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CITY ATTORNEY

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE No. 12661 C.M.S.**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ST. ANDREW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (HISTORIC NAME: ST. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION) AT 2624 WEST STREET AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.102.030 OF THE OAKLAND PLANNING CODE**

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**WHEREAS**, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board at its meeting of August 9, 2004, recommended designation of the Victorian Legal Center (historic name: Mason-Else-Wilson House) at 653 11<sup>th</sup> Street as a Landmark pursuant to Section 17.102.030 of the Oakland Planning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of public hearing on this matter was given to the owner of the subject property, the property was posted, and a hearing was held by the City Planning Commission on February 2, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, after the hearing, the City Planning Commission voted on February 2, 2005, to recommend landmark designation of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the guidelines as prescribed by the **Secretary for Resources, as amended, have been satisfied**, and pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3), 15308, and 15331 **of the California Code of Regulations**, this designation is exempt from CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the proposed Landmark has historical and architectural significance as described and presented in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 2004-4, and is a unique asset to the City; and that for these reasons the Landmark is worthy of preservation; now therefore

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church (historic name: St. Augustine's Mission) at 2624 West Street is hereby designated as a Landmark pursuant to Section 17.102.030 of the Oakland Planning Code as described and presented in Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 2004-4, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** Said Landmark shall be preserved in all its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof, and as described and depicted in the photographs, case reports, Case File LM04-371, and other material in the Department of City Planning;

provided, however, it may be modified to replicate or more closely resemble its original appearance.

**SECTION 3.** The Development Director is hereby directed to execute and cause to be recorded in the Recorder's Office of the County of Alameda a notice of designation of said Landmark.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance complies with the California Environmental Quality Act.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 07 2005, 20  

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

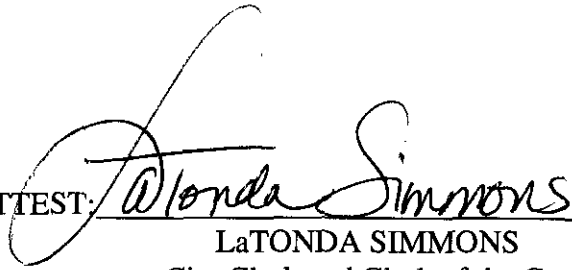
AYES- **BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, MADEL,  
REID, QUAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8**

NOES-  $\phi$

ABSENT-  $\phi$

ABSTENTION-  $\phi$

ATTEST:



LaTONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
Of the City of Oakland, California

**RESOLUTION 2004-4**  
**LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CITY OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, a proposal to designate the following property as an Oakland Landmark pursuant to Section 17.144 of the Oakland Planning Code has been considered by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and examined the material pertaining to this property in Case File **LM04-371** and the Oakland Landmark Application form, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the property meets the landmark designation criteria found at Section 17.07.030P of the Planning Code and the Board's Guidelines for Determination of Landmark Eligibility in that the property:

- has housed strong and civically active historically African-American congregations from the time of its construction in 1920;
- is a prominent visual and cultural landmark in its West Oakland neighborhood;
- was designed and built in 1920 as an early work of the esteemed Oakland architectural firm of Chester Miller and Carl I. Warnecke, later best known for large-scale civic and quasi-civic projects;
- is a distinctive and well-designed example of a Craftsman style church, memorable for its arched windows, buttresses, bracketed eaves, corner tower, and skillful adaptation of bungalow features and natural materials;
- was originally built and occupied by St. Augustine's Episcopal Mission, founded in 1910 to serve African-American Oaklanders including many who had relocated from San Francisco in the years after the 1906 earthquake and fire;
- was pastored from 1911 to 1946 by Father David Wallace, noted for his leadership in the NAACP and other activist organizations, his mentoring of Delilah Beasley as journalist and historian, and his championing of social service as an important part of the ministry;

- was renowned for its early youth leadership programs, inspiring historian Moira Nichols to write in 1989 that “many of the civic leaders of recent years were at one time ‘St. Augustine’s boys’”;
- is remembered by many in the community as the site in 1969 of the first Black Panther Party breakfast program for children, initiating a nationwide movement;
- said farewell to its original congregation when they merged in 1975 with the historically European-American Trinity Church at 29th and Telegraph to form the present St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, a courageous and innovative move by both congregations;
- since 1978 has been home to St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Robert Lacy, serving West Oakland and the wider community through its ministry, social service, and educational programs;
- was recorded in the State Historic Resources Inventory in 1991 as appearing eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Patterns of History, in the context of West Oakland ethnic history;
- includes on its property an 1895 Queen Anne cottage at 2618 West Street that is proposed for inclusion in the landmark designation as a contributing feature of the main building’s setting, as representative of the neighborhood setting in which the church was constructed;

And WHEREAS, an Evaluation Sheet for Landmark Eligibility has been prepared for the property in accordance with the Board’s Guidelines for Determination of Landmark Eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Sheet shows that the property meets the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Sheet, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that this property merits Landmark designation, protective regulations, and preservation for the enjoyment of future generations;

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board hereby initiates, under Section 17.144.030D of the Oakland Planning Code, action to establish as a Landmark the following:

HISTORICAL NAME: St. Augustine's Mission,  
later St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

COMMON NAME: St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church

ADDRESS: 2624 West Street

DATE BUILT: 1920

ARCHITECT: Miller and Warnecke

ORIGINAL USE: Church

PRESENT USE: Church and community service; K-12 school,  
vocational programs, and theological university

PARCEL NUMBER: 009 0681 022 through 028

And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this property shall be preserved generally in all its exterior features as existing on the date hereof or may be modified to restore, replicate, or more closely resemble its original or other historical appearance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this action be forwarded to the City Planning Commission for public hearing and consideration.

