



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Motion No. 0210

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*Project Name:* San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement  
*Case No:* 2013.0808UU  
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**ADOPTION OF THE "SAN FRANCISCO JAPANTOWN HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT",  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 1002(8) OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLANNING CODE.**

### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* was prepared by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and State Office of Historic Preservation Recordation Manual as outlined in Resolution No. 527 of June 7, 2000, adopted by the previous San Francisco Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, the methodology for recording and evaluating historic resources contained in the Office of Historic Preservation publication *Instructions for Recording Historical Resources* of March 1995 and future editions of that publication is based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and National Register of Historic Places Criteria cited therein.

WHEREAS, the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission for accuracy and adequacy and was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public meeting agendized for this purpose.

WHEREAS, a copy of the duly adopted *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* will be maintained in the Planning Department Preservation Library and on the Planning Department's website.

WHEREAS, the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* may be used as a planning tool to evaluate significant themes, integrity, and character-defining features of individual buildings and clusters of buildings.

WHEREAS, in the future, in evaluating surveyed properties, historic significance may be demonstrated by reference to the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement*.

WHEREAS, that future Landmark and Landmark District Designation Reports and Nominations and Structures of Merit Nominations may demonstrate historic significance by reference to the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement*.

WHEREAS, that the San Francisco Planning Department, will further refine the document and make technical edits as required to recognize the history and significance of Japantown in San Francisco's preservation planning work, including cultural resource surveys and evaluation of properties or districts for potential local, state or national historic designation, as well as to address any comments of the Commission and the public resulting from the public hearing and any further comments of the staff of the Office of Historic Preservation.

**THEREFORE BE IT MOVED**, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby adopts the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement*, and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission directs Department staff to include a preface in the final draft of the *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* to acknowledge (1) the Department's and community's efforts to identify and protect cultural heritage resources since the completion of the revised draft in 2011 and (2) the Commission's adoption of HPC Resolution. No. 0698 in December 2012 endorsing further exploration of programs to document, designate, and incentivize social and cultural heritage; and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Commission Secretary to transmit a copy of the adopted *San Francisco Japantown Historic Context Statement* and this Motion No. XXXX, to the State Office of Historic Preservation and to the Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University for reference.

I hereby certify that the Historic Preservation Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on September 18, 2013.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Acting Commission Secretary

AYES: Hasz, Hyland, Johnck, Matsuda, Pearlman, and Wolfram

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Johns

ADOPTED: September 18, 2013