



# THE TAKAHASHI TRADING COMPANY 200 RHODE ISLAND STREET

COMMUNITY SPONSORED LANDMARK APPLICATION

Historic Preservation Commission  
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**San Francisco**  
**Planning**

# 200 Rhode Island Street **The Takahashi Trading Company**



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## Significance

- **Criterion 1 (Events)**
  - Post-War resettlement of Japanese-Americans
  - Redevelopment
- **Criterion 2 (People)**
  - Henri and Tomoye Takahashi, Masako Martha Suzuki
- **Criterion 3 (Architecture)**
  - Early, intact work of G. Albert Lansburg
- **Period of Significance : 1912, 1965-2019**

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# Takahashi Trading Company Headquarters 200 Rhode Island Street



G. Albert Lansburgh

Pacific Coast Architecture Database.



*San Francisco Call*, January 13, 1912.



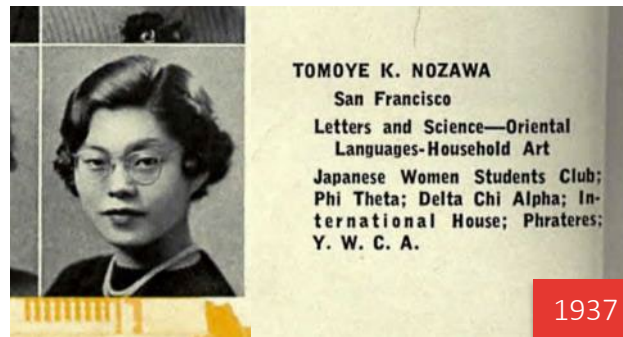
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# Tomoye & Henri Takahashi and the Takahashi Trading Company



1954

Los Angeles Times, July 18, 1954.



1937

UC Berkeley yearbook, 1937.



c. 1960

Pottery sticker, Modern Japanese Pottery, Takahashi Trading Co..



1938

Shin Sekai Asahi Shinbun (New World Sun), September 5, 1938.



San Francisco Public Library.



Tomoye Takahashi (1915-2016) &  
Henri Takahashi (1914-2002)



Martha Suzuki  
(1921-2012)



Martha Suzuki & Tomoye Takahashi  
2007



## The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation



# Character-Defining Features

## General

- Light-industrial setting;
- Integrated plan of the original building and subsequent additions.

## 1912 Building

- Five-story height;
- Irregular triangular plan;
- Flat roof;
- Red brick cladding in English bond;
- Brick belt courses;
- Shallow pilasters and diamond-shaped wall anchor plates;
- Fenestration pattern;
- Brick window surrounds with terra cotta keystones and springers;
- Yellow brick windowsills;
- Yellow brickwork laid in a diamond-shaped pattern;
- “Takahashi” signage.

## 1968 Concrete Addition

- Two-story height;
- Irregular plan;
- Flat roof;
- Boxy shape and massing;
- Exposed aggregate concrete walls;
- Shallow relief concrete pilasters;
- Narrow, metal-sash windows;
- Lack of adornment; and
- Painted “Takahashi” signage.

## 1976 Brick Addition

- Three-story height;
- Rectangular plan;
- Flat roof;
- Brick veneer cladding laid in running bond pattern;
- Decorative brickwork cornice;
- Concrete belt course with “Takahashi” signage separating the first and second stories;
- Fenestration including segmental arched, industrial windows at the third story;
- Inset loading dock.

\*The property has no interior character-defining features.

# Existing Condition and Recommended Treatments



## 1912 Building

Overall fair condition.

Significant deterioration limited to cracks, open joints, and displacement in the brickwork, specifically the parapet, and poor condition of the south and west windows.

High priority treatments include:

- Repair and repointing of cracks and open joints in the brick masonry
- Replacement of spalled or missing brick
- Full replacement, partial replacement, or rehabilitation of windows on the south and west facades.
- Rehabilitation of windows on the north façade.

## 1968 and 1976 Additions

Overall good condition.




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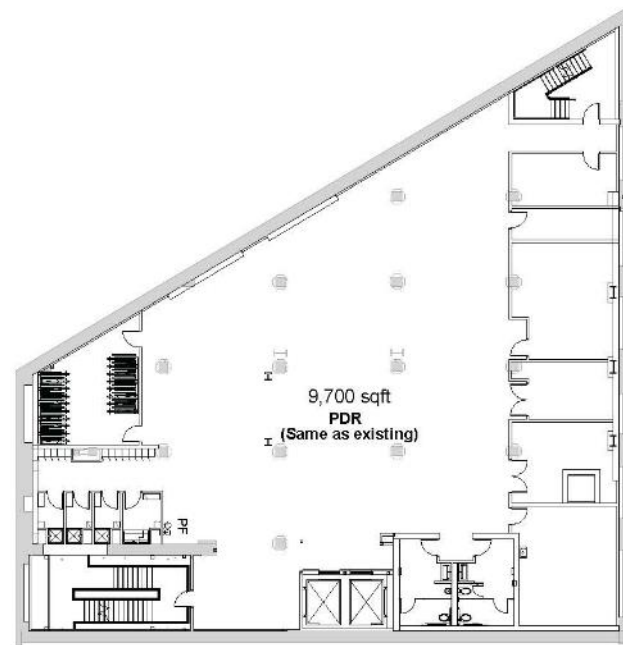
- Repair of cracks and spalls in concrete belt course
- Repair or rehabilitation of windows to remain

