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Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 730

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Date: January 29, 2014
Case No.: 2013.1533U
Project Name: **Union Iron Works Historic District**
Zoning: M-2 (Heavy Industrial), P (Public)
40-X, 65-X Height and Bulk District
Blocks/Lots: 4046/001, 4046/002, 4052/001, 4110/001, 4110/003, 4110/004, 9900/068,
9900/070, and a portion of 4120/002
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Recommendation: **Send resolution of findings recommending that OHP approve nomination of the subject property to the National Register**

ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT THE UNION IRON WORKS HISTORIC DISTRICT (ASSESSOR'S BLOCK/LOT 4046/001, 4046/002, 4052/001, 4110/001, 4110/003, 4110/004, 9900/068, 9900/070, AND A PORTION OF 4120/002) BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2013, Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer, forwarded a request to the San Francisco Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for review and comment on the nomination of the Union Iron Works Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places (hereinafter "National Register").

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Certified Local Government Agreement between the Office of Historic Preservation (hereinafter "OHP") and the City and County of San Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") is provided with a sixty (60) day review and comment period

to provide written comments to the OHP before the State Historical Resources Commission takes action on the above-stated National Register nomination.

WHEREAS, The National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the Union Iron Works Historic District was prepared for the Port of San Francisco by qualified consultants Nancy Goldenberg and Allison Vanderslice of Carey & Co. in 2007-2008 and revised by Nancy Goldenberg of Carey & Co. in 2013.

WHEREAS, The National Register is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. The National Register's criteria for evaluating the significance of properties were designed to recognize the accomplishments of all peoples who have made a contribution to the Nation's heritage in the areas of Events, Persons, Design/Construction, and Information Potential. The four National Register criteria are designed to guide state and local governments, federal agencies and others in evaluating potential entries into the National Register.

WHEREAS, According to the nomination's summary, the Union Iron Works Historic District is a maritime industrial district eligible for the National Register under Criterion A (Events) and Criterion C (Design/Construction). Under Criterion A, the district is nationally significant in the Industry - Maritime Area of Significance for its association with the development of steel hull shipbuilding in the United States, its pioneering technological developments in shipbuilding, and the production of significant wartime vessels. Under Criterion C, the district is locally significant in the Architecture - Industrial Area of Significance as a physical record of factory design and industrial architecture. The period of significance begins in 1884, with the construction of the shipyard, and ends in 1945 at the close of World War II and the maximum build-out of the yard.

WHEREAS, At its hearing on February 5, 2014, the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of Union Iron Works Historic District to the National Register.

WHEREAS, In reviewing the nomination, the Commission has had available for its review and consideration reports, photographs, and other materials pertaining to the nomination contained in the Department's case file, and has reviewed and heard testimony and received materials from interested parties during the public hearing on the Project.

WHEREAS, The Commission agrees that the Union Iron Works Historic District is eligible for the National Register at the national level of significance under Criterion A (Events) and at the local level of significance under Criterion C (Design/Construction) with a period of significance of 1884 to 1945.

WHEREAS, The Commission relies on National Register nominations as vital documentation and evidence for the significance of historic resources in San Francisco, the nomination would benefit from minor edits and clarifications as outlined in the Planning Department's National Register Nomination Case Report.

WHEREAS, Properties listed in the National Register are automatically included in the California Register of Historical Resources and afforded consideration in accordance with state and local environmental review procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby supports the nomination of the Union Iron Works Historic District to the National Register.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission **recommends** that the nomination include minor edits and clarifications as outlined in the Planning Department's National Register Nomination Case Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby **recommends** that the Union Iron Works Historic District, a 65-acre property owned by the Port of San Francisco located on the east side of Illinois Street between 18th and 22nd Streets, (Assessor's Blocks/Lots 4046/001, 4046/002, 4052/001, 4110/001, 4110/003, 4110/004, 9900/068, 9900/070, and a portion of 4120/002) be nominated to the National Register, and that OHP process the National Register nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Motion, and other pertinent materials in the case file 2013.1533U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **Adopted** by the Historic Preservation Commission on February 5, 2014.

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Commission Secretary

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NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED: A. Hyland

ADOPTED: February 5, 2014