

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. At this time, the Planning Department supports the initiation of landmark designation of the following libraries as landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code:

Marina Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001
Eureka Valley Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095

The subject buildings are historical resources that are both locally and nationally significant as they embody distinctive characteristics of a type and period.

2. The Planning Department supports the initiation of landmark designation of the following libraries after the completion of the currently approved renovation projects. This will allow the operations of the library and the public's access to resume as quickly as possible.

Parkside Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001
Merced Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001

The subject buildings are historical resources that are both locally and nationally significant as they embody distinctive characteristics of a type and period. Postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would be consistent with the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board's decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed. The Planning Department recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission postpone initiating designation of the subject sites as local landmarks until after the libraries have completed their renovation work as indicated below.

Parkside Branch Library: Currently under renovation. Anticipated opening fall 2010. Planning Department Recommended initiation of Landmark designation in winter 2010

Merced Branch Library: Currently under renovation. Anticipated opening fall 2010. Planning Department Recommended initiation of Landmark designation in winter 2010

3. The Planning Department does not support the designation of the following libraries as landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code:

North Beach Branch - Library Assessor's Block 0074, Lot 001

The subject building is historical resource that is both locally and nationally significant as it embodies distinctive characteristics of a type and period. The Planning Department recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission adopt a resolution not initiating designation of the subject sites as a local landmark. In this case the Planning Department believes that the opportunity to return the site to open space use and improve the quality of the open space within Joe DiMaggio Playground will be more beneficial to the North Beach neighborhood than the retention of the existing library.