Approved by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board,  
Oakland, California: August 9, 2004

ATTEST: , Secretary

<b>1.</b>	<b>Location:</b> 2624 West Street, St. Augustine's Mission (APN 009-0681-025-00)
	<b>Proposal:</b> Application to designate 2624 West Street as a City of Oakland Landmark
	<b>Owner/Applicant:</b> St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church
	<b>Case File Number:</b> LM04-371
	<b>Planning Permits Required:</b> Landmark Designation
	<b>General Plan:</b> Mixed Housing Type
	<b>Zoning:</b> C-25, Office Commercial Zone
	<b>Environmental Determination:</b> Exempt per Sections 15061(3) and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
	<b>Historic Status:</b> B+, ASI Contributor to Herbert Hoover Neighborhood District
	<b>Service Delivery District:</b> 1 – West Oakland
	<b>City Council District:</b> 3
	<b>Status:</b> The Landmark Preservation Advisory Board adopted a Resolution to initiate landmark designation, recommended landmark designation to the Planning Commission, and forwarded the landmark initiation to the Planning Commission for public hearing and consideration.
	<b>Action to be Taken:</b> Recommend Landmark Designation and forward to City Council
	<b>Finality of Decision:</b> City Council
	<b>For further information:</b> Contact case planner Joann Pavlinec at (510) 238-6344 or by email at <a href="mailto:jpavlinec@oaklandnet.com">jpavlinec@oaklandnet.com</a>

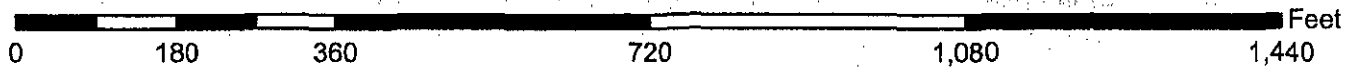
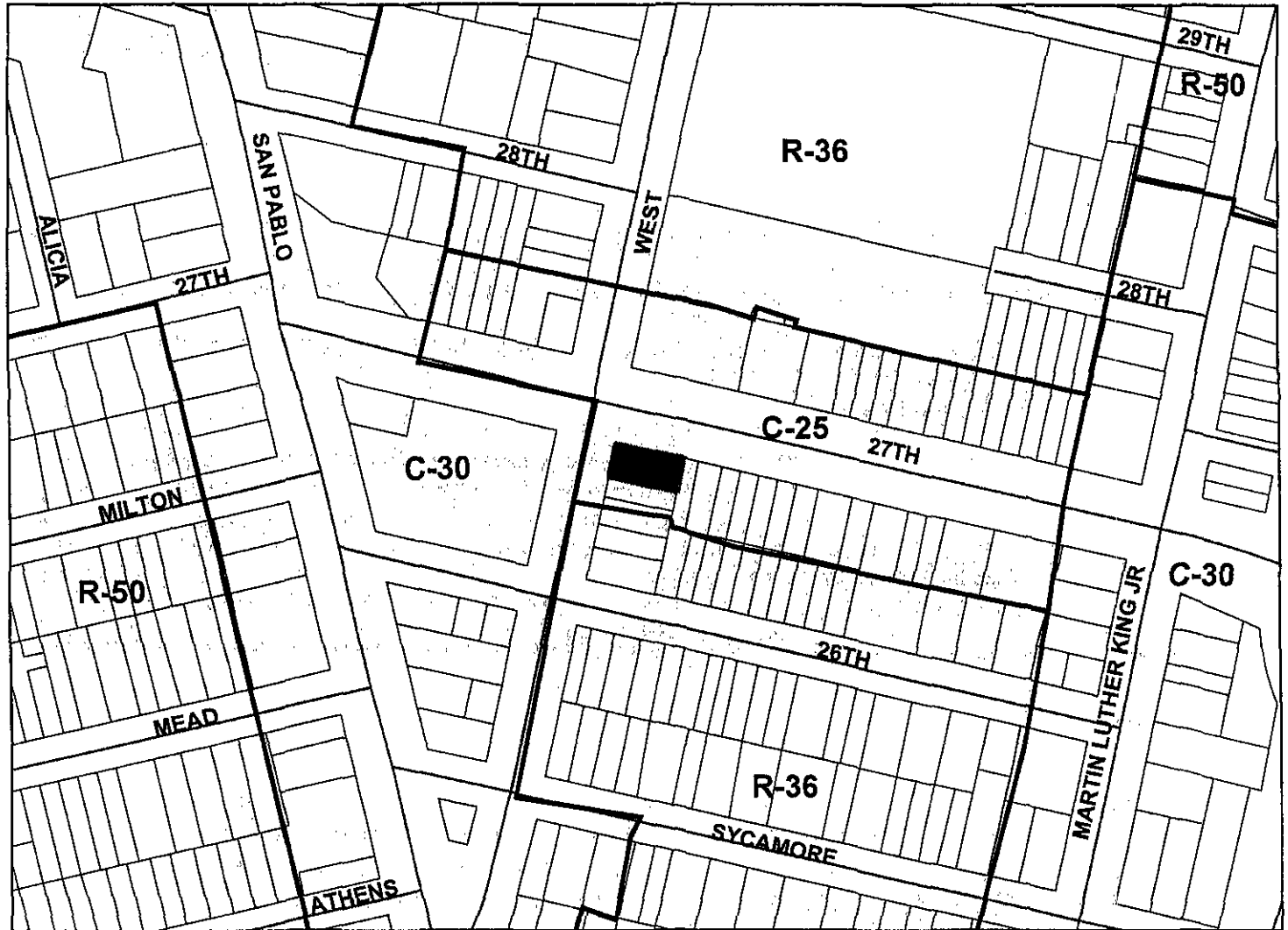
## SUMMARY

The nomination of St. Augustine's Mission for Landmark Designation was submitted by the property owner, Rev. Robert Lacy, Jr., Director of St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church, on April 8, 2004, and reviewed by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB, Board) at its June 14, 2004 meeting. At that meeting the LPAB reviewed and unanimously adopted the preliminary Evaluation for Landmark Eligibility rating, and directed staff to prepare a draft resolution initiating landmark designation. The draft resolution initiating landmark designation was unanimously adopted at the LPAB meeting of August 9, 2004, with direction by the Board to forward the initiation to the Planning Commission for public hearing, after which the Commission may recommend designation to the City Council. Landmark designation is accomplished through adoption of an ordinance by the City Council.

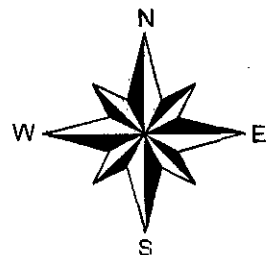
## BACKGROUND

St. Augustine's Mission is a Potential Designated Historic Property and a contributor to the Herbert Hoover Neighborhood District, an Area of Secondary

# CITY OF OAKLAND PLANNING COMMISSION



Case File: LM04-371  
Applicant: St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church  
Address: 2624 West St.  
Zone: C-25



Importance (ASI) (See Attachment A). St. Augustine's Mission is rated 'B – Major Importance' by the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey.