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<b>Existing</b>				
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PDR	57,975	11,434	6,410	75,819
Roof				
Circulation	1,270			1,270
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Office	28,965	5,277	0	34,242
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\*Unit: SQ FT

LEGEND




-  Existing Legal Non-conforming Office
-  PDR
-  Office via landmark

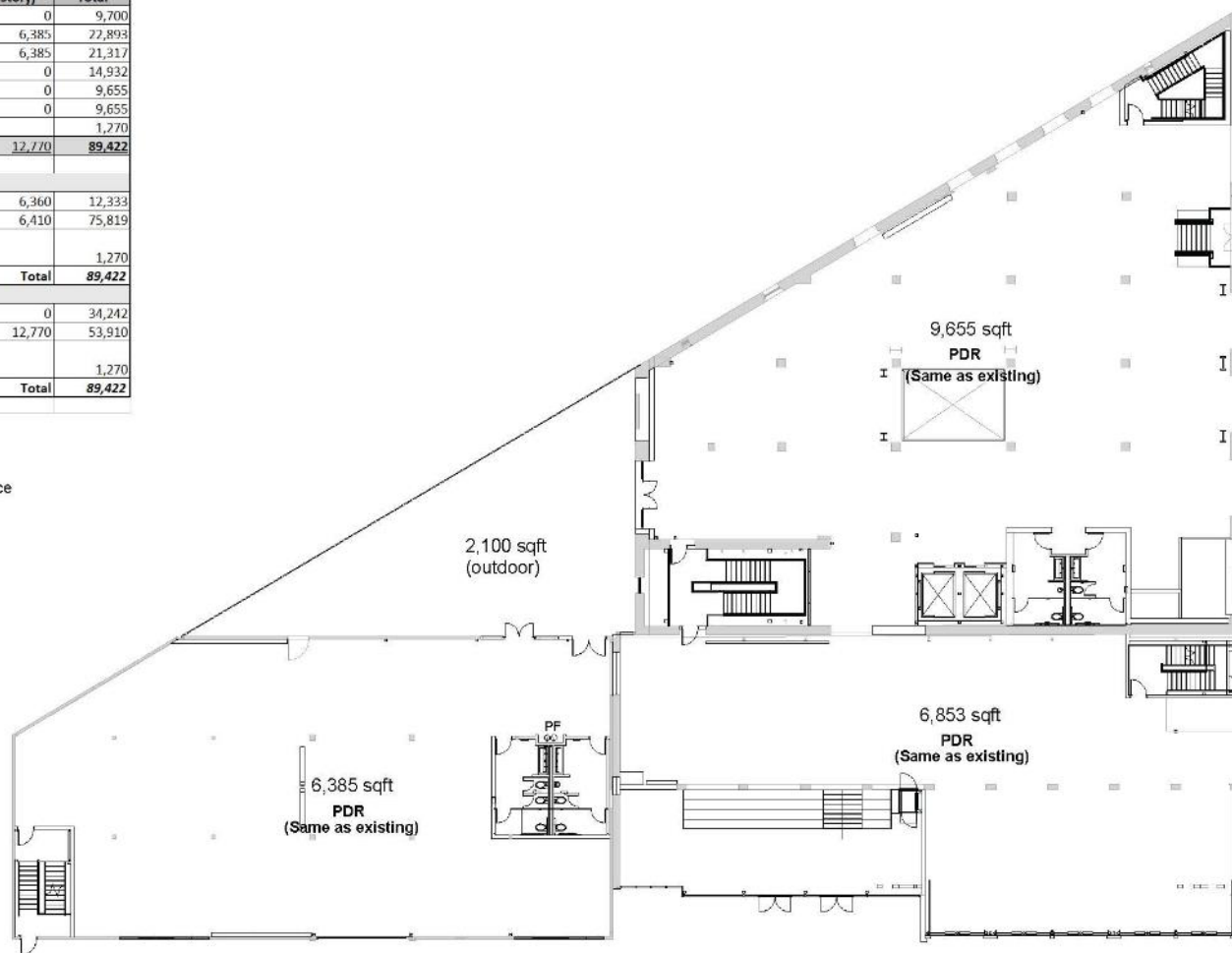


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


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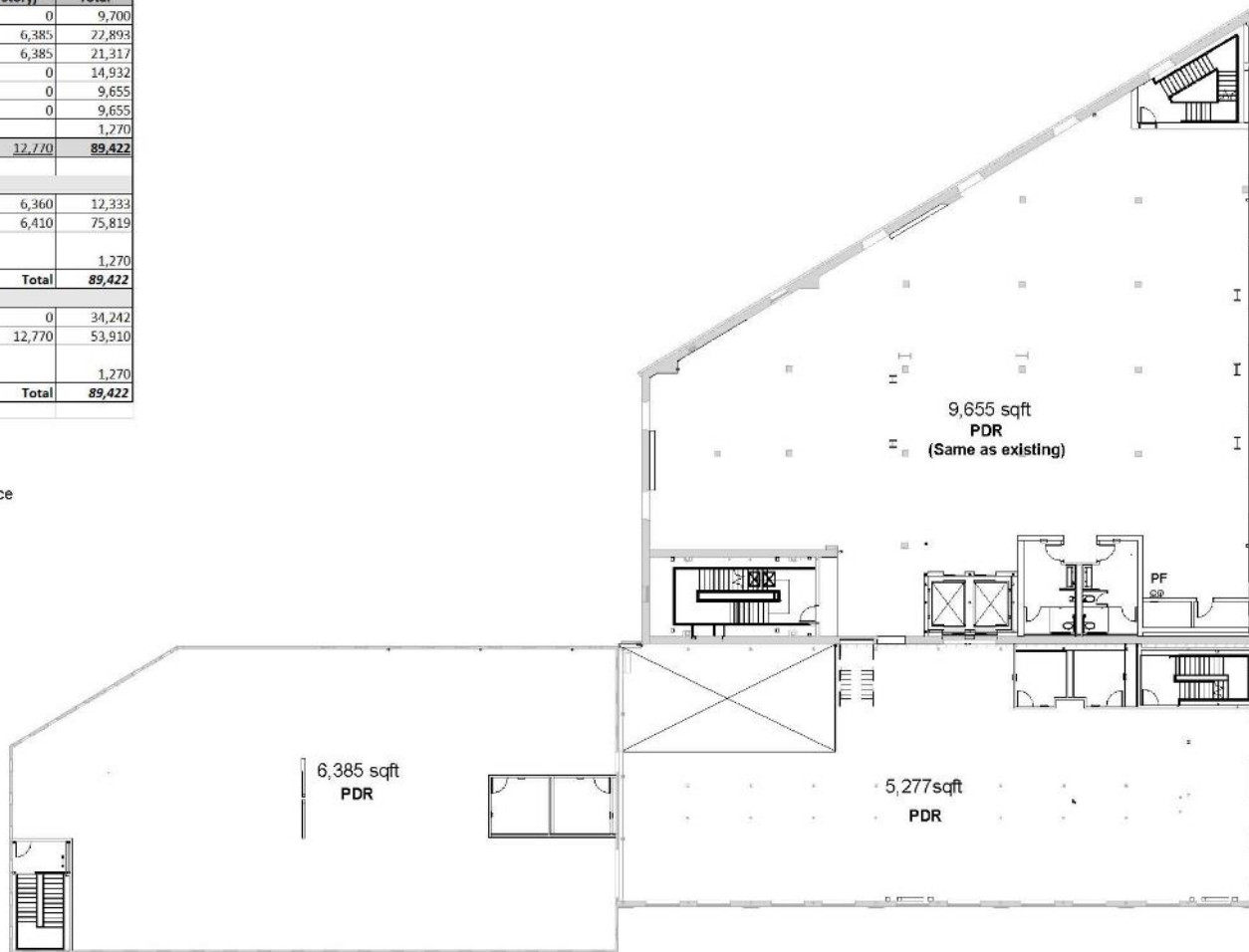
PROPOSED L1 AREA PLAN

