



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 735

HEARING DATE: JULY 16, 2014

*Date:* July 16, 2014  
*Case No.:* 2014.0860U  
*Project Address:* 1772 Vallejo Street (Burr House)  
*Zoning:* RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family), 40-X Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 0552/029  
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**ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT 1772 VALLEJO STREET (THE BURR HOUSE), LOT 029 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0552, BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT, SUBJECT TO REVISIONS, THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.**

### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On May 30, 2014, 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 1772 Vallejo Street, also known as the Burr House, on Lot 029 in Assessor's Block 0552, 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 forty-five (45) 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 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, At its hearing on July 16, 2014, the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of 1772 Vallejo Street, the Burr House, 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, According to the nomination's summary, 1772 Vallejo Street, the Burr House, is locally significant under National Register Criterion C (Design/Construction) for being an exceptional example of a circa 1878 Italianate and Second Empire style residence located within an intact garden setting.

WHEREAS, The Commission recognizes that 1772 Vallejo Street, the Burr House, was listed as San Francisco Landmark No. 31 in 1970, and that the Landmark ordinance specifically mentions that the garden setting is an important aspect of the property.

WHEREAS, The property also includes a circa 1878 vernacular style cottage in the rear of the main house, which was constructed as a chemistry laboratory for owner, Edmund Burr.

WHEREAS, The Commission agrees that the property is locally significant under National Register Criteria C (Design/Construction), but also finds that the nomination should include the rear cottage and garden as contributing elements of the property.

WHEREAS, The Commission finds that the interior of the third floor family room, including its wood paneling, bookcases and skylight, retains integrity to the period of significance and should be identified as a significant feature of the property.

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 additional minor clarifications as outlined in the Planning Department's National Register Nomination Case Report.

WHEREAS, Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places 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 Historic Preservation Commission hereby supports the nomination of 1772 Vallejo Street, the Burr House, to the National Register, but **recommends** that it be revised to include the rear cottage and garden as contributing features under Criterion C, and that the nomination include minor clarifications as outlined in the Planning Department's National Register

Nomination Case Report. The Commission **further recommends** that the Burr House, as well as its rear cottage, be considered for their potential significance under Criterion A for association with the early development of Pacific Heights. The Commission **further recommends** that the interior of the third floor family room be identified as a significant character-defining feature of the property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, subject to these revisions, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby **recommends** that the property located at 1772 Vallejo Street, the Burr House, as well as its rear cottage and garden, located on Lot 029 in Assessor's Block 0552, be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, and that the Office of Historic Preservation process the National Register nomination.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Motion, and other pertinent materials in the case file 2014.0860U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was **Adopted** by the Historic Preservation Commission on July 16, 2014.

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Commission Secretary

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RECUSED:

ADOPTED: July 16, 2014