### **Historical and Architectural Significance**

As reflected in the evaluation sheet and resolution adopted by the Landmarks Board, St. Augustine's Mission has been found eligible for landmark designation in that it:

- has housed strong and civically active historically African-American congregations from the time of its construction in 1920;
- is a prominent visual and cultural landmark in its West Oakland neighborhood;
- was designed and built in 1920 as an early work of the esteemed Oakland architectural firm of Chester Miller and Carl I. Warnecke, later best known for large-scale civic and quasi-civic projects;
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The building has a rating of 'A - Highest Importance' on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Evaluation Sheet for Landmark Eligibility and a 'B - Major Importance' from the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey. The reason for the difference is that the two evaluations use different criteria, the LPAB evaluation giving greater weight to history.

### **Effect of Landmark Designation**

St. Augustine's Mission is located in the C-25 Zone, Office Commercial Zone. Design Review is currently required for alterations to buildings and new construction.

Regulations for the proposed landmark status provide for design review of exterior changes (only), up to 240 days delay of demolition, and a duty to keep in good repair. The landmark would be treated as a historic resource for purposes of CEQA review, would be eligible to use the State Historical Building Code, and exempt from design review fees (the only direct local monetary incentive currently offered to designated historic properties).

Significant exterior changes to landmark properties are referred to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board for recommendations (Section 17.136.040) before the design review application is acted upon by the Development Director or the Planning Commission. Minor exterior changes can be processed administratively by the Development Director, who may seek input from the LPAB, as needed.

For designated landmarks (Section 17.102.030) the design review criteria require "That the proposal will not adversely affect the exterior features of the designated landmark..." and "That the proposal will not adversely affect the special character, interest, or value of the landmark and its site, as viewed both in themselves and in their setting..." unless preserving the landmark is architecturally or economically infeasible.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Affirm the environmental determination.
2. Recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance designating St. Augustine's Mission at 2624 West Street as an Oakland Landmark.

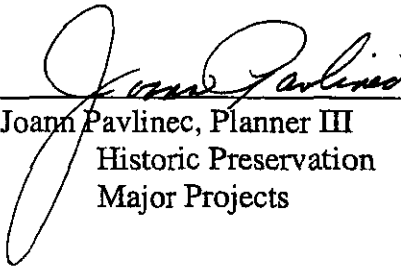
Respectfully submitted:



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CLAUDIA CAPPIO  
Development Director

Prepared by:



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Joann Pavlinec, Planner III  
Historic Preservation  
Major Projects

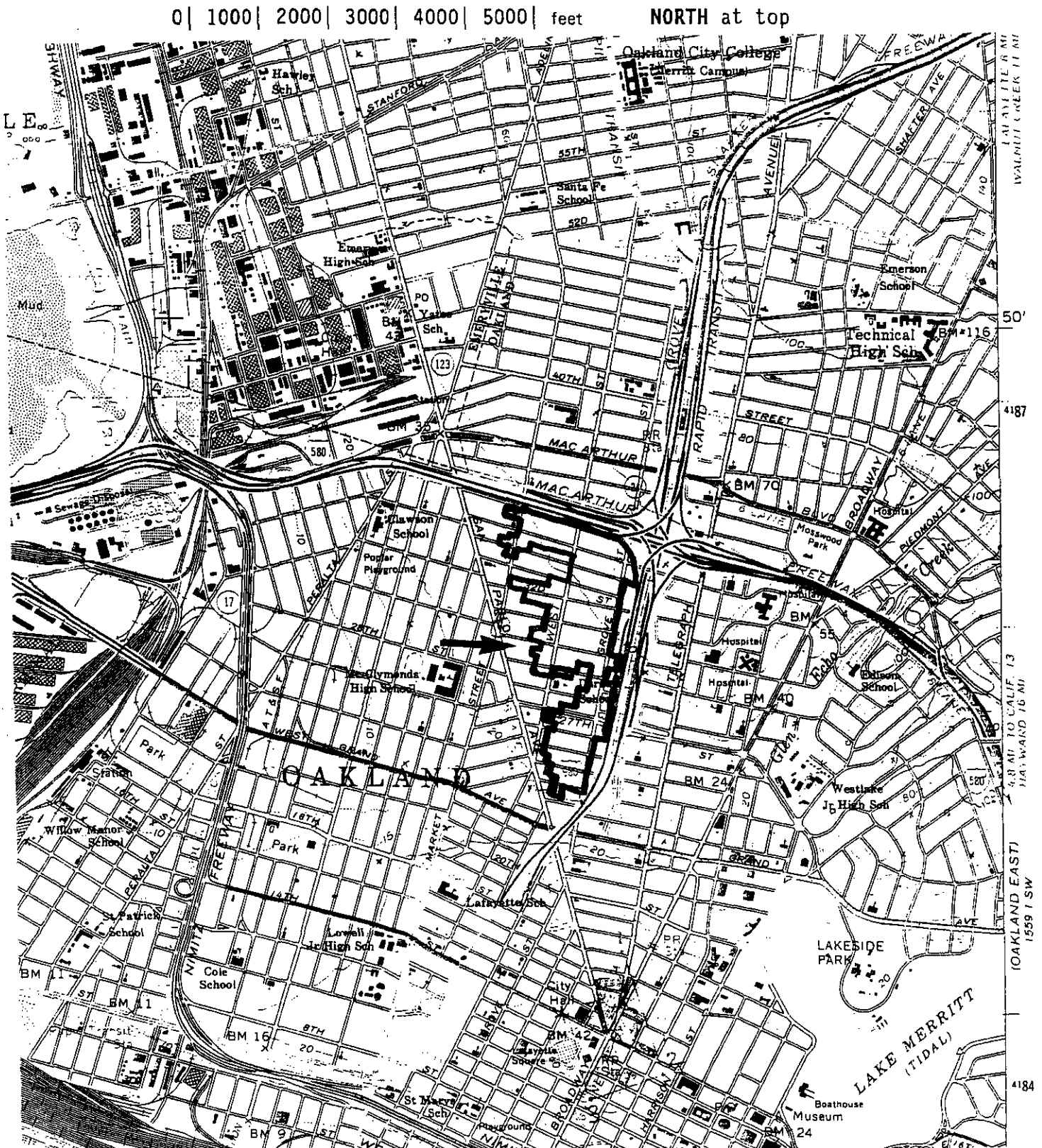
## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map and Description for Herbert Hoover School ASI
- B. Final Evaluation Sheet for Landmark Eligibility
- C. Final Evaluation Tally Sheet for Landmark Eligibility
- D. Oakland Landmark Application Form and attached submittals
- E. Landmarks Board Resolution 2004-4, adopted December 13, 2004
- F. S-7 and Landmark regulations (Planning Code Sections 17.84.010 and 17.102.030)

