

FILE NO. 90-81-24

ORDINANCE NO. 533-81

DESIGNATING THE BUICH BUILDING 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 The Buich Building located at 240 California Street, being Lot 9 in Assessor's Block 237, 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, The Buich Building is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 9142 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-81-24

(b) Required Data. The description 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 Agnost
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By Judith E. Holtzman
Deputy City Attorney

By Dean L. Macris
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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.

~~No. Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisor BRITT

J. H. Coleman Clerk

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

~~No. 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.

J. H. Coleman Clerk

Dianne Austin
Mayor



SAN FRANCISCO

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9142

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Buich Building (Tadich Grill) at 240 California 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 August 20, 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 Buich Building (Tadich Grill), 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 9 in Assessor's Block 237;

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. 217 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. LM81.9;

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 September 17, 1981.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Karnsick, Kelleher, Klein, Nakashima, Rosenblatt Salazar.

NOES: None..

ABSENT: None.

PASSED: September 17, 1981

BUILDING NAME: Buich Building	OWNER: Stephen L. and Robert Buich
BUILDING ADDRESS: 240-242 California	BLOCK & LOT: 237/9 ZONING: C-3-0
ORIGINAL USE: Restaurant and Offices	NO. OF STORIES: 2 LPAB VOTE: 7-2
CURRENT USE: Restaurant	EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Terra Cotta

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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

Described as "One of the finest buildings of its type in the city,"¹ in composition it is an enframed window wall with Renaissance/Baroque ornamentation. The handling of materials and color is superb. Although easily mistaken for copper and bronze, all but the bronze window frames is actually terra cotta. The design has been attributed to the firm of Crim and Scott. This firm designed a strikingly similiar building for the Landry C. Babin Co. at 423 Kearny Street (1909), now demolished.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Enframed window wall with Renaissance/Baroque ornamentation.
2. Construction Type: Reinforced concrete.
3. Construction Date: 1909
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Excellent.
5. Architect: Attributed to Crim and Scott.
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY) The interior dates from the 1920's.
(Publicly owned buildings)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: Tadich Grill, originally called the Wigwam, opened in a Pine Street location in 1849. John Tadich, an immigrant from Dalmatia, bought the establishment in 1882 and renamed it 'Tadich's'. He ran the restaurant until 1928, when it
8. Events: (over)

9. Patterns of History:

(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial)

See introduction attached.

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: As one of the earliest and smallest buildings on the block, this building sets the standard from which 'continuity' should be measured.
11. Setting: Small scale to the lot line development suggests early San Francisco.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: Strong component of the streetscape: well-known in the context of the (downtown) neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition) Appears to be unaltered except for recent signage naming it the 'Buich Building'; well maintained.

RATINGS

DCP: 5

HERE TODAY: p.255

SPLENDID SURV.: "A"

NAT'L REGISTER: probably eligible

NAT'L LANDMARK: no

STATE LANDMARK. no

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ¹. Splendid Survivors, pp193

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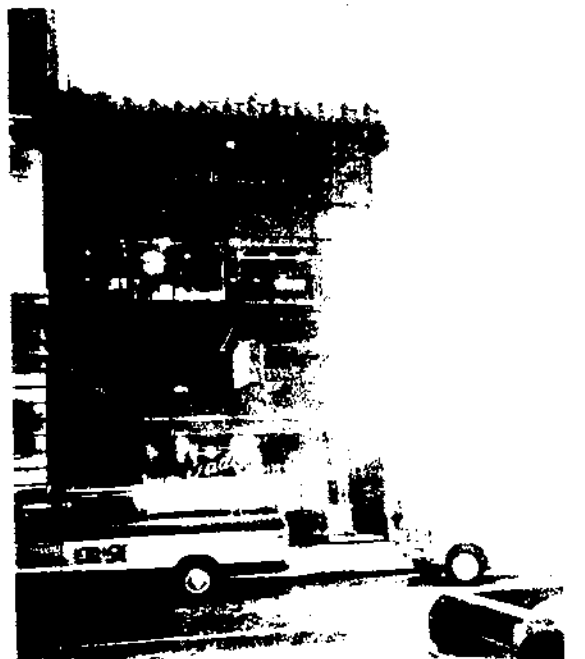
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S.F., CA

PHONE: 558-3055

DATE: 3/27/84

From material submitted by Patrick McGrew.



7. Persons, continued

was sold to Tom, Mitch, and Louis Buich (also Dalmatians). A second generation of this family still operates Tadich's. From its original location the establishment moved in 1907 to Leidesdorff Alley, Leidesdorff, Clay, and in 1968, to its present location on California Street.

240-242 California Street has also housed offices, Chris' Cafeteria, and the TLOH Food Shop.

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