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San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
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Re: Record search results for the proposed 1044 Howard Street San Francisco project

To whom it may concern:

Per your request received by our office on 28 August 2023, a records search was conducted for the above referenced project by reviewing pertinent Northwest Information Center (NWIC) base maps that reference cultural resources records and reports, historic-period maps, and literature for San Francisco County. An Area of Potential Effects (APE) map was not provided; in lieu of this, the location map provided depicting the proposed project area will be used to conduct this records search. Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological resources and historical buildings and/or structures.

As per information provided to this office, the project proposes a change of use of a vacant 20-story building to be used as a community hall. The scope of work includes alterations to the interior and exterior which include replacement of second story (within existing footprint), a new roof, roof top basketball court, elevator pit and structural upgrades. Any sewer or water improvements will connect to existing system. Maximum depth of excavation ~ 2.5 -6 feet (30-72 inches). The existing mat slab foundation will remain, and new footing system will be utilized if further stability is necessary. Estimated excavation area ~751 square feet, estimated volume of excavation 167 cubic yards.

Review of this information indicates that there have been no cultural resource studies that include field study of the proposed project area. This proposed project area contains no recorded archaeological resources. The State Office of Historic Preservation Built Environment Resources Directory (OHP BERD), which includes listings of the California Register of Historical Resources, California State Historical Landmarks, California State Points of Historical Interest, and the National Register of Historic Places, lists no recorded buildings or structures within or adjacent to the proposed project area. In addition to these inventories, the NWIC base maps show no recorded buildings or structures within the proposed project area.

At the time of Euroamerican contact, the Native Americans that lived in the area were speakers of a Ramaytush language, part of the Ohlone (Costanoan) language family (Levy 1978:485). While there are no specific Native American resources in or adjacent to the proposed project area referenced in the ethnographic literature, the general area is described as being heavily utilized (Levy 1978, Milliken 1995, Nelson 1909).

Based on an evaluation of the environmental setting and features associated with known sites, Native American resources in this part of San Francisco County have been found near sources of water, including intermittent and perennial watercourses and bay wetlands, and near areas populated by oak, buckeye, manzanita, and pine, as well as near a variety of plant and animal resources. The proposed project area is located in areas of marsh land and bay mud on a broad flat plain marginal to the historic bay shore margins of Mission Bay. Given these environmental factors, there is a moderate potential for unrecorded Native American resources to be within the proposed project area.

Review of historical literature and maps indicated historic-period activity within the proposed project area. The 1895, 1899, and 1915 San Francisco USGS 15-minute topographic quadrangle depicts building(s) within the project area. With this in mind, there is a moderate potential for unrecorded historic-period archaeological resources to be within the proposed project area.

The 1915 USGS 15-minute topographic quadrangle depicts buildings or structures within the proposed project area. If present, these unrecorded buildings or structures meet the Office of Historic Preservation's minimum age standard that buildings, structures, and objects 45 years or older may be of historical value.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) Although the proposed project area is located in an area of generalized archaeological sensitivity, as per the project description, the previous extent of disturbance exceeds the proposed project work. Therefore, no further study for archaeological resources is recommended at this time. If archaeological resources are encountered during construction, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations.

2) No recorded resources on file are located in proposed project area. If, in a later process, buildings or structures are identified that meet the minimum age requirement, we recommend that the agency responsible for Section 106 compliance consult with the Office of Historic Preservation regarding potential impacts to these buildings or structures:

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3) Review for possible historic-period buildings or structures has included only those sources listed in the attached bibliography and should not be considered comprehensive.

4) We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribes regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916)373-3710.

5) If archaeological resources are encountered **during construction**, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project personnel should not collect cultural resources. Native American resources include chert or obsidian flakes, projectile points, mortars, and pestles; and dark friable soil containing shell and bone dietary debris, heat-affected rock, or human burials. Historic-period resources include stone or adobe foundations or walls; structures and remains with square nails; and refuse deposits or bottle dumps, often located in old wells or privies.

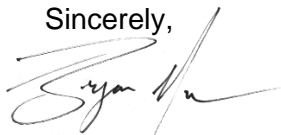
6) It is recommended that any identified cultural resources be recorded on DPR 523 historic resource recordation forms, available online from the Office of Historic Preservation's website: https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28351

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

Thank you for using our services. Please contact this office if you have any questions, (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Much", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Much
Coordinator

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**Note that the Office of Historic Preservation's *Historic Properties Directory* includes National Register, State Registered Landmarks, California Points of Historical Interest, and the California Register of Historical Resources as well as Certified Local Government surveys that have undergone Section 106 review.