Ref: PlanningCommissionReports/Landmark-St.Augustine'sMission2-2-05

\*Resource Name or #: HH2 - Herbert Hoover School District  
2403-3435 M L KING JR WY/2618-3439 WEST ST/24TH TO 35TH ST Oakland  
008 0663 HH2

\*Map Name: Oakland West      \*Scale: 1:24,000      \*Date of Map: 1959 (1980)  
UTM(s): 10/564360 mE/4186380 mN      564150/4185200      563990/4185250      563750/4186570



State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code: 7

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Other Listings OCHS ASI  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- \*P1. a. Resource Identifier (assign a name or number): **HH2 - Herbert Hoover School District**  
b. Other Identifier: **008 0663 HH2**
- \*P2. Location: **a. County Alameda**  
\*b. Address **2403-3435 M L KING JR WY/2618-3439 WEST ST/24TH TO 35TH ST**  
City **Oakland, CA** Zip **94612**  
\*c. UTM: **USGS 7.5' Quad Oakland West** Date **1959 (1980)** Zone: **10 564360 mE / 4186380mN**  
\*d. Other Locational Data (e.g. parcel #, legal description, additional UTMs, etc.) **OCHS 15A-17A, 21A22A, 30A-32A, 40A41**  
UTMs: 2. **564150 mE / 4185200 mN** 3. **563990 mE / 4185250 mN** 4. **563750 mE / 4186570 mN**
- \*P3. a. Description (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, etc.):

The Herbert Hoover School district is a large Victorian/turn of the century residential district of approximately 657 buildings, on 683 assessor's parcels, on all or part of 32 blocks, in the West Oakland neighborhood. Terrain is flat. Street pattern is a regular grid. Buildings are generally similar in size, generally similar in age, and varied in design. Properties are generally in good condition; integrity is excellent to fair. Most buildings date from the 1890s-1910s. The main property type is Colonial Revival flats building. Others include Queen Anne house and Craftsman cottage. Typical buildings are two stories, rectangular plan, with hip and gable roofs, columned porch, and multiple bays. Construction is wood frame. Exteriors are mainly clapboard and rustic siding and shingles. Alterations include new steps and railings, some aluminum windows, added entry. Surroundings are densely built up, residential. Building dates are 101 from the 1860s-70s, 128 from the 1880s-90s, 357 from the 1900s-10s, 18 from the 1920s, 11 from the 1930s-40s, 24 from the 1950s and after, by field survey and research. Uses are 606 residential, 23 commercial, 11 industrial, 14 institutional. Individual building ratings are 2 A or B (highest or major importance), 200 C (secondary importance), 308 D (minor importance), 147 E or \* (of no particular interest, modernized, or too recent to be rated), and the district appears locally significant. Approximately 470 properties (72%) appear to contribute to the district's significance. Another 86 might contribute if restored.

b. Resource attributes: **HP03--Domestic/multiple**

- \*P4. Resources present: / /Building //Structure //Object //Site /X/District (ASI) //Element of District //Other



- \*P5. Photo: Number: **739-19**  
Photo date: **09/16/96**  
**N SIDE 32ND ST, E FROM 720**
- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age, and Source:  
//Prehistoric /X/Historic //Both  
**1890s-1910s F**  
field survey and research
- \*P7. Owner and Address:  
multiple: consult assessor
- \*P8. Recorded by (name, affiliation, address  
**Oakland Cultural Heritage**  
**Survey, 1330 Broadway #310,**  
**Oakland 94612 (510-238-3941)**
- \*P9. Date Recorded: **09/30/96**
- \*P10. Type of Survey: //Intensive  
/X/Reconnaissance //Other

\*P11. Report Citation: **OCHS Completion Report, CLG Project #06-95-10104, 9/30/96 (Citywide Recon.)**  
**OCHS vol.31, Northwest Oakland Survey, 1991**

\*Attachments: / /None /X/Location Map //Sketch Map /X/Continuation Sheet //Building Structure & Object Record //Other

**City of Oakland – Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board  
EVALUATION SHEET FOR LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY**

Preliminary       Final

Address: 2624 West Street  
Name: St. Augustine's Mission (H); St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church(C)

**A. ARCHITECTURE**

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|----|--|---|-----------|----------|----|
| 1. | Exterior/Design: <u>straightforward gable and tower form and wood trim, tall arched windows – solid presence on prominent corner</u> | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP |
| 2. | Interior: <u>[N/A - not a public building]</u>   | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP |
| 3. | Construction: <u>board siding &amp; millwork</u>   | E | <u>VG</u> | <u>G</u> | FP |
| 4. | Designer/Builder: <u>Miller &amp; Warnecke (arch.)</u>   | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP |
| 5. | Style/Type: <u>Craftsman-bungalow church, unusual example</u>  | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP |

**B. HISTORY**

- |     |   |   |           |          |           |
|-----|---|---|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 6.  | Person/Organization: <u>St. Augustine's Mission (congregation 1920-75), Rev. David Wallace (pastor 1911-46), T-IC; Delilah Beasley (Af.-Am. author), S-LC St. Andrew M.B.Church &amp; Rev. Robert Lacy (1975--)</u> | E | <u>VG</u> | <u>G</u> | FP        |
| 7.  | Event: _____  | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | <u>FP</u> |
| 8.  | Patterns: <u>ethnic history – African American: P-IC</u>  | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP        |
| 9.  | Age: <u>1920</u>  | E | <u>VG</u> | <u>G</u> | FP        |
| 10. | Site: <u>original site</u>  | E | <u>VG</u> | G        | FP        |

