fact  
2 Sheet dated August 10, 2022.

3 (4) On June 17, 2022, after holding a public hearing on the proposed initiation,  
4 the Board of Supervisors initiated of the proposed landmark designation of Turk and Taylor  
5 Streets Intersection (at latitude: 37.78323 and longitude: -122.41078) by Resolution No. 283-  
6 22. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 220461.

7 (5) On August 17, 2022, after holding a public hearing on the proposed  
8 designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning  
9 Department staff and the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission recommended designation of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot as a  
11 landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code by Resolution No. 1264. Said resolution is on  
12 file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 220924.

13 (6) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Site of the Compton's  
14 Cafeteria Riot has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic  
15 interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and  
16 conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board  
17 hereby incorporates by reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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19 Section 2. Designation.

20 Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the intersection of Turk and Taylor  
21 Streets, and defined portions of Assessor's Block No. 0339 Lot No. 003, as set forth in  
22 Section 3, below (referred to herein as the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot"), is hereby  
23 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. Appendix A  
24 to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this property.

1 Section 3. Required Data.

2 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of:

3 (1) The public right-of-way at the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street,  
4 bound by Assessor Block Nos. 0339, 0340, 0342 and 0343 with, in addition, the width of  
5 Taylor Street north 52 feet and the width of Turk Street west 40 feet; and

6 (2) The exterior building walls of 101 Taylor Street, to a height of 11 feet, 52  
7 feet north on Taylor Street and 40 feet west on Turk Street (being the walls that contained the  
8 storefronts of the former Compton's Cafeteria).

9 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and  
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in  
11 Planning Department Record Case No. 2022-005199DES. In brief, the Site of the Compton's  
12 Cafeteria Riot is eligible for local designation as it is associated with events that have made a  
13 significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history. Specifically, designation  
14 of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot is proper given its association with the first large-  
15 scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that  
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22 change society.

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 Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Case No. 2022-

1 005199DES, 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 (1) The spatial relationships within the public right-of-way at the intersection of  
4 Turk and Taylor Streets, being 68-feet, 9-inches in width, and extending north 52 feet from the  
5 corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street;

6 (2) Limited portions of the exterior walls of 101 Taylor Street, specifically, the  
7 lower 11-feet of the building which housed the storefront of the former Gene Compton's  
8 Cafeteria; extending north 52 feet from the corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the  
9 corner of Taylor Street.

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11 Section 4. Standards of Review for Applications.

12 The following scopes of work shall not require a Certificate of Appropriateness within  
13 the public right-of-way at the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, and extending north 52  
14 feet from the corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street:

15 (a) Signs, for businesses fronting the public right-of-way, or projecting into it as  
16 regulated by Article 6 of the Planning Code.

17 (b) Awnings or architectural features for buildings fronting the public right-of-way or  
18 projecting into it as regulated by Article 1.2 of the Planning Code.

19 (c) Signs for street, transit, bicycle, or pedestrian safety, direction, and identification,  
20 such as street names, speed limits, traffic signals, etc.

21 (d) Armatures and overhead wires for MUNI service.

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23 Section 5. Effective Date.

24 This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs  
25 when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not

1 sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the  
2 Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
5 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

6 By: /s/  
7 ANDREA RUIZ-ESQUIDE  
8 Deputy City Attorney

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection]

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### 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 add a new historic landmark to the list of individual landmarks under Article 10: the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, and defined portions of Assessor's Block No. 0339 Lot No. 003, referred to in the legislation as the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot."

The ordinance finds that the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot is eligible for local designation as it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history. Specifically, designation of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot is proper given its association with the first large-scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that resulted in lasting institutional change. By acting collectively, instead of as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the riot, the City's Health and Police Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San Francisco, some of which

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As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary.

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August 31, 2022

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Honorable Supervisor Peskin  
Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Transmittal of Planning Department Case Number 2022-005199DES**  
**SITE OF THE COMPTON'S CAFETERIA RIOT Landmark Designation**  
BOS File No. 220461

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Supervisor Preston,

On August 17, 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "HPC") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider Supervisor Preston's initiation (Board File No. 220461) of the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, and the Planning Department's ordinance to landmark the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot, being the intersection of Turk and Tylor Streets, with portions of Turk Street westward, Taylor Street northward and portions of the building at 101 Taylor Street, Assessor's Block 0339, Lot 003. At the hearing, the HPC voted to approve a resolution to recommend landmark designation pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

The proposed amendments have been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c)(2).

Please find attached documents related to the HPC's action. Also attached is an electronic copy of the proposed ordinance, drafted by Deputy City Attorney Andrea Ruiz-Esquide. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Sider, AICP  
Chief of Staff

Cc: Vicki Wong, City Attorney's Office  
Jen Low, Legislative Aide  
Erica Major, Office of the Clerk of the Board  
Kyle Smeallie, Legislative Aide (Supervisor Preston)  
Marcelle Boudreaux, Planning Department, P-IV Landmarks  
Moses Corrette, Planning Department  
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Attachments:

Draft Article 10 Landmark Designation Ordinance  
Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 1264 (Recommendation)  
Planning Department Executive Summary dated August 10, 2022  
Article 10 Landmark Designation Fact Sheet  
Correspondence in Support of Landmark Designation



# LANDMARK DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 17, 2022**

**Record No.:** 2022-005199DES

**Project Address:** Intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Streets and 101 Taylor Street (Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot)

**Zoning:** None; RC-4  
None; 80-T-120-T Height and Bulk District

**Block/Lot:** None, 0339/003

**Project Sponsor:** Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
City Hall, Room 244,  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Property Owner:** San Francisco Public Works (Streets and sidewalks)  
City and County of San Francisco  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1600  
San Francisco, CA 94103

WBP Leasing Inc (101 Taylor Street)  
621 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> St. #700  
Boca Raton, FL 33487

**Staff Contact:** Moses Corrette 628-652-7356  
moses.corrette@sfgov.org

**Recommendation:** Recommend Landmark Designation to the Board of Supervisors

## Property Description

On June 7, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (BoS) adopted Resolution No. 283-22 to initiate landmark designation of the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets [[LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078], known historically as the site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot (“subject property”), pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code. Under Article 10, initiation and recommendation are two distinct steps of the landmark designation process which require separate hearings and resolutions. Initiation occurred by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Today’s hearing

is to determine if the Historic Preservation Commission will Recommend the Landmark to the Board of Supervisors.

