Small Business Commission
Resolution

HEARING DATE SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 065-19-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2018-19-052
Business Name: Mechanics’ Institute
Business Address: 57 Post Street, Suite 504
District: District 3
Applicant: Taryn Edwards, Strategic Partnerships Manager
Nomination Date: April 15, 2019
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 57 POST STREET, SUITE 504.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the “Registry”) to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood’s history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on September 23, 2019, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission hereby includes Mechanics’ Institute in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at Mechanics’ Institute:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Library, Events, and Chess departments.
- The landmark building and its character-defining features.
- Traditions of independent learning, grassroots community building, social responsibility and cultural exploration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Mechanics’ Institute on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Library and cultural center.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on September 23, 2019.

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Ayes – 6: Adams, Dooley, Dwight, Ortiz-Cartagena, Yee Riley, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 1: Laguana