**C. CONTEXT**

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|-----|--|---|-----------|----------|----|
| 11. | Continuity: <u>contributor to surrounding Herbert Hoover Residential n'h (ASI)</u> | E | <u>VG</u> | <u>G</u> | FP |
| 12. | Familiarity: <u>prominent location, well-known institution</u>                     | E | <u>VG</u> | <u>G</u> | FP |

**D. INTEGRITY**

- |     |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13. | Condition: _____                                    | E | G | F | P |
| 14. | Exterior Alterations: <u>no significant changes</u> | E | G | F | P |

Evaluated by: Betty Marvin      Date: 6/7/04

<b>STATUS</b>	
<b>Rating:</b>	
City Landmark Eligibility: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> In process
<input type="checkbox"/> Determined eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appears eligible
<input type="checkbox"/> Appears ineligible	
Site of Opportunity <input type="checkbox"/>	

This evaluation sheet was accepted by the landmarks Preservation Advisory Board at its meeting of June 14, 2004 (Date)

Attest: [Signature]  
Secretary

**City of Oakland – Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board  
EVALUATION TALLY SHEET FOR LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY**

Preliminary       Final

Address: 2624 West Street

Name: St. Augustine's Mission (H); St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church(C)

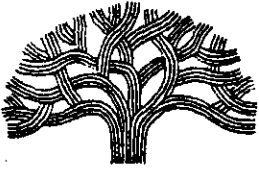
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4	<u>2</u>	1	0	4. Designer/Builder	
6	<u>3</u>	2	0	5. Style/Type	
				<b>A. ARCHITECTURE TOTAL (max. 26)</b>	<b>13</b>
30	15	<u>8</u>	0	6. Person/Organization	
30	15	8	<u>0</u>	7. Event	
<u>18</u>	9	5	0	8. Patterns	
8	4	<u>2</u>	0	9. Age	
<u>4</u>	2	1	0	10. Site	
				<b>B. HISTORY TOTAL (max. 60)</b>	<b>32</b>
4	2	<u>1</u>	0	11. Continuity	
14	7	<u>4</u>	0	12. Familiarity	
				<b>C. CONTEXT TOTAL (max. 14)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PRELIMINARY TOTAL (Sum of A, B and C) (max. 100)</b>					<b>50</b>
<u>-0</u>	-3%	-5%	-10%	13. Condition (From A, B, and C total)	
<u>-0</u>	-25%	-50%	-75%	14. Exterior Alterations (From A, B and C total excluding 2)	
				<b>D. INTEGRITY</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL (Preliminary total minus Integrity)</b>					<b>50</b>

**STATUS/RATING**

Present Rating (Adjusted Total):       A(35+)     B(23-34)     C(11-22)     D(0-10)

Contingency Rating (Preliminary Total):     A(35+)     B(23-34)     C(11-22)     D(0-10)

City Landmark Eligibility:     Eligible (Present Rating is A or B)     Not eligible



# Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board

## OAKLAND LANDMARK AND S-7 PRESERVATION COMBINING ZONE APPLICATION FORM

This form is for use in requesting the City of Oakland pursuant to its Zoning Regulations to establish a landmark or landmark site or to rezone one or more properties to the S-7 Preservation Combining Zone. See instructions in "HOW TO COMPLETE OAKLAND LANDMARK AND S-7 PRESERVATION COMBINING ZONE APPLICATION FORM."

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

- A. Historic Name: St. Augustine's Mission
- B. and/or Common Name: St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church

### 2. ADDRESS/LOCATION

Street and number: 2624 West Street Zip Code: 94612

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

- |  |  |                                      |                                 |  |                                    |   |  |  |   |                                     |                                     |                                     |   |                                   |   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>A. Category</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Structure</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Object</p> | <p><b>D. Present Use (P) and Historic Use (H)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Museum</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Government</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Military</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):</td> </tr> </table> | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Park      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum  |                                      |                                 |  |                                    |   |  |  |   |                                     |                                     |                                     |   |                                   |   |
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church

Street and Number: 2624 West Street

City: Oakland State: CA Zip Code: 94612

Assessor's Parcel Number: 9-681-22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, & 28

5. EXISTING FEDERAL/STATE DESIGNATIONS

A. Federal

- National Historic Landmark
- Included in National Register of Historic Places
- Determined eligible for inclusion in National Register of Historic Places

B. State

- California Historical Landmark
- California Point of Historic Interest
- State Historical Resources Inventory

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Name of Survey	Survey Rating (if applicable)	Date	Depository
Oakland Cultural Heritage survey	B+2+	7/19/91	



Sketch Map: N





7. DESCRIPTION

A. Condition:	B. Alterations: (Check one)	C. Site (Check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved (Date _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	

D. Style/Type: Church

E. Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

- A. **Period:**  
 Prehistoric  
 Pre-1869  
 1869-1906  
 1906-1945  
 Post-1945
- B. **Areas of significance--check and justify below:**
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|--|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention               | Ethnic African American History                     |
- C. **Period of Significance:** 1920 - 2004 (present) D. **Significant dates:**  
 Construction Date: 1920  
 Change of Ownership: 2/1978
- E. **Builder/Architect/Designer:**  
 Owners/Miller & Warrecke
- F. **Significant persons:** Delilah Beasley; Rev. David Wallace; Dr. Robert Lacy
- G. **Statement of Significance (include summary statement of significance as first paragraph):**  
 (See Attached Sheets)

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In October 2003, the St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church Private School broadened its educational aspects to include the St. Andrew Theological Academic University, Adult Education Vocational Training and Job Placement Program to service the adult population that are requiring educational assistance.

In addition to clothes drives, community events, the St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church began a food outreach ministry in 2002, which would allow low income and disadvantaged families to receive free groceries and spiritual counseling. Weekly St. Andrew broadcasts a Spirit Filled worship service into various homes in the Bay Area.