In drafting the designation Fact Sheet, staff relied on the prior work of Shayne Watson and Donna Graves in the Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History in San Francisco, 2015. That work itself is based on the scholarship of Dr. Susan Stryker who conducted much primary research on the event. Dr. Stryker also served as an expert reader for the staff report. To date, staff has received three letters of support from the public in favor of the designation.

The site is located within the boundaries of the Transgender District, one of several cultural districts in San Francisco. The Planning Department has been in communication with the leadership of the Transgender District, staff of former Supervisor Haney, several historians, activists and members of the public. Since the Board of Supervisors (BOS) initiated the Landmark, two factors have come to the attention of the Department. First, the initial initiation did not include the building that contained the Compton's Cafeteria itself; second, Public Works has been planning a project to reconstruct the intersection and adjacent blocks for the "Safer Taylor Street" project.

Inclusion of portions of 101 Taylor Street, the building that contained the Gene Compton's Cafeteria was not included in the initial initiation because of a false belief that Article 10 designation required owner consent. It does not. Learning this, and knowing that the Riot occurred both inside the diner and in the street, we [Transgender District leadership] think it appropriate to expand the Landmark to also include at least part of the building. As we [Transgender District leadership] plan for the future and our long-term vision of The Transgender District, we've made the decision to include the building in the landmark that was initiated.<sup>1</sup> A letter of support for the expanded boundaries has also been supplied by Supervisor Preston.

Staff has met with Maria Richard, Facility Director for the owners of 101 Taylor Street and have their support of the limited portions of the building being included in the designation. One ask from Ms. Richard is to be excluded from the need of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the creation of any future murals, which staff has not included in the draft Ordinance, but the HPC may direct should the members support that exclusion.

Planning Code Section 1004.2(b) states in part: "Where the Board of Supervisors has referred an initiation of designation to the HPC, the HPC shall hold a public hearing and shall approve, disapprove or modify the proposal ..." therefore, the Department is requesting the HPC modify the proposal to include portions of the exterior of 101 Taylor Street in the designation. As the exterior of the ground floor has seen significant alterations and no portion of the interior remains, staff recommends that only the exterior portions of the building where the diner formerly occupied be included. The Department's recommended boundaries include the lower 11-feet of the building wall (the height of the storefront) for 40-feet from the corner westward on Turk Street and for 52-feet northward on Taylor Street, being the exterior dimensions of the storefront where the Compton's Cafeteria occupied in 1966.

Safer Taylor Street project: Public Works and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has collaborated with the Tenderloin community to developed a new vision for Taylor Street between Turk and Ellis streets to improve transportation safety and livability for all users of this corridor. The Safer Taylor Street project

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<sup>1</sup> Email from Jupiter Peraza of The Transgender District to Kyle Smeallie, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Preston June 2, 2022.

will provide transportation safety and streetscape improvements along Taylor Street, including sidewalk widening, pedestrian crosswalks, corner bulbouts, new traffic signals, and streetscape enhancement such as decorative paving, new street trees and street furnishing.<sup>2</sup>

Planning Code Section 1005(e)(4) excludes the Safer Tylor Street scope from a Certificate of Appropriateness. It reads: "When the application is for a permit to maintain, repair, rehabilitate, or improve streets and sidewalks, including sidewalk widening, accessibility, and bulb-outs, unless such streets and sidewalks have been explicitly called out in a landmark's or district's designating ordinance as character defining features of the landmark or district." No identified character-defining features are located in the public right-of way.

The seven aspects of Integrity are: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. As a resource significant for association for an event, certain aspects of integrity are more relevant than others. The location, setting feeling and association remain intact, as the essential characteristics of an urban intersection are unchanged. Workmanship, design and materials are less important. The storefront that had contained the Compton's Cafeteria has undergone two significant changes since 1966 and is no longer an active storefront. The design and materials have been changed, yet it is still completely recognizable as the location, setting, feeling and associations are extant.

The item before the HPC is consideration of a Resolution to Recommend Article 10 landmark designation of the subject property to the Board of Supervisors under Article 10 of the Planning Code, Section 1004.1.

## Basis for Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors landmark designation of the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" as it is individually eligible for association the first large-scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that resulted in lasting institutional change, surpassing Cooper Donut in impact, Dewey's in militancy, and preceding the more important/larger Stonewall in time. By acting collectively, instead of as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the Riot, the City's Health and Police Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San Francisco, some of which would also enable people to gain access to State and Federal anti-poverty programs. The Riot to demand dignity succeeded in starting the long process to change society.

## ATTACHMENTS

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- Exhibit B – BOS Resolution No. 283-22 Initiating Landmark Designation
- Exhibit C – Draft Landmark Designation Ordinance
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- Exhibit E - Map and Context Images

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<sup>2</sup> <https://sfpublicworks.org/2999J> accessed 7.7.2022

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1 the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Fact  
2 Sheet dated August 10, 2022.