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PROPOSED L2 AREA PLAN

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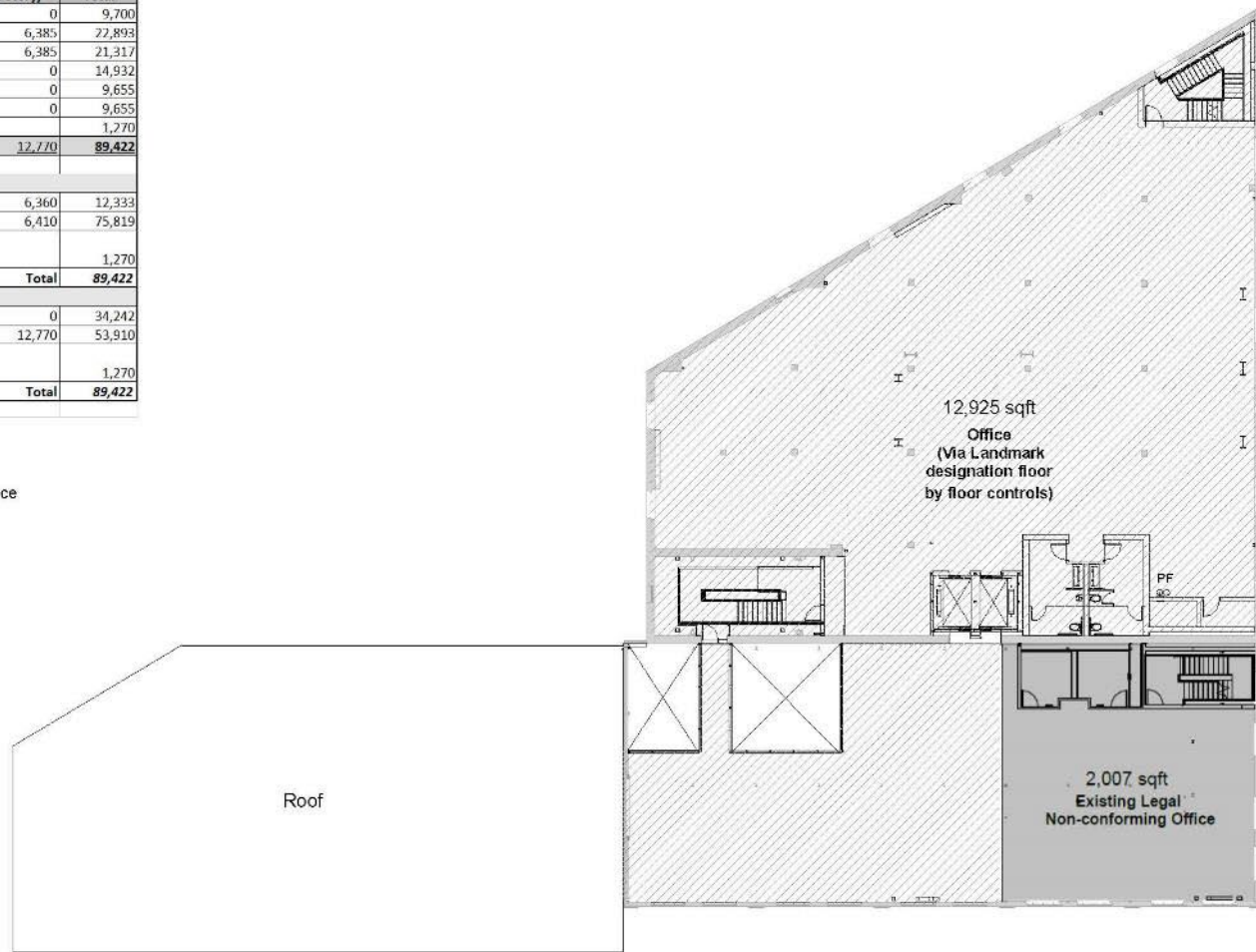
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PROPOSED WBL3 AREA PLAN

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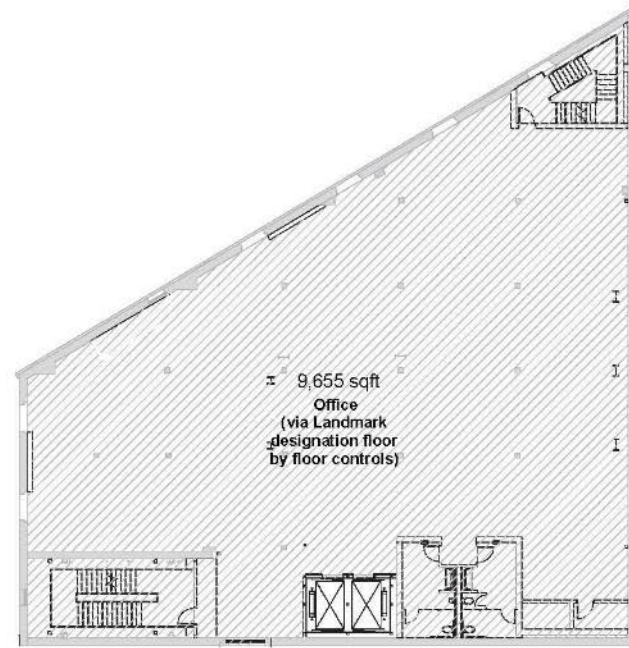
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