We appreciate the surrounding communities that we are able to continue rendering our services. All of these services are available to all ethnic groups and involve a "Concern for the Whole Man" that is established and assisted by the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The church, community, and educational outreach programs continue to remain a great source of pride in this community as well as the Bay Area, and many individuals have been and are being assisted and supported by St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church Private School Parent Cooperation Prayer Clinic Theological University.

Since the 1970s the church property has included the house at 2618 West Street, which has been used for church activities. Though not related to the church in its earlier history, the house closely adjoins the church's West Street front and is representative of the 19th century neighborhood setting in which the church was constructed. As such it is proposed for inclusion in the landmark nomination as a contributing feature of the church's setting. ✓

A typical raised-basement Queen Anne cottage with a typical West Oakland history, the house was apparently built as a rental in 1895 by John G. Peller, a carpenter who lived on 21st Street. The residents from at least 1900 (census) to 1903 (city directory) were Frank and Maggie Worrall and their two daughters. Frank Worrall, born in England, operated a business as an "advertiser" at the house, publishing a "telephone index and directory." From about 1905 to 1935 it was owned and occupied by the German-Swedish Hansen family – Hans, a cigar dealer, Mary, and five children whose occupations included sales clerk and laborer. By 1937 Jacob and Ora Granter owned and occupied the house; they had previously lived nearby at 720 and 733 27th Street. Jacob was a machinist. Ora, widowed by 1943, remained at the house until at least 1967. The house has some distinctive design features including a tall attic story with flared gable end, and star-

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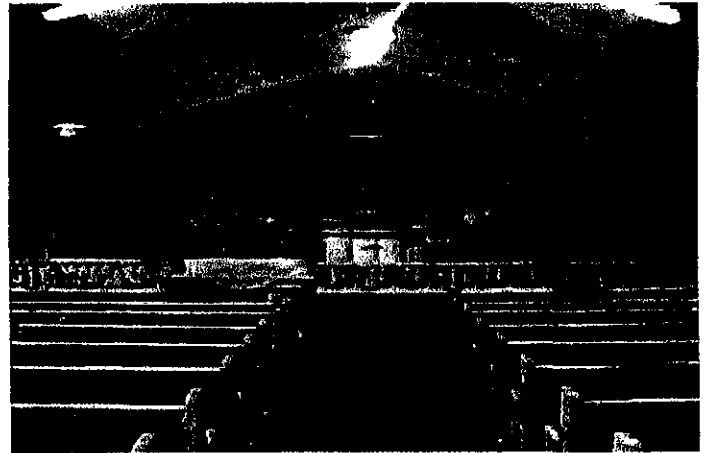
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State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Serial number: 4623-  
NR status: 3S

Local designation:

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name: St. Augustine's Mission
2. Common or current name: St. Andrew's Missionary Baptist Church
3. Number & street: 2624 WEST ST/SE COR 27TH ST  
City: Oakland, CA Zip: 94612 County: Alameda
4. UTM zone: 10 A: 564000/4185600
5. Quad map no. 4664 Parcel no.: 9-681-25-0

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category: building
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property:

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8. Planning agency:  
Oakland City Planning Dept
9. Owner & address:  
ST ANDREW MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
2624 WEST ST  
OAKLAND CA 94612
10. Type of ownership: private
11. Present use:  
noncommercial
12. Zoning: C-25
13. Threats: none known

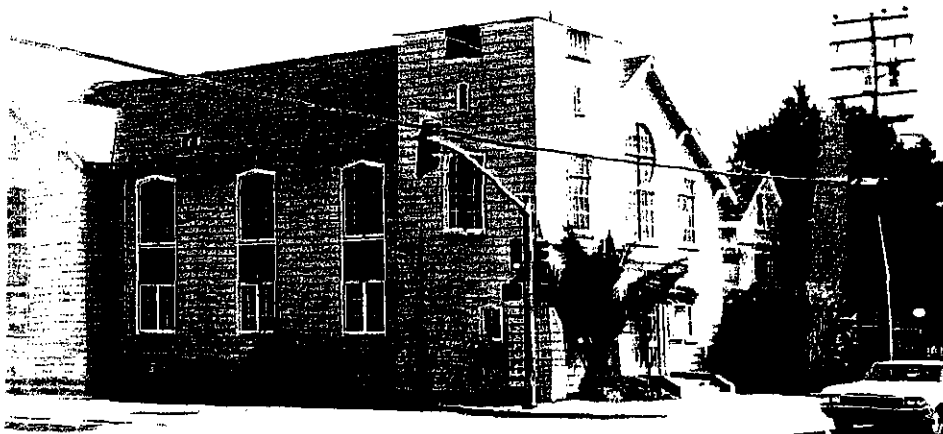


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## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s): 1920 F Original location: SAME Date moved:
15. Alterations & date: concrete steps
16. Architect: Miller and Warnecke Builder: "owner"
17. Historic attributes: 16--church 36--ethnic minority property: African-American

## SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme: ethnic communities Area: West Oakland  
Period: 1850-1945 Property type: church Context formally developed? no
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context.

2624 WEST ST, St. Augustine's Mission, is a very good example of a Craftsman church. It appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, patterns of history, for its importance in the context of ethnic communities in West Oakland 1850-1945. It is also a contributor to the architectural and historical significance of the locally important Herbert Hoover Neighborhood district (Market, Brockhurst, 24th, 36th, Grove Streets (Area of Secondary Importance: not National Register eligible).

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20. Sources:  
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Sketch Map: N

21. Applicable N.R. criteria: A
22. Other recognition:
23. Evaluator: Betty Marvin  
Date of evaluation: 07/19/91
24. Survey type: comprehensive
25. Survey name: Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey
26. Year form prepared: 1991  
By: Staff and Consultants  
Org: Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey  
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The church was designed for the parish by Miller and Warnecke, an early work of a firm later best known for large-scale civic and quasi-civic buildings and elaborate period revival houses and apartment buildings. The 26-year-old Carl I. Warnecke joined Chester Miller's firm in 1917, the year the St. Augustine's plans were reportedly authorized. The plans on file with the City of Oakland are signed "Chester H. Miller, Architect/Carl I. Warnecke, Associate, drawn by C.I.W." The Craftsman style they used for the church lent itself well to the needs of a congregation on a limited budget: they were able to cut interior finishes to a bare minimum and turn the omissions to aesthetic advantage by provisions such as roof sheathing "where exposed to view in the inside of the building to be 1-1/8x6" special run T&G." The plans also show traces of the omitted (and erased) cupola: it would have had a hip roof and belfry.