3 (4) On June 17, 2022, after holding a public hearing on the proposed initiation,  
4 the Board of Supervisors initiated of the proposed landmark designation of Turk and Taylor  
5 Streets Intersection (at latitude: 37.78323 and longitude: -122.41078) by Resolution No. 283-  
6 22. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 220461.

7 (5) On August 17, 2022, after holding a public hearing on the proposed  
8 designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning  
9 Department staff and the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission recommended designation of the Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot as a  
11 landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_. Said resolution  
12 is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

13 (6) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Site of the Compton’s  
14 Cafeteria Riot has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic  
15 interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and  
16 conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board  
17 hereby incorporates by reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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19 Section 2. Designation.

20 Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the intersection of Turk and Taylor  
21 Streets, and defined portions of Assessor’s Block No. 0339 Lot No. 003, as set forth in  
22 Section 3, below (referred to herein as the “Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot”), is hereby  
23 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. Appendix A  
24 to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this property.

1 Section 3. Required Data.

2 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of:

3 (1) The public right-of-way at the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street,  
4 bound by Assessor Block Nos. 0339, 0340, 0342 and 0343 with, in addition, the width of  
5 Taylor Street north 52 feet and the width of Turk Street west 40 feet; and

6 (2) The exterior building walls of 101 Taylor Street, to a height of 11 feet, 52  
7 feet north on Taylor Street and 40 feet west on Turk Street (being the walls that contained the  
8 storefronts of the former Compton's Cafeteria).

9 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and  
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in  
11 Planning Department Record Case No. 2022-005199DES. In brief, the Site of the Compton's  
12 Cafeteria Riot is eligible for local designation as it is associated with events that have made a  
13 significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history. Specifically, designation  
14 of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot is proper given its association with the first large-  
15 scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that  
16 resulted in lasting institutional change. By acting collectively, instead of as individuals,  
17 members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of  
18 gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the riot, the City's Health and Police  
19 Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San  
20 Francisco, some of which would also enable people to gain access to State and Federal anti-  
21 poverty programs. The riot to demand dignity succeeded in starting the long process to  
22 change society.

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 Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Case No. 2022-

1 005199DES, 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 (1) The spatial relationships within the public right-of-way at the intersection of  
4 Turk and Taylor Streets, being 68-feet, 9-inches in width, and extending north 52 feet from the  
5 corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street;

6 (2) Limited portions of the exterior walls of 101 Taylor Street, specifically, the  
7 lower 11-feet of the building which housed the storefront of the former Gene Compton's  
8 Cafeteria; extending north 52 feet from the corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the  
9 corner of Taylor Street.

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11 Section 4. Standards of Review for Applications.

12 The following scopes of work shall not require a Certificate of Appropriateness within  
13 the public right-of-way at the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, and extending north 52  
14 feet from the corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street:

15 (a) Signs, for businesses fronting the public right-of-way, or projecting into it as  
16 regulated by Article 6 of the Planning Code.

17 (b) Awnings or architectural features for buildings fronting the public right-of-way or  
18 projecting into it as regulated by Article 1.2 of the Planning Code.

19 (c) Signs for street, transit, bicycle, or pedestrian safety, direction, and identification,  
20 such as street names, speed limits, traffic signals, etc.

21 (d) Armatures and overhead wires for MUNI service.

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23 Section 5. Effective Date.

24 This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs  
25 when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not

1 sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the  
2 Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
5 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

6 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
7 ANDREA RUIZ-ESQUIDE  
8 Deputy City Attorney

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Exhibit D

# ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION FACT SHEET

<b>Historic Name:</b>	Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot
<b>Address:</b>	Intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets and 101 Taylor Street
<b>Block/ Lot(s):</b>	Between Assessor Blocks 0339, 0340, 0342 and 0343 Assessor’s Block 0339, Lot 003
<b>Parcel Area:</b>	N/A
<b>Zoning:</b>	N/A / RC-4
<b>Year Built:</b>	Year of Event: 1966
<b>Architect:</b>	N/A
<b>Prior Historic Studies/Other Designations:</b>	The proposed Landmark is within the Transgender Cultural District. Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History in San Francisco (Donna Graves and Shayne Watson-2015); Contributor to a district or multiple resource property listed in NR by the Keeper. Listed in the CR.
<b>Prior HPC Actions:</b>	HPC Work Program – under-represented communities.
<b>Significance Criteria:</b>	A/1 Association with associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
<b>Period of Significance:</b>	1966
<b>Statement of Significance (abbreviated, see detailed discussion below):</b>	The Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria riot is significant for its association with the first large-scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that resulted in lasting institutional change, surpassing Cooper Donut in impact, Dewey’s in militancy, and preceding the more important/larger Stonewall in time. By acting collectively, instead of as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the Riot, the City’s Health and Police Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San Francisco, some of which would also enable people to gain access to State and Federal anti-poverty programs. The Riot to demand dignity succeeded in starting the long process to change society. [See below for a more comprehensive statement]
<b>Assessment of Integrity:</b>	The seven aspects of Integrity are: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

	<p>As a resource significant for association for an event, certain aspects of integrity are more relevant than others. The location, setting feeling and association remain intact, as the essential characteristics of an urban intersection are unchanged. Workmanship, design and materials are less important. The storefront that had contained the Compton’s Cafeteria has undergone two significant changes since 1966, and is no longer an active storefront. The design and materials have been changed, yet it is still completely recognizable as the location, setting, feeling and associations are extant.</p>
<p><b>Character-Defining Features:</b></p>	<p>Within the public right-of-way: spatial relationships of the intersection and parts of adjacent streets.          At 101 Taylor Street: The lower 11-feet of the building which housed the storefronts of the former Gene Compton’s Cafeteria; extending north 52 feet from the corner of Turk Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street</p>

**Statement of Significance**

**Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot, August 1966<sup>1</sup>**

**Background Context**

In 1966, a group of transgender women and young gay men took direct action during the Compton’s Cafeteria riot, which “resulted in lasting institutional change”<sup>2</sup>. In the 1960s, the Tenderloin saw an influx of socially and economically marginalized people who had been forced out of areas in San Francisco that had been targeted for redevelopment, especially the Western Addition and South of Market areas. The combination of the increased and very mixed population, along with the Tenderloin’s already high number of low-income residents living in single-room-occupancy hotels or on the streets, led to neighborhood activists organizing for financial and social assistance.

