



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 719

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### RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN ARTICLE 11 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION FOR 660 CALIFORNIA STREET, HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS THE OLD ST. MARY'S RECTORY, LOT 011 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0241, AS A CATEGORY III (CONTRIBUTORY) BUILDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1106 OF THE PLANNING CODE

1. WHEREAS, the project sponsor Edward Suharski initiated the Article 11 change of designation of 660 California Street from a Category V (Unrated) to a Category III (Contributory) building and submitted an Article 11 Change of Designation report; and
2. WHEREAS, the 660 California Street Article 11 Change of Designation Report was prepared by Page and Turnbull, an architectural consulting firm that meets the Secretary of Interiors' Professional Qualification Standards for Historic Preservation; and
3. WHEREAS, the property owner, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, supports the change of designation; and
4. WHEREAS, Planning Department staff reviewed the application for completeness, accuracy, and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 11; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of November 20, 2013, reviewed Planning Department staff's analysis of 660 California Street's historical significance per Article 11 as part of the Case Report dated October 25, 2013; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 660 California Street meets the criteria for Category III building designation per Section 1102(c) of the Planning Code as documented in the Case Report dated October 25, 2013; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 660 California Street meets the grounds for a change of designation per Section 1106(h) in that by the passage of time the building has become at least 40 years old, making it eligible to be considered for designation as a Significant or Contributory building, and that the discovery of new factual information makes the building eligible for rating as a Building of Individual Importance and, therefore, eligible to be designated as a Contributory building; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 660 California Street appears to meet the eligibility requirements per Section 1106 of the Planning Code and warrants

consideration for Article 11 change of designation to a Category III (Contributory) building;  
and

9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundary and the list of exterior character-defining features, as identified in the October 25, 2013 Case Report, should be considered for preservation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
10. WHEREAS, the proposed change of 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 historic buildings be preserved, for reasons set forth in the October 25, 2013 Case Report; and
11. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that Article 11 designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of the change of designation of 660 California Street, Assessor's Block 0241, Lot 011 from a Category V (Unrated) building to a Category III (Contributory) building pursuant to Article 11 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on November 20, 2013.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Hasz, Matsuda, Johnck, Johns, Hyland, Pearlman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: November 20, 2013