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CSFN resolution calling on the San Francisco Board of Appeals to support four appeals from the Rincon Point Neighbors Association opposing excessive signage proposed for the exterior of the historic Rincon Annex. Passed June 20, 2023

Whereas the LA-based corporate owners of the 83-year-old landmark Rincon Annex (former post office) on Mission Street near the Embarcadero are attempting to install numerous unnecessary signs on three sides of the historic building,

Whereas the Rincon Point Neighbors Association is currently appealing the four building permits that would allow the **eight sets** of inappropriate and unnecessary signs on the building's Streamline Moderne exterior,

Whereas the building permits were issued in secret, behind closed doors, and over-the-counter by the San Francisco Planning Department,

Whereas there was no neighborhood notice, hearing, or opportunity for comment,

Whereas the building was designed by <u>Gilbert Stanley Underwood</u>, a renowned architect working for the Roosevelt Administration who also designed numerous grand railroad stations, post offices and national park lodges (including the Ahwahnee Hotel),

Whereas the site was re-developed in the 1980s into the multi-use Rincon Center and the historic building's lobby and exterior were to be preserved,

Whereas a carefully crafted sign plan was implemented in the 1980s that contributed to the many successful businesses at the center for 30 years,

Whereas the planning process could be streamlined without lowering standards or jeopardizing historic preservation,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods calls on the San Francisco Board of Appeals to approve the four appeals regarding signs on the Rincon Annex.

- Submitted by Rincon Point Neighbors Association