



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 995 HEARING DATE OCTOBER 17, 2018

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*Case No.* 2017-001773DES  
*Project:* 524 Union Street (aka Paper Doll)  
*Re:* Recommend Article 10 Landmark Designation  
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### RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 524 UNION STREET (AKA PAPER DOLL), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0103, LOT NO. 009, AS LANDMARK NO. 995

1. WHEREAS, a community-sponsored Landmark Designation Application for Article 10 Landmark Designation for 524 Union Street submitted to the Planning Department by property owner Beverly Smucha; and
2. WHEREAS, Department Staff Shannon Ferguson, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, reviewed the Landmark Nomination for 524 Union Street for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 5, 2018, reviewed Department staff's analysis of 524 Union Street's historical significance per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated September 5, 2018 and initiated Landmark designation process through Resolution 971; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 524 Union Street nomination is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 524 Union Street is eligible for local designation as it is significant as one of the earliest LGBTQ bars that is associated with the development of LGBTQ communities in San Francisco; and is also significant for its association with owner Dante Benedetti who became one of the people on the front lines in the fight for LBGTQ civil rights in San Francisco in the 1950s.; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 524 Union Street meets one of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priorities for designation which is the designation of properties with strong cultural or ethnic associations; and

7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 524 Union Street meets the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of exterior character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
9. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code sections 101.1 and 302; and furthers Priority Policy 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved; and
10. 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 524 Union Street (aka Paper Doll), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0103, Lot No. 009 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on October 17, 2018.



Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Black, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman, Wolfram

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hyland

ADOPTED: October 17, 2018