

San Francisco Architectural Heritage
2007 Franklin Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

DEFINITION OF SURVEY RATINGS

EVALUATION

Thirteen criteria within four major categories were rated on a four-level scale. Each criterion was assigned a number value and these numbers were added to reach a final score for each building. The thirteen criteria are:

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| A. Architecture | B. History | C. Environment |
| 1. Style | 7. Person | 10. Continuity |
| 2. Construction | 8. Event | 11. Setting |
| 3. Age | 9. Patterns | 12. Landmark |
| 4. Architect | | |
| 5. Design | | D. Integrity |
| 6. Interior | | 13. Alterations |

RATINGS

The composite scores were placed in four categories of value:

A. Highest Importance

Individually the most important buildings, distinguished by outstanding qualities of architecture, historical values, and relationship to the environment. All A-rated buildings are eligible for the National Register and of highest priority for City Landmark status.

B. Major Importance

Buildings which are of individual importance by virtue of architectural, historical, and environmental criteria. These buildings tend to stand out for their overall quality rather than for any particular outstanding characteristics. B-rated buildings are eligible for the National Register and of secondary priority for City Landmark status.

C. Contextual Importance

Buildings which are distinguished by their scale, materials, compositional treatment, cornice, and other features. They provide the setting for more important buildings and they add visual richness and character to the neighborhood. Many C-rated buildings may be eligible for the National Register as part of historic districts.

D. Minor or No Importance

Buildings which are insignificant examples of architecture by virtue of original design, or more frequently, insensitive remodeling. This category includes vacant buildings and parking lots. Most D-rated buildings are "sites of opportunity."