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### 19. Historical and/or Architectural Importance (continued)

St. Augustine's active role in the community was largely established by its longtime pastor, David Wallace, who came to St. Augustine's from Chicago, after ministries in Nashville and Boston. In a brief autobiography written around 1950 he stated that in Boston "under the inspiration of the Cowley Fathers he was led to see the importance of Social Service as an important aspect of Christian ministry," and at St. Augustine's "The social service aspect especially as it applied to the young people was adopted; and pastoral work in the community built up a substantial organization recognized as a vital force in Oakland." He was active in the NAACP, Community Chest, and USO, and on the board of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People. He was also one of the first people to encourage Delilah Beasley in her career as journalist and historian. A later historian states that "the scouting and other youth leadership programs at St. Augustine's were a great source of pride in the black community, and many of the civic leaders of recent years were at one time 'St. Augustine boys.' In the last few years at 27th and West, a breakfast program was maintained for schoolchildren of the neighborhood." (Moir Nichols, "The Restoration of St. Augustine's Church," Oakland Heritage Alliance News, Summer 1989) In 1971 pastor Earl Neil was the first African-American appointed to the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California. In 1975 St. Augustine's merged with the (historically white) Trinity Episcopal Church a few blocks away at 29th and Telegraph Avenue, and the West Street church became the home of St. Andrew's Missionary Baptist Church.

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West St. facade



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19. Historical and/or Architectural Importance (continued)

Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1920

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# Worship

## Corner Stone Laying of New Mission of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Is Held



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Plans of St. Augustine's Colored Episcopal Mission, now being erected on the site of the old edifice, Twenty-eighth and West streets, Bishop Nichols having laid the corner-stone last Sunday. (Times) REV. D. R. WALLACE, pastor of the Mission.

**RESOLUTION 2004-4**  
**LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CITY OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, a proposal to designate the following property as an Oakland Landmark pursuant to Section 17.144 of the Oakland Planning Code has been considered by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and examined the material pertaining to this property in Case File LM04-371 and the Oakland Landmark Application form, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the property meets the landmark designation criteria found at Section 17.07.030P of the Planning Code and the Board's Guidelines for Determination of Landmark Eligibility in that the property:

- has housed strong and civically active historically African-American congregations from the time of its construction in 1920;
- is a prominent visual and cultural landmark in its West Oakland neighborhood;
- was designed and built in 1920 as an early work of the esteemed Oakland architectural firm of Chester Miller and Carl I. Warnecke, later best known for large-scale civic and quasi-civic projects;
- is a distinctive and well-designed example of a Craftsman style church, memorable for its arched windows, buttresses, bracketed eaves, corner tower, and skillful adaptation of bungalow features and natural materials;
- was originally built and occupied by St. Augustine's Episcopal Mission, founded in 1910 to serve African-American Oaklanders including many who had relocated from San Francisco in the years after the 1906 earthquake and fire;
- was pastored from 1911 to 1946 by Father David Wallace, noted for his leadership in the NAACP and other activist organizations, his mentoring of Delilah Beasley as journalist and historian, and his championing of social service as an important part of the ministry;

- was renowned for its early youth leadership programs, inspiring historian Moira Nichols to write in 1989 that “many of the civic leaders of recent years were at one time ‘St. Augustine’s boys’”;
- is remembered by many in the community as the site in 1969 of the first Black Panther Party breakfast program for children, initiating a nationwide movement;
- bade farewell to its original congregation when they merged in 1975 with the historically European-American Trinity Church at 29th and Telegraph to form the present St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, a courageous and innovative move by both congregations;
- since 1978 has been home to St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Robert Lacy, serving West Oakland and the wider community *through its ministry, social service, and educational programs*;
- was recorded in the State Historic Resources Inventory in 1991 as appearing eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Patterns of History, in the context of West Oakland ethnic history;
- includes on its property an 1895 Queen Anne cottage at 2618 West Street that is proposed for inclusion in the landmark designation as a contributing feature of the main building’s setting, as representative of the neighborhood setting in which the church was constructed;

And WHEREAS, an Evaluation Sheet for Landmark Eligibility has been prepared for the property in accordance with the Board’s Guidelines for Determination of Landmark Eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Sheet shows that the property meets the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Sheet, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that this property merits Landmark designation, protective regulations, and preservation for the enjoyment of future generations;

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board hereby initiates, under Section 17.144.030D of the Oakland Planning Code, action to establish as a Landmark the following:

HISTORICAL NAME: St. Augustine's Mission,  
later St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

COMMON NAME: St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church

ADDRESS: 2624 West Street

DATE BUILT: 1920

ARCHITECT: Miller and Warnecke

ORIGINAL USE: Church

PRESENT USE: Church and community service; K-12 school,  
vocational programs, and theological university

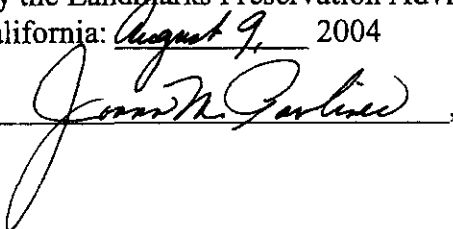
PARCEL NUMBER: 009 0681 022 through 028

And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this property shall be preserved generally in all its exterior features as existing on the date hereof or may be modified to restore, replicate, or more closely resemble its original or other historical appearance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this action be forwarded to the City Planning Commission for public hearing and consideration.

