

FILE NO. 90-8116

ORDINANCE NO. 528-81

DESIGNATING ST. CHARLES SCHOOL 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 St. Charles School
located at 3250 18th Street, being Lot 85 in Assessor's Block 3574, 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 conform-
ance 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, Chap-
ter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, St. Charles School is hereby
designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolu-
tion No. 9043 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with
the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-8116

(b) Required Data. The description of the location and boundaries of the
Landmark site; of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designa-
tion; 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 Agnost
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By Julian E. Holtzman
Deputy City Attorney

By Dean L. Macris
Dean L. Macris
Director of Planning

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

OCT 26 1981

Ayes: Supervisors ~~Britt~~ Dolson, Hongisto,
Kennedy, Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, Renne, Silver,
Walker, Ward.

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisor BRITT

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

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Ayes: Supervisors Britt, ~~Dolson~~ Hongisto,
~~Kennedy~~ Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, ~~Renne~~ Silver,
Walker, ~~Ward~~

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors DOLSON KENNEDY

RENNE WARD

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

Cliffman Clerk

Cliffman Clerk

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Approved

Dean L. Macris
Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 9043

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the St. Charles School at 3250 Eighteenth 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 1, 1981 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 July 16, 1981 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 St. Charles School at 3250 Eighteenth 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 Lot 35 in Assessor's Block 3574;

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. 216 as adopted on April 1, 1981 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 No. LC1.5;

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 July 16, 1981.

Leo Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Pierman, Kelleher, Klein, Takashima, Rosenblatt

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Salazar

PASSED: July 16, 1981

BUILDING NAME: St. Charles School OWNER: Roman Catholic Welfare Corporation of S.F.
713 So. Van Ness
BUILDING ADDRESS: 3250 18th St. BLOCK & LOT: 3591/14 ZONING: R H 3
ORIGINAL USE: Church NO. OF STORIES: 2 LPAB VOTE: 9-0
CURRENT USE: School EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Wood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:)

Although originally built as a church, this building also served as a school from about 1895 on. In 1916 a new church was built on Howard Street, now South Van Ness. All of 3250 18th Street was converted to school use, as it remains presently. The school was run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who first came to California in 1886 and settled in what became the diocese of Sacramento. This is the Order's only school in San Francisco, and it eventually reached an enrollment of 400 pupils.

(may be continued on back)

EVALUATION CRITERIA**A. ARCHITECTURE**

1. Style: Italianate
2. Construction Type: Frame
3. Construction Date: 1887-88 (dedication May 28, 1888)
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Excellent
5. Architect: Charles J.I. Devlin (Calif. Architect & Building News, Sept. 15, 1887)
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: This was the only school of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in San Francisco.

8. Events:

9. Patterns of History:

(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial) A 19th century church carved out of three much earlier parishes (St. Joseph's 1861, St. Patrick's 1850, and the old Mission 1776) as population expanded into the Mission District. As was

C. ENVIRONMENT common with Roman Catholic parishes, a school was also established.

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: An early and well designed building in a district that once included many fine Victorian structures.

11. Setting: The setting today is somewhat economically depressed with Victorian structures interspersed among small scale industrial buildings. This building (over)

12. Importance as a Visual Landmark:

The building is of great importance in the context of the neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition) Unaltered with the exception of the removal of a four-sided cupola atop the central tower and post 1906 earthquake repairs.

RATINGS

DCP: 4
HERE TODAY: pp 264
SPLENDID SURV.: n/a
NAT'L REGISTER: -
NAT'L LANDMARK: no
STATE LANDMARK: no

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

(list sources on back)

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Setting, continued

however, suggests the more formal context of a more prosperous residential neighborhood.

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