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Case No.: 2011.1123L
Project: Twin Peaks Tavern
Zoning: Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District
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RESOLUTION TO INITIATE ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 401 CASTRO STREET, THE TWIN PEAKS TAVERN, LOT 71 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 3582, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX PURSUANT TO 1004.1 OF THE PLANNING CODE.

1. WHEREAS, in May 2011, the Historic Preservation Commission included 401 Castro, the Twin Peaks Tavern (Twin Peaks Tavern), on the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, Planning Department staff Moses Corrette, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the draft Landmark Designation Report, which was reviewed and edited by Tim Frye of the Department 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 19, 2012, reviewed Department staff's analysis of 401 Castro Street, the Twin Peaks Tavern's historical significance per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated September 19, 2012; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 401 Castro Street, the Twin Peaks Tavern, nomination is in the form prescribed by the HPC and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 401 Castro Street, the Twin Peaks Tavern, conveys its association as the first known gay bar to feature full length open plate glass windows, and as a living symbol of the liberties and rights gained by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) community in the second half of the 20th century.

6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 401 Castro Street, the Twin Peaks Tavern, appears to meet the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the draft Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the district's historical significance and retain historical integrity.
8. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.0 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, in particular, which states, that historic buildings be preserved, for reasons set for the in the September 19, 2012 Case Report; and
9. 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 initiates landmark designation of 401 Castro Street, the Twin Peaks Tavern, Assessor's Block 3582 Lot 071, pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code inclusive of a requested revision to page 28 of the report to remove the attribution of Charlotte Coleman as the first lesbian bar owner in San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on September 19, 2012.



Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Chase, Damkroger, Hasz, Johns, Martinez, Matsuda, Wolfram
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none
ADOPTED: September 19, 2012