Approved by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board,  
Oakland, California: August 9, 2004

ATTEST: , Secretary



# S-7



## Chapter 17.84

### S-7 PRESERVATION COMBINING ZONE REGULATIONS

**Sections:**

- 17.84.010 Title, purpose, and applicability.**
- 17.84.020 Zones with which the S-7 zone may be combined.**
- 17.84.030 Design review for construction, alteration, demolition, or removal.**
- 17.84.035 Special residential design review for Secondary Units.**
- 17.84.040 Design review criteria for construction or alteration.**
- 17.84.050 Design review criteria for demolition or removal.**
- 17.84.060 Postponement of demolition or removal.**
- 17.84.070 Duty to keep in good repair.**

**17.84.010 Title, purpose, and applicability.**

The provisions of this chapter shall be known as the S-7 preservation combining zone regulations. The S-7 zone is intended to preserve and enhance the cultural, educational, aesthetic, environmental, and economic value of structures, other physical facilities, sites, and areas of special importance due to historical association, basic architectural merit, the embodiment of a style or special type of construction, or other special character, interest, or value, and is typically appropriate to selected older locations in the city. These regulations shall apply in the S-7 zone, and are supplementary to the provisions of Section 17.102.030 and to the other regulations applying in the zones with which the S-7 zone is combined. (Prior planning code § 6400)

**17.84.020 Zones with which the S-7 zone may be combined.**

The S-7 zone may be combined with any other zone. (Prior planning code § 6401)

**17.84.030 Design review for construction, alteration, demolition, or removal.**

In the S-7 zone no building, Sign, or other facility other than a new Secondary Unit shall be constructed or established, or altered or painted a new color in such a manner as to affect exterior appearance, and no structure or portion thereof shall be demolished or removed, unless such proposal shall have been approved pursuant to the design review procedure in Chapter 17.136 and the applicable provisions of Sections 17.84.040, 17.84.050, and 17.84.060. However, after notice to the Director of City Planning, demolition or removal of a structure or portion thereof shall be permitted without such approval upon a determination by the Inspectional Services Department, the Housing Conservation Division, their respective appeals boards, or the City Council that immediate demolition is necessary to protect the public health or safety, or after expiration of the periods of postponement referred to in Section 17.84.060. Whenever it is proposed that demolition or removal be followed within a reasonable period of time by new construction, review of the new construction shall take place in conjunction with review of the demolition or removal.

(Ord. 12501 § 60, 2003; prior planning code § 6402)

**17.84.035 Special residential design review for Secondary Units.**

No Secondary Unit shall be constructed or established unless plans for the proposal have been approved pursuant to the special residential design review procedure in Chapter 17.146. (Ord. 12501 § 61, 2003)

**17.84.040 Design review criteria for construction or alteration.**

Design review approval for construction, establishment, alteration, or painting of a facility may be granted only upon determination that the proposal conforms to the general design review criteria set forth in the design review procedure in Chapter 17.136 and to both of the following additional design review criteria:



A. That the proposal will not substantially impair the visual, architectural, or historic value of the affected site or facility. Consideration shall be given to design, form, scale, color, materials, texture, lighting, detailing and ornamentation, landscaping, Signs, and any other relevant design element or effect, and, where applicable, the relation of the above to the original design of the affected facility.

B. That the proposed development will not substantially impair the visual, architectural, or historic value of the total setting or character of the surrounding area or of neighboring facilities. Consideration shall be given to integration with, and subordination to, the desired overall character of any such area or grouping of facilities. All design elements or effects specified in subsection A of this section shall be so considered. (Prior planning code § 6403)

**17.84.050 Design review criteria for demolition or removal.**

Design review approval, pursuant to Section 17.84.030, for demolition or removal of a structure or portion thereof may be granted only upon determination that the proposal conforms to the design review criteria set forth in subsections A and B of this section, or to one or both of the criteria set forth in subsection C of this section:

A. That the affected structure or portion thereof is not considered irreplaceable in terms of its visual, cultural, or educational value to the area or community;

B. That the proposed demolition or removal will not substantially impair the visual, architectural, or historic value of the total setting or character of the surrounding area or of neighboring facilities;

C. If the proposal does not conform to the criteria set forth in subsections A and B of this section:

1. That the structure or portion thereof is in such condition that it is not architecturally feasible to preserve or restore it, or

2. That, considering the economic feasibility of preserving or restoring the structure or portion thereof, and balancing the interest of the public in such preservation or restoration and the interest of the owner of the property in the utilization thereof, approval is required by considerations of equity. (Prior planning code § 6404)

**17.84.060 Postponement of demolition or removal.**

If an application for approval of demolition or removal of a structure or portion thereof, pursuant to Sections 17.84.030 and 17.84.050, is denied, the

issuance of a permit for demolition or removal shall be deferred for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days, said period to commence upon the initial denial by the reviewing officer or body. However, if demolition or removal of the structure or portion thereof has also been postponed pursuant to Section 17.102.060, the initial period of postponement under this section shall be reduced by the length of the period imposed pursuant to Section 17.102.060. During the period of postponement, the Director of City Planning or the City Planning Commission, with the advice and assistance of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, shall explore all means by which, with the agreement of the owner or through eminent domain, the affected structure or portion thereof may be preserved or restored. The reviewing officer or body from whose decision the denial of the application became final may, after holding a public hearing, extend said period for not more than one hundred twenty (120) additional days; provided, however, that the decision to so extend said period shall be made not earlier than ninety (90) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial one hundred twenty (120) day period. Notice of the hearing shall be given by posting notices thereof within three hundred (300) feet of the property involved. Notice of the hearing shall also be given by mail or delivery to the applicant, to all parties who have commented on the initial application, and to other interested parties as deemed appropriate. All such notices shall be given not less than ten days prior to the date set for the hearing. Such extension shall be made only upon evidence that substantial progress has been made toward securing the preservation or restoration of the structure or portion thereof. In the event that the applicant shall have failed to exhaust all appeals under Sections 17.136.080 and 17.136.090 from the denial of the application, the decision to extend said period shall be appealable under the provisions of Sections 17.136.080 and 17.136.090 to those bodies to whom appeal had not been taken from the initial denial of the application. (Ord. 12237 § 4 (part), 2000: prior planning code § 6405)

17.84.070

**17.84.070 Duty to keep in good repair.**

Except as otherwise authorized under Sections 17.84.030 and 17.84.050, the owner, lessee, or other person in actual charge of each structure in the S-7 zone shall keep in good repair all of the exterior portions thereof, as well as all interior portions the maintenance of which is necessary to prevent deterioration and decay of any exterior portion. (Prior planning code § 6406)

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# **NOTICE & DIGEST**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ST. ANDREW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (HISTORIC NAME: ST. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION) AT 2624 WEST STREET AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.102.030 OF THE OAKLAND PLANNING CODE.**

**This Ordinance designates St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church at 2624 West Street as a City of Oakland Landmark.**