

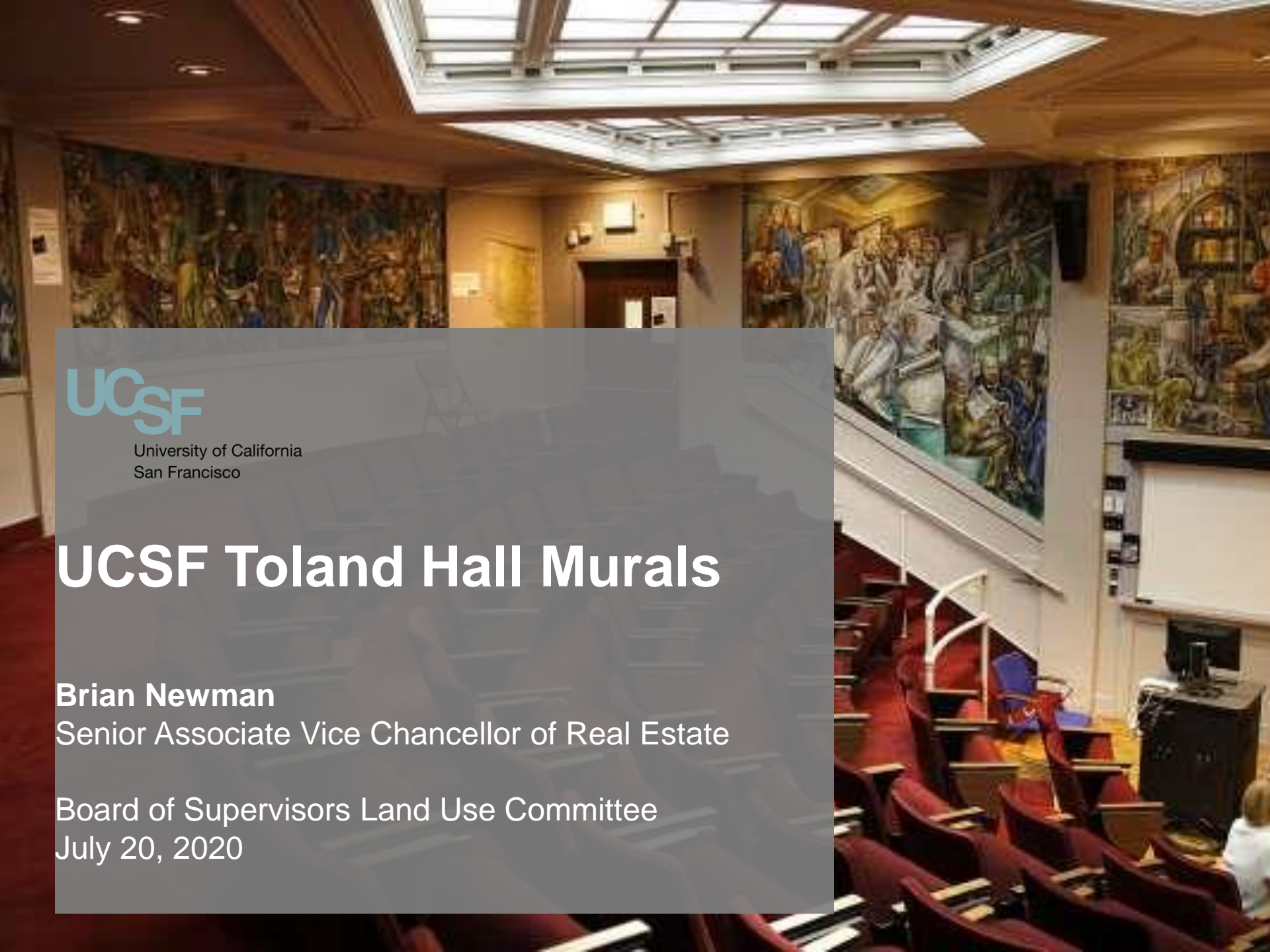


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UCSF Toland Hall Murals

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UCSF needs to replace seismically deficient UC Hall



UC Hall Today

- Built in 1917
- Functionally obsolete
- Does not meet modern seismic safety standards



Planned Research and Administration Building

- Critical to UCSF's mission of research, education, and patient care.
- Part of UCSF's Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan

“History of Medicine” Murals

- 10 large panels
- Painted by Bernard Zakheim between 1935 -1938
- Commissioned as part of a New Deal–era arts program.



Why are the murals difficult to move?

- **Fragile:** the frescoes are part of the wall, are very old, and some are water-damaged.
- **Curved:** most of the walls in Toland Hall are round.
- **Large and Heavy:** each weighs approx. 2,500 lbs.



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What is UCSF doing now?

- **Preserving the murals digitally**, for display at UCSF's library.
- **Engaging with Zakheim family and other stakeholders** on options to remove the murals.
- **Working to transfer a high-resolution image** of the panel featuring midwife Bidley Mason onto canvas so that her Foundation may display the artwork.



Stakeholders UCSF has Engaged

- San Francisco Board of Supervisors
- San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission
- San Francisco Arts Commission
- Nathan Zakheim (son of muralist Bernard Zakheim)
- Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation
- U.S. General Services Administration
- CA Office of Historic Preservation
- San Francisco Heritage
- Page and Turnbull – historic preservation firm
- Architectural Resources Group – historic preservation firm

Questions?



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