Part of a local chain, the Gene Compton’s Cafeteria at 101 Taylor Street at the corner of Turk and Taylor Streets in the heart of the Tenderloin was a popular hangout for transgender women, young male hustlers, and others who lived and worked in the Tenderloin in the early 1960s. Compton’s

<sup>1</sup> Much of this text is based on the CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT FOR LGBTQ HISTORY IN SAN FRANCISCO by Donna J. Graves & Shayne E. Watson, October 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Susan Stryker, Transgender History (Berkeley: Seal Press, 2008) 64. Earlier transgender protests have been documented in Los Angeles (Cooper’s Donuts in 1959) and Philadelphia (Dewey’s in 1965).

Cafeteria was a brightly lit, inexpensive restaurant that was open 24 hours a day, and was one of the few places where transgender women could feel safe socializing.

Cheap residential hotels in the neighborhood were among the very few places that would rent rooms to them. Transgender activist Felicia “Flames” Elizondo found her first San Francisco home near Compton’s, where a transgender clerk named Amanda St. Jaymes “let us take tricks up to the room for five dollars.”<sup>3</sup> Elizondo says, “Golden Gate, Mason, Geary and Hyde Streets were the blocks where we felt comfortable.” Tamara Ching, another long-time transgender activist, says the Tenderloin was the easiest place for transgender women to engage in sex work “because everyone knew what was what, the customers knew who we were, what we were.”<sup>4</sup>

Members of the Tenderloin LGBTQ+ youth group Vanguard also gathered at Compton’s, bringing a more assertive and anti-assimilation<sup>5</sup> attitude that annoyed management, who began asking police to remove some patrons. In July 1966, a few dozen Vanguard youth organized a picket line in front of Compton’s to protest “physical and verbal abuse by the management and the “Pinkerton” Special Officers assigned there.”<sup>6</sup> Police at the time had the reputation for capriciousness, arrests were frequent, the charges being for female impersonation, and could result in placement in isolation for days at a time.<sup>7</sup>

### **The Riot August 1966**

Susan Stryker’s pioneering work on the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot documents transgender women in the Tenderloin participating in one of a series of early incidents of militant resistance against

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<sup>3</sup> Felicia Elizondo Flames, interviewed by Donna Graves, 15 March 2014. Elizondo also mentioned hotels named Camelot, King Edwards, and 111 Mason as places transgender women lived.

<sup>4</sup> Tamara Ching, interviewed by Donna Graves, 10 March 2014.

<sup>5</sup> Manolis, Sophia, “Vanguard Then and Now: An Evolution of Gay Youth Activism in the Tenderloin” FoundSF.org accessed 7.14.2022: [https://www.foundsf.org/index.php?title=Vanguard\\_Then\\_and\\_Now:\\_An\\_Evolution\\_of\\_Gay\\_Youth\\_Activism\\_in\\_the\\_Tenderloin](https://www.foundsf.org/index.php?title=Vanguard_Then_and_Now:_An_Evolution_of_Gay_Youth_Activism_in_the_Tenderloin)

<sup>6</sup> Both protests received media coverage. The Compton’s picket received television coverage by local ABC news. “Young Homos Picket Compton’s Restaurant” Cruise News & World Report, vol. 2, no. 8 August 1966 p 1. accessed [http://auralstories.blogspot.com/2013/07/vanguard-revisited-online-exhibit\\_1.html](http://auralstories.blogspot.com/2013/07/vanguard-revisited-online-exhibit_1.html)

<sup>7</sup> Amanda St. Jaymes, Interview in Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria, 2005 Victor Silverman and Susan Stryker



police harassment.<sup>8</sup> The riot took place over several days in August 1966—three years before the more well-known Stonewall riots in New York.

In August 1966, a police attempt to evict transgender women from the cafeteria inspired patrons to rebel, rather than submit to arrest as they had done previously. Transgender women and drag queens threw crockery and turned over tables as they fought with police, shattering the restaurant's plate-glass windows in the process. An angry crowd gathered at the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, and police called in backup, but the night ended with a police car wrecked and a corner newsstand set on fire. Many went to jail, but "there was a lot of joy after it happened" according to Amanda St. Jaymes. The next night a picket line with placards appeared at Compton's and again, shattered glass littered the sidewalk. Although the event did not receive press coverage at the time, Stryker notes that the Compton's Cafeteria Riot demonstrated a growing assertiveness and community consciousness among some transgender people and represented what Stryker describes as "the transgender community's debut on the stage of American political history."<sup>9</sup>

### **Cultural Significance**

The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection witnessed the first documented uprising of trans and queer people, In August of 1966, what is known as the Compton's Cafeteria Riot, due to the fact that it started as a confrontation between a police officer and a drag queen at Compton's Cafeteria at the intersection of Turk & Taylor and spilled out into the streets. The Compton's Cafeteria Riots of 1966 transpired three years before the Stonewall Inn Riots, which has been regarded as the quintessential event for the gay liberation movement, eclipsing other trailblazing events such as the Cooper Do-nuts Riot in Los Angeles in 1959 which did not evoke cultural changes. However, the revolutionary event that took place at the intersection of Turk & Taylor Streets must also be

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<sup>8</sup> Faderman and Timmons, *Gay L.A.: A History*, 1.

