



# LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1333

**HEARING DATE: JUNE 21, 2023**

**Record No.:** 2023-003440DES  
**Project Address:** Colombo Market Arch (600 Front Street, within Sydney Walton Park)  
**Zoning:** RC-4 (Residential-Commercial, High Density)  
OS Height and Bulk District  
**Cultural District:** N/A  
**Block/Lot:** 0172/010 (a portion of)  
**Project Sponsor:** SF Planning Department  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400  
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**Property Owner:** Golden Gateway Center SPE LLC  
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF COLOMBO MARKET ARCH (600 FRONT STREET, WITHIN SYDNEY WALTON SQUARE), A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0172, LOT NO. 010, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, Supervisor Peskin introduced, and referred for adoption without committee recommendation, a Resolution under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File No. 230232 to initiate the Landmark designation process for Colombo Market Arch (600 Front Street, within Sydney Walton Square), a portion of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0172, Lot No. 010; and
2. WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, and on March 17, 2023, with the Mayor's signature, Resolution No. 099-23 became effective (Board File No. 230232); and
3. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Executive Summary and Fact Sheet for Colombo Market Arch, and reviewed the Local Landmark nomination, prepared by historian Richard Brandi, for accuracy and

conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and

4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of June 21, 2023, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the historian-produced Local Landmark nomination of Colombo Market Arch cultural and historical significance pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary, dated June 14, 2023; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of Colombo Market Arch, the sole surviving element of the Colombo Market building, as a Landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Colombo Market Arch is the sole surviving remnant of the Colombo Market building, a building constructed by architect Clinton Day in 1894 (reconstructed in 1906) that was, along with the surrounding produce district, demolished for construction of the Golden Gateway Center in the early 1960s by the Redevelopment Agency under Justin Herman with the Colombo Market Arch retained and incorporated as an entrance to the private Sydney Walton Park; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that Colombo Market Arch is eligible for local designation for its association with the Italian-American community and with the Colombo Market, the first purpose-built, enclosed wholesale market for fruit, vegetables, and related agricultural products, and catalyst for the city's produce district; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that Colombo Market Arch meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to Colombo Market Arch historical significance, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and draft Ordinance, should be amended to remove the term "free-standing" from the character-defining features; and
10. 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
11. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15308 (Categorical Exemption Class Eight), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of Colombo Market Arch (600 Front Street, within Sydney Walton Park), a portion of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0172, Lot No. 010, consistent with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code. Further, the Historic Preservation Commission recommends that consideration be given to identifying and preserving any extant original paint and that an interpretive panel, or similar, be installed to provide information about Colombo Market Arch.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on June 21, 2023.



Jonas P. Ionin  
*Commission Secretary*

AYES: Vergara, Wright, Foley, So, Nageswaran, Matsuda

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: June 21, 2023