

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING LANDMARK

FILE NO. 90-80-4.

ORDINANCE NO. 409-80

DESIGNATING Chambers Mansion

AS A LANDMARK

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

Be It Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that

Chambers Mansion located at 2220 Sacramento St., being Lot 5 in Assessor's Block 627, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the standards set forth therein.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Chambers Mansion is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 8554 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-80-4.

(b) Required Data. The descriptions of the location and boundaries of the Landmark site; of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation; and of the particular features that should be preserved; as included in the said Resolution, are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GEORGE AGOSTI  
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By David Krasnick  
Deputy City Attorney

By Rai Y. Okamoto  
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Director of Planning

Passed for Second Reading  
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

AUG 22 1980

Ayes: Supervisors Bardis, Britt, Horanzy, Hutch, Kopp, Lawson, Molinari, Renne, Silver, Walker,

Noes: Supervisors

Absent: Supervisors RENNE WARD

W. Boorman Clerk

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Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed  
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

SEP 2 1980

Ayes: Supervisors Bardis, Britt, Hutch, Kopp, Lawson, Molinari, Renne, Silver,

Noes: Supervisors

Absent: Supervisors HORANZY WALKER WARD

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

W. Boorman Clerk

John J. Burton  
Mayor

CORRECTED  
June 19, 1980

SAN FRANCISCO  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO 8554

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WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission on April 3, 1980 considered an application (LM80.3) by the property owner for designation of the Chambers Mansion at 2220-2222 Sacramento Street (Lot 5 in Assessor's Block 627) as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, Said application was filed with the Department of City Planning on January 9, 1980 thereby initiating the designation; and

WHEREAS, The Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board reviewed the application on January 16, 1980 and voted to recommend to the Commission that the Chambers Mansion should be designated as a Landmark based on the building's conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 and based on its special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and

WHEREAS, The Board communicated their recommendation and their concerns about the appropriateness of certain aspects of the existing building and site in a presentation to the Commission on April 3, 1980; and

WHEREAS, A case report has been prepared on the Chambers Mansion which contains substantial information demonstrating the building's conformity to the standards of Article 10:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission finds the Chambers Mansion at 2220-2222 Sacramento to be of special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code, and hereby APPROVES the application for designation as a Landmark, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lot 5 in Assessor's Block 625; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the building should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof, and as described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other materials on file at the Department of City Planning in Docket LM80.3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of April 3, 1980.

Lee Woods, Jr.  
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Karasick, Kelleher, Nakashima, Starbuck.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Dearman, Rosenblatt.

PASSED: April 3, 1980.



# LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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**BUILDING NAME:** Chambers Mansion

**OWNER:** Robert C. Pritikin

**BUILDING ADDRESS:** 2220-2222 Sacramento Street

**BLOCK AND LOT:** 627/5

**ZONING:** RH-2

### BACKGROUND

Original occupant/use R.C. Chambers/Residence  
 Current occupant/use The Mansion Hotel  
 No. of stories: 2½ + Bsmt & Attic  
 Exterior Materials Rusticated Clapboard  
 Window Type Mostly Double-hung  
 Lobby/Public Spaces Exceptional/See Case Report



### CRITERIA

#### A. Architecture

Style Queen Anne w/ Gothic & Tuscan Ornament  
 Type of Construction Wood Frame  
 Date of Construction 1887 (Addition 1917)  
 Design Quality Excellent  
 Architect/Builder J.C. Mathews & Son  
 Interior (Public Bldg. Only) N/A

#### B. History

(A brief narrative associating the building with persons, events and/or patterns of significance):  
 Built as metropolitan residence for R.C. Chambers, who was of regional significance as a Utah industrialist who made his metropolitan residence in San Francisco; socially prominent figure in the West during the 1880's. Building illustrates pattern of development of the Mansion District

#### C. Environment

(Relation to surroundings in terms of continuity, setting and/or importance as a visual landmark)  
 First House in the row to be built  
 Unusually large setbacks and grounds  
 Conspicuous in the context of the neighborhood

#### D. Integrity

(Cite alterations, if any and current physical condition):  
 West tower added by Architect Houghton Sawyer in 1917, at which time the building was moved 10 feet to the east. Current condition good.

### RATINGS

BCP INVENTORY: 3 HERITAGE  HERE TODAY:  LAFD VOTE:  STATE LANDMARK:  No  
 mentioned  CPC VOTE  NATIONAL LANDMARK:  No  
 NATIONAL REGISTER:  Eligible

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(Pertaining to the special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value) Primary significance as an excellent example of victorian (Queen Anne) architecture by a prominent architect (Mathews) built for one of richest and most politically powerfull men in the intermountain region in the 1880's, who made his fortune in the interior and built his city mansion in the local regional metropolis (San Francisco). The building also characterizes the patterns of development of the Mansion District as its growth parallels the development of the cable car system.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** list original sources on back of this page. See case report attached (prepared by R. Delahanty)

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