<sup>9</sup> Susan Stryker in documentary film, *Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria*, 2005. The film states that Compton's started closing at midnight after the riot, and patronage decreased. It closed in 1972 and was replaced by a porn shop.

recognized as a seminal event in the history of transgender liberation. As decades have passed San Francisco-based publications such as the San Francisco Chronicle and zines used by Tenderloin-based organizations like Vanguard, continue to uphold the prominence and impact of the Compton's Cafeteria Riots and regard the intersection of Turk & Taylor Streets as a historically and culturally important space.

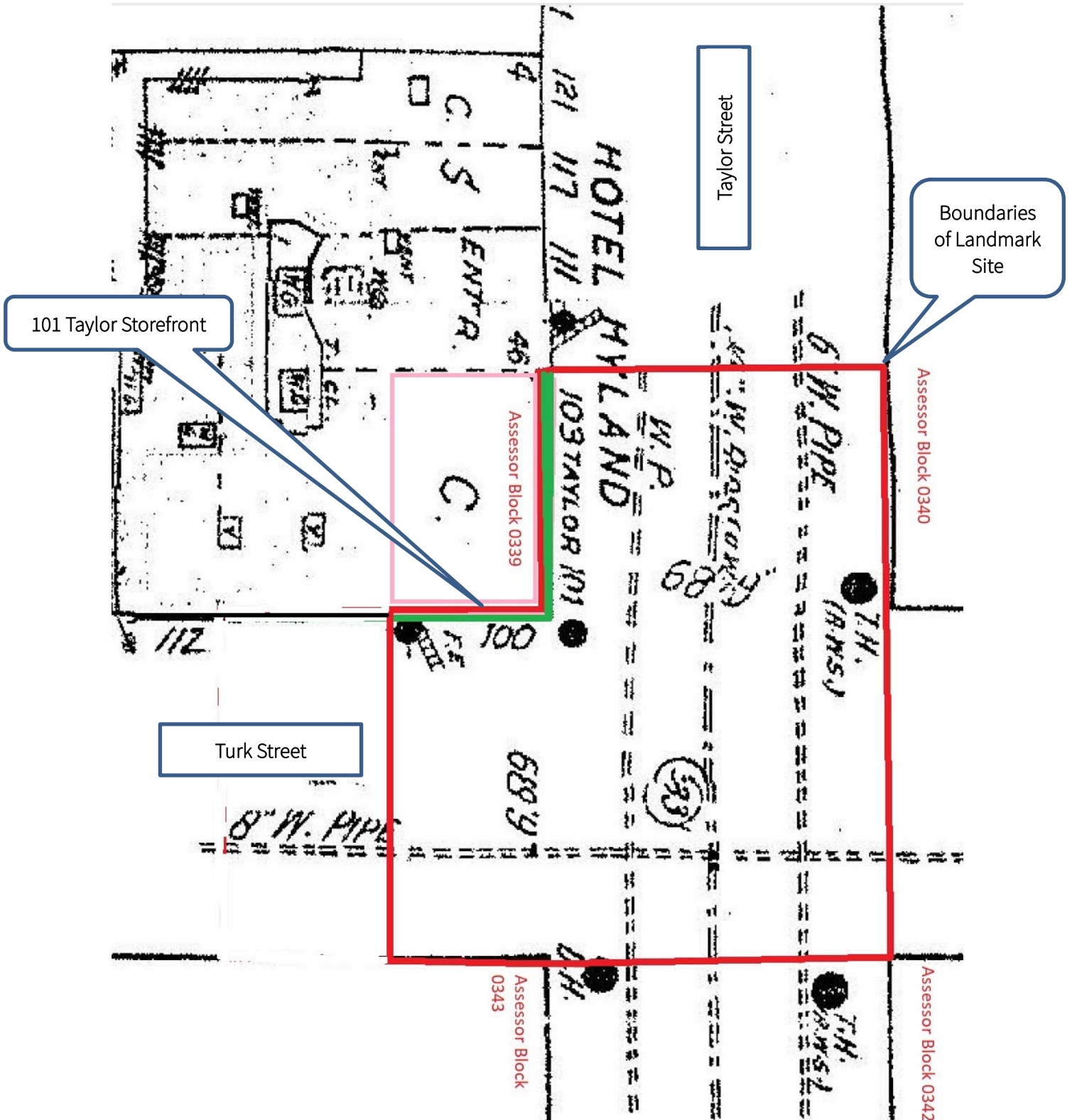
The "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" is significant given its association with an early documented "instance of collective militant queer resistance to police harassment United States history<sup>10</sup>". By acting collectively, instead of as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the Riot, the City's Health and Police Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San Francisco, some of which would also enable people to gain access to State and Federal anti-poverty programs. The Riot to demand dignity succeeded in starting the long process to change society.

