

FILE NO.

90-81-19

ORDINANCE NO.

531-81

DESIGNATING JACK'S RESTAURANT 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 Jack's Restaurant  
located at 615 Sacramento Street, being Lot 1- in Assessor's Block 240, 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, Chap-  
ter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Jack's Restaurant is hereby  
designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolu-  
tion No. 9140 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with  
the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-81-19

(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  
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~~

Clerk

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Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed

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Absent: Supervisors ~~DOLSON~~ ~~KENNEDY~~

~~READS~~ ~~WARD~~

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

Clerk

*Dianne Feinstein*  
Mayor

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9140

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate Jack's Restaurant at 615 Sacramento 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, Jack's Restaurant, 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 14 in Assessor's Block 240;

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. 218 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. LM81.7;

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 September 17, 1981.

Lee Woods, Jr.  
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Carasick, Killeher, Klein, Nakashima, Rosenblatt Salazar.

NOES: None..

ABSENT: None.

PASSED: September 17, 1981

BUILDING NAME: Jack's

OWNER: Harriet C. Redinger

BUILDING ADDRESS: 615 Sacramento

BLOCK &amp; LOT: 240/14 ZONING: C-3-0

ORIGINAL USE: Restaurant

NO. OF STORIES: 3 LPAB VOTE: 8-1

CURRENT USE: Restaurant

EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Clinker Brick and Stucco

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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

"A long-time San Francisco restaurant in a handsome design, now standing by itself between a large post-war office block with a mid-nineteenth century upper level. Modified Renaissance/Baroque ornamentation shows the influence of the Craftsman movement in the clinker brick window surrounds set in a stucco wall. Brick construction."1

Jack's is one of the few remaining restaurant buildings in town which have smaller rooms above the main ground floor dining room for private parties. This was typical of the so-called "French restaurants" of the turn of the century, with all the implications of private rendezvous.

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## EVALUATION CRITERIA

## A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Mid nineteenth century commercial with Renaissance/Baroque detail
2. Construction Type: Load bearing masonry (brick)
3. Construction Date: 1907
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Good
5. Architect: Unknown
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)  
(Publicly owned buildings)

## B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: Jack's is recorded as having been established in 1864. Jacques Monique purchased the restaurant in 1884, and sold it in 1897 to Edward F. Blaquie. Michael Redinger began his long association with the (over)
8. Events:

## 9. Patterns of History:

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

See attached introduction.

## C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: Sole survivor in its block of early San Francisco.

11. Setting: Appears strong against its background of otherwise undistinguished modern buildings.

12. Importance as a Visual Landmark:

Quite well known and loved, a strong visual symbol of old San Francisco.

## D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition)

Appears to be in original condition.

1. Splendid Survivors, p.216

## RATINGS

DCP: 1

HERE TODAY: --

SPLENDID SURV.: 'B'

NAT'L REGISTFR: probably eligible

NAT'L LANDMARK: no

STATE LANDMARK: no

## BIBLIOGRAPHY:

(list sources on back)

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## 7. Persons:

establishment in 1889 as an employee. Redinger acquired a one-third interest in the business in 1906. At that time, a temporary location for the restaurant was established on Golden Gate Avenue between Laguna and Buchanan following the devastation of the earthquake. In 1908, Jack's returned to its former (and present) location on Sacramento Street. Edward Blanguie died in 1918 and Redinger acquired the remaining interest in the business in 1923. Redinger served as the proprietor of Jack's until his death in 1961. The business remains in the Redinger family.

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