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1 DESIGNATING THE CLAY STREET CENTER AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO SECTION
2 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

3 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

4 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Clay
5 Street Center located at 940 Powell and 965 Clay Streets, being lots
6 18 and 24 in Assessor's Block 224, has a special character and special
7 aesthetic, architectural and historic interest and value, and that its
8 designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance
9 with the purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the
10 standards set forth therein.

11 (a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning
12 Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the
13 Clay Street Center at 940 Powell and 965 Clay Streets is hereby
14 designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved
15 by Resolution No. 8751 of the City Planning Commission, which
16 Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under
17 File No. 90-80-15.

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

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
25 GEORGE AGNOST, CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

26 By: Alice L. H. Barkley
27 Deputy City Attorney

28 By: Rai Y. Okamoto
29 Director of Planning

30 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

NOV 24 1980

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

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors, BARDIS, HORANZY
HUTCH, WARD

Y. H. Bowman Clerk

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Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed
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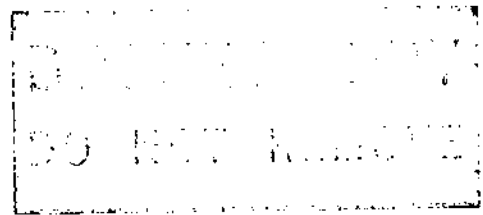
~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors HUTCH, KOPP

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

Y. H. Bowman Clerk

D. M. ...
Mayor



SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 8750

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Clay Street Center at 940 Powell Street and 965 Clay Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on April 16, 1980, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on October 16, 1980 to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, the Clay Street Center at 940 Powell Street and 965 Clay Street as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lots 8, 18 and 24 in Assessor's Block 224;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 194 as adopted on April 16, 1980 which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark 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 material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket LMSC.7;

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 October 16, 1980.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Dearman, Karasick, Kelleher, Rosenblatt, Starbuck.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Bierman, Nakashima.

PASSED: October 16, 1980.



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

100 LARKIN STREET • CIVIC CENTER • SAN FRANCISCO • 94102

FINAL CASE REPORT, RESIDENCE CLUB AND CLAY STREET CENTER APPROVED MAY 21, 1980

BUILDING NAME CLAY STREET CENTER

OWNER: YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF SAN FRANCISCO

BUILDING ADDRESS 965 CLAY STREET

BLOCK AND LOT:
224/24, PORTION LOT 18

ZONING RM4

BACKGROUND

Original occupant/use	residences, social services
Current occupant/use	social services
No. of stories:	one to three
Exterior Materials	brick
Window Type	steel casement
Lobby/Public Spaces	Chinese motif



CRITERIA

A. Architecture

Style	of Chinese influence
Type of Construction	Brick
Date of Construction	October 8, 1932
Design Quality	Excellent
Architect/Builder	Julia Morgan/K.E. Parker
Interior	use of traditional Chinese courtyard

B. History

(a brief narrative associating the building with persons, events and/or patterns of significance):

The founding of the Chinese YWCA was the result of efforts of both missionary workers and Chinese community members who saw the need for social services among Chinese women. Among them were Mrs. P.D. Browne, Donaldina Cameron, Mrs. Poon Chew.

C. Environment

(relation to surroundings in terms of continuity, setting and/or importance as a visual landmark)

The architecture expresses the ethnic composition of the neighborhood, reflecting Nob Hill on the Powell Street side and Chinatown on the Clay Street side.

D. Integrity

(cite alterations, if any, and current physical condition)

Presently being brought up to date to comply with structural safety requirements with the use of gunite on the interior surfaces of the brick walls of the gym. Interior space of basement being altered. Integrity of other areas is maintained.

RATINGS

DCP INVENTORY	HERITAGE	HERE TODAY	LPAB VOTE	STATE LANDMARK
2	N.R.	N.R.	CPC VOTE	NAT'L LANDMARK
				NAT'L REGISTER - Eligible

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(pertaining to special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value)

Julia Morgan was a woman pioneer architect with many firsts. She was the first woman to be graduated in engineering from the University of California, Berkeley; the first woman to study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts; and the first woman architect licensed in California. The YWCA and the Women's Residence Club reflected the era when women sought equal rights entering the world of men, while the Chinese YWCA reflected the process in the socialization of the Chinese into American traditions.

Julia Morgan was the most important woman architect in America. The Clay Street Center and the Residence Club are examples of her high quality work.

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BUILDING NAME RESIDENCE CLUB
BUILDING ADDRESS 940 POWELL STREET

OWNER: YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF
SAN FRANCISCO
BLOCK AND LOT: 224/18 ZONING RM4

BACKGROUND

Original occupant/use Women's Residence
Current occupant/use Housing
No. of stories: Eight (8)
Exterior Materials Sandstone, brick, concrete
Window Type steel casement & fanlight sash
Lobby/Public Spaces Chinese motif

CRITERIA

A. Architecture

Style eclectic
Type of Construction reinforced concrete
Date of Construction August 15, 1932
Design Quality Excellent
Architect/Builder Julia Morgan
Interior Excellent; sensitive integration of Chinese interior within a

B. History western structure.

(a brief narrative associating the building with persons, events and/or patterns of significance):
The Residence Club was built by the YWCA in response to the need for housing of single women in the Progressive Era (1930's) when women aspired to enter the business world.

C. Environment

(relation to surroundings in terms of continuity, setting and/or importance as a visual landmark)

Maintains the character of neighboring surroundings respecting the hotel mass on Powell Street. (see Page 1)

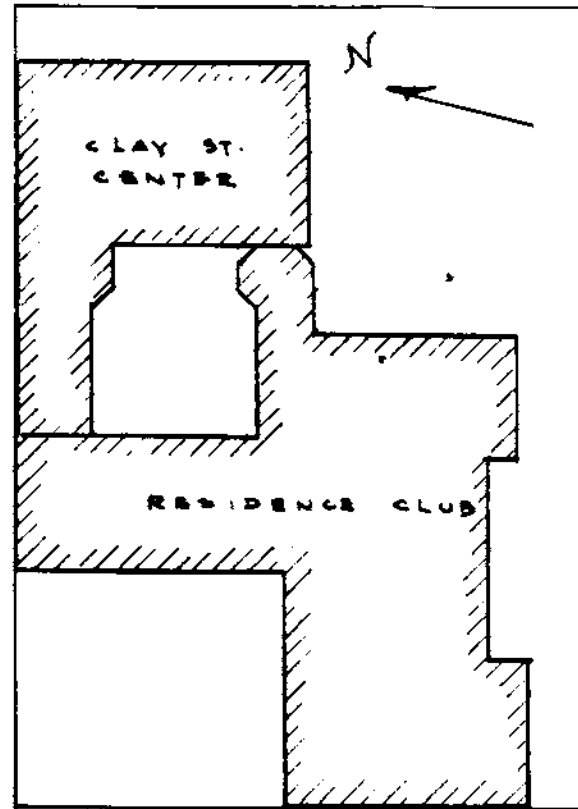
D. Integrity

(cite alterations, if any, and current physical condition)

Upper floors of living quarters being altered to meet present housing needs. Integrity of public spaces to be retained.

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