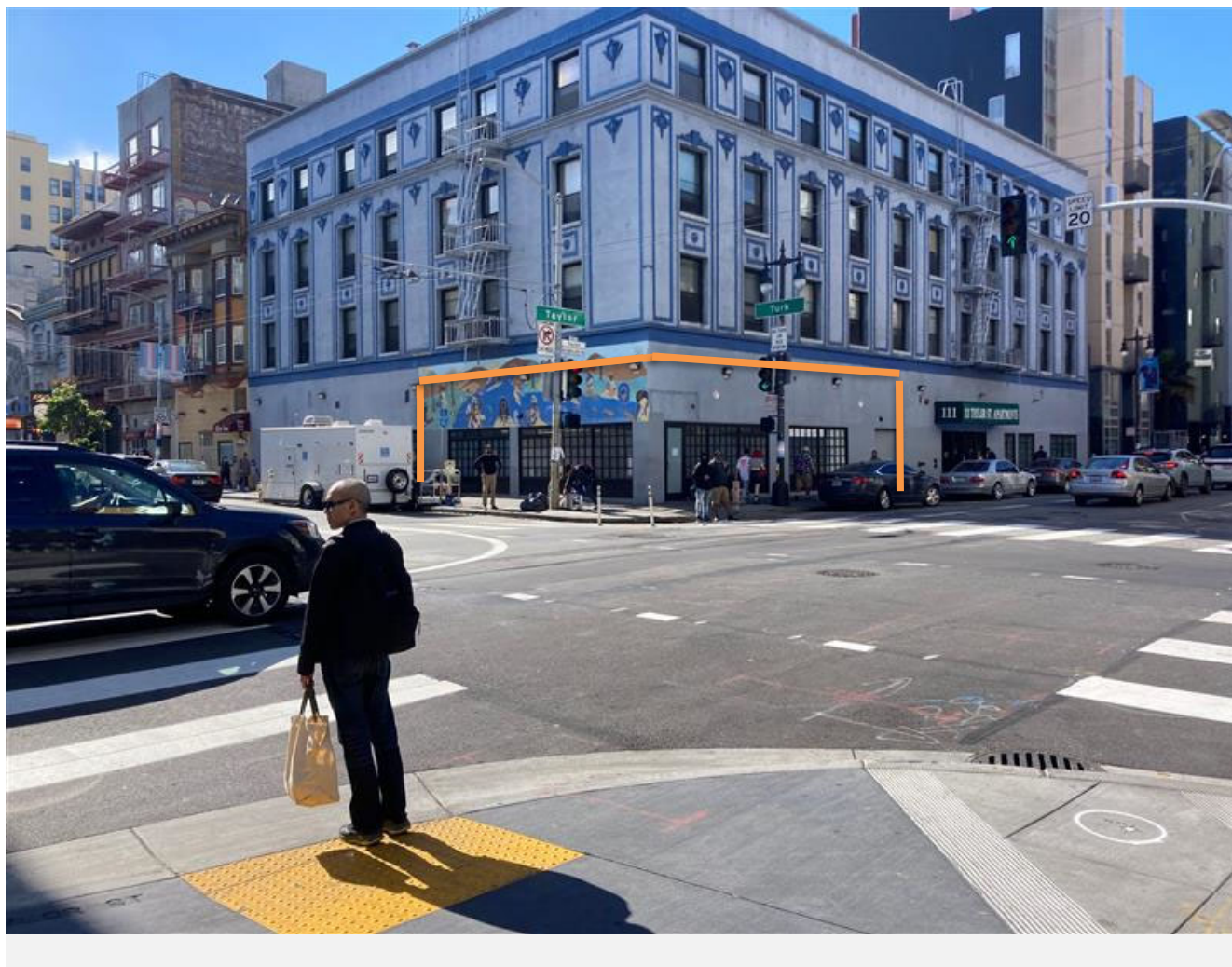
The corner of Turk & Taylor continues to be a valuable asset tethered to the history of transgender and queer individuals in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood and is a key monument for The Transgender Cultural District. The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection represent a sacred site for the transgender community capable of furthering social and historical awareness, educational opportunities, and economic investment in a neighborhood that has memorialized a prominent transgender presence. The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection was selected to be the site of the Black Trans Lives Matter Mural, a visual demonstration calling for awareness of the alarming violence perpetrated against transgender women, and disproportionately impacting Black transgender women. Recognizing symbols and monuments tethered to transgender liberation and activism supports and empowers an embattled community that struggles for equitable representation in documented history.

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid

Exhibit E: Map and Photos





Intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street looking northwest with 101 Taylor Street wall outlined.







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Historic Preservation Committee

2022-005199DES Public Comment

This letter is to offer my fullest support for the Turk and Taylor Landmark Designation Recommendation being put forward. I have read carefully the recommendation and supporting documentation. I understand the premise behind the action as well as agreeing with the supporting arguments.

Over and above my support, I would like to thank the city planning staff, who have prepared the document, for their excellent work.

Community is about caring. Community is recognizing a level of care that manifests beyond the conscious. Community is about doing something positive to foster the intrinsic bonds that underpin the group. This legislation is one of those acts.

As an architect, I am familiar with the rhythms of the city, the solids, and voids - the windows and walls that make up a street. I am sensitive to how they serve as a backdrop to foster, rightly or wrongly, social interaction. Behind those solids and voids are uses and activities whose presence is viewed through the glass, echoed through open doors, and hidden by the walls. Like the transparency of the Twin Peaks bar, Gene Compton's Cafeteria offered others a glimpse at a place for a marginalized group to safely gather.

Buildings like people change over time, but they remain imbued with the experiences and memories that have shaped them over time. In my case - student to architect, man to woman, younger to older. In the case of Turk and Taylor, the essence is still there. I am so pleased that the area, although physically changed from the original, still has energy present which is being recognized and preserved.

I have been fortunate to have had a small audience with the Pope and I have met the Dali Lama. Recently I recently did a small project at the Twin Peaks bar and now I have the opportunity to support this project. I feel blessed.

I trust you will all support and pass this recommendation.

Jennifer Howard 25891



# LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1264

**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 17, 2022**

**Record No.:** 2022-005199DES  
**Project Address:** Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riots and 101 Taylor Street (Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot)  
**Zoning:** None; RC-4  
None; 80-T-120-T Height and Bulk District  
**Block/Lot:** None, 0339/003  
**Project Sponsor:** Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
City Hall, Room 244,  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689  
**Property Owner:** San Francisco Public Works (Streets and sidewalks)  
City and County of San Francisco  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1600  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
WBP Leasing Inc (101-121 Taylor Street)  
621 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> St. #700  
Boca Raton, FL 33487  
**Staff Contact:** Moses Corrette 628-652-7356  
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE "SITE OF THE COMPTON'S CAFETERIA RIOT", INTERSECTION OF TURK AND TAYLOR STREETS, AND A PORTION OF 101-121 TAYLOR STREET ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0339, LOT NO. 003, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, on April 26, 2022, Supervisors Preston, Mandelman and Melgar introduced a proposed Resolution under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File No. 220461 to initiate the Landmark designation process for the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street situated within The Transgender Cultural District and
2. WHEREAS, on May 23, 2022, the Board of Supervisors at its Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting amended and recommended unanimously to Recommend to the full Board approval of the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, with Supervisor Safai also becoming a co-sponsor (Board File No. 220461); and
3. WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to initiate Landmark

Designation, and on June 17, 2020, Resolution No. 283-22 became effective (Board File No. 220461); and

4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet for the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot", which was reviewed for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of August 17, 2022, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" historical significance pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary dated August 17, 2022, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" as a Landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" is identified as a significant event in the CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT FOR LGBTQ HISTORY IN SAN FRANCISCO by Donna J. Graves & Shayne E. Watson, 2015; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" is also proper given its association with the first large-scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by sexuality/gender that resulted in lasting institutional change, surpassing Cooper Donut in impact, Dewey's in militancy, and preceding the more important/larger Stonewall in time. By acting collectively, instead of as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause to enable a greater freedom of gender expression without oppression. Moreover, after the Riot, the City's Health and Police Departments began to develop supportive programs for the transgender people in San Francisco, some of which would also enable people to gain access to State and Federal anti-poverty programs. The Riot to demand dignity succeeded in starting the long process to change society; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" meet one of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priority areas for designation: property types associated with under-represented social and/or cultural groups; and
10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that designation of the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" advances the objectives outlined in Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Resolution No. 1127, adopted in 2020, otherwise called *Centering Preservation Planning on Racial and Social Equity*, which states goals for how the Commission and the Planning Department can develop proactive strategies to address structural and institutional racism and center their work and resource allocation on racial and social equity, focused on preservation; and
11. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot" meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
12. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1004.2(b), the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries be



expanded to include minor portions of Turk and Taylor Streets as well as portions of 101-Taylor street, and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the Site's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and

13. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code, Section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that landmarks and historic buildings be preserved, and will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302; and
14. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical); and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of the "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot", the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets together with portions of 101 Taylor Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003 consistent with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs directed Staff to work with appropriate agencies and community to further emphasize the site with more information.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on August 17, 2022.



Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Wright, Black, Foley, So, Nageswaran, Matsuda  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Johns  
ADOPTED: August 17, 2022

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the City and County of San Francisco will hold a public hearing to consider the following hearing matter and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

**Date:** November 14, 2022

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** **IN-PERSON MEETING INFORMATION**  
Legislative Chamber, Room 250, located at City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA

**REMOTE ACCESS**

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Public Comment Call-In: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>

**Subject:** **File No. 220924.** Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 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"), as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code; 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.

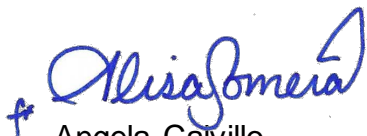
In accordance with Administrative Code, Section 67.7-1, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments prior to the time the hearing begins. These comments will be made as part of the official public record in this

matter and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or sent via email ([board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)). Information relating to this matter is available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Research Center (<https://sfbos.org/legislative-research-center-lrc>). Agenda information relating to this matter will be available for public review on Friday, November 11, 2022.

For any questions about this hearing, please contact the Assistant Clerk for the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

Erica Major ([Erica.Major@sfgov.org](mailto:Erica.Major@sfgov.org)) ~ (415) 554-4441)

**Please Note:** *The Department is open for business, but employees are working from home. Please allow 48 hours for us to return your call or email.*



Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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# Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot landmark designation

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11.14, 2022  
Board of supervisors – Land use  
and transportation committee



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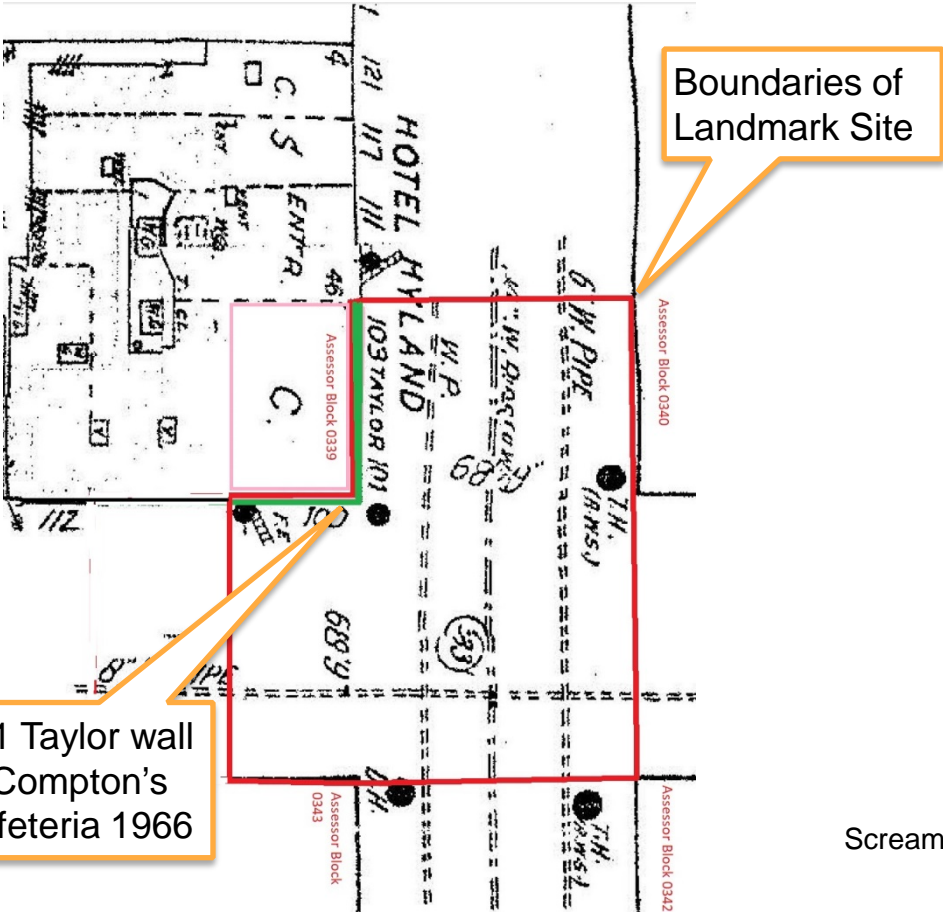
# Legislative Process

- **The Intersection of Turk and Taylor was initiated by the Board of Supervisors.**
- **Located within the Transgender District and a National Register Historic District.**
- **The Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution to recommend designation of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot:**
  - 1. Redefine the boundaries of the landmark site to include the intersection, with extensions to coincide with the former storefronts as well as the lower building walls of 101 Taylor Street that housed the former diner.**
  - 2. Recommend that additional interpretive measures be incorporated in the future.**

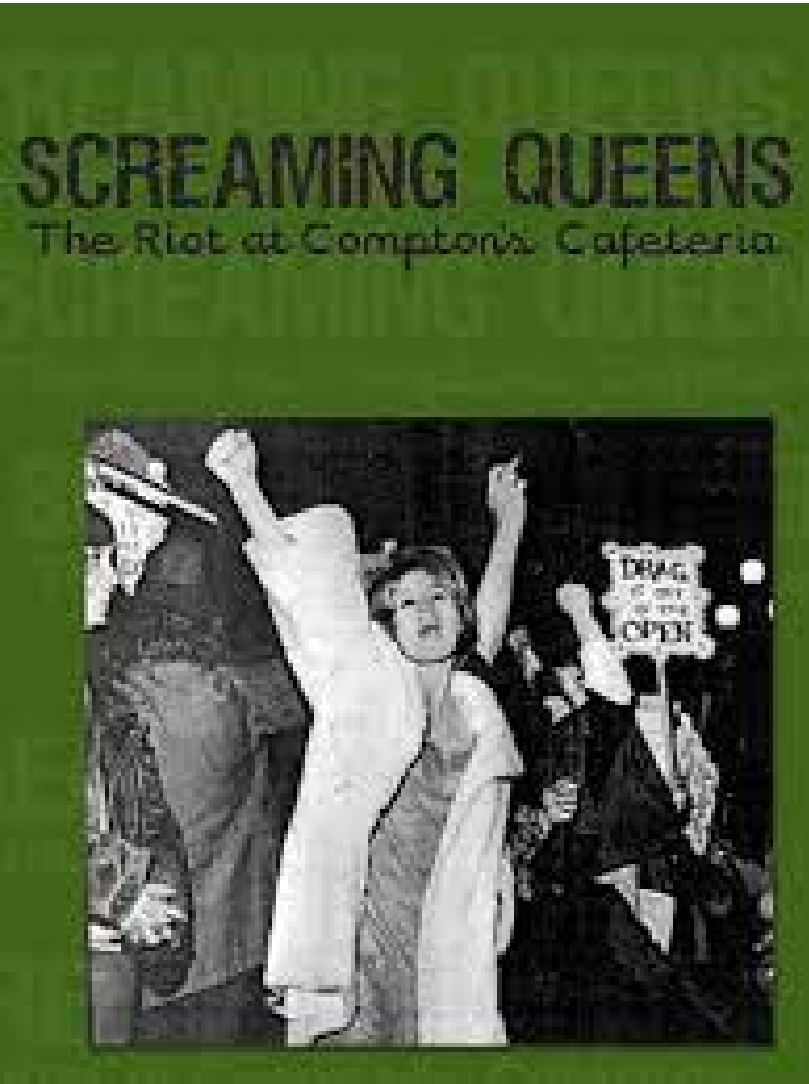




# Significance of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot



Detail from 1998 Sanborn Map, subject property highlighted  
Source: Planning Department



Screaming Queens documentary film about the Compton's Cafeteria Riot  
Source: imdb.com

# Issues and Considerations

As presented in the Ordinance,  
Character-Defining Features are:

- (1) Spatial Relationships within the public right-of-way;
- (2) Limited portions of the 101 Taylor Street being the lower 11-feet of the walls that housed the Compton's Cafeteria in 1966. (Building owners do not object to designation)

**Integrity:** As a resource significant for association for an event, certain aspects of integrity are more relevant than others.

The location, setting feeling and association remain intact, as the essential characteristics of an urban intersection are unchanged.



THANK YOU



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- **Dr. Susan Stryker, Donna Graves and Shayne Watson**, Historians whose work formed the basis for the designation and as professional readers.
- **Honey Mahogany**, Former D6 Legislative Aide.
- **Aria Sa'Id, Jupiter Peraza, Sean Greene, and Sam Favela**, Transgender District leadership.



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## MYRNA MELGAR

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DATE: November 8, 2022

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT

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Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, November 15, as a Committee Report:

**220924          Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 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"), as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code; 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.

This matter will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Myrna Melgar".

Supervisor Myrna Melgar  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors