

# Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

HEARING DATE JANUARY 14, 2019

## FOR YOUR EYES ONLY OPTOMETRY

*Application No.:* LBR-2018-19-008  
*Business Name:* For Your Eyes Only Optometry  
*Business Address:* 552 Castro Street  
*District:* District 8  
*Applicant:* Kathleen Kennedy, O.D., Optometrist, Owner  
*Nomination Date:* August 31, 2018  
*Nominated By:* Supervisor Rafael Mandelman  
*Staff Contact:* Richard Kurylo  
legacybusiness@sfgov.org

### BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Dr. Kenneth Agues founded For Your Eyes Only Optometry ("FYEO") in 1983. Dr. Agues was an important source for trusted, compassionate eye care near the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Eye care was especially important to people with AIDS because, with their weakened immune systems, they were at high risk of Cytomegalovirus Retinitis, an aggressive eye infection that commonly led to blindness. Dr. Agues himself became sick from AIDS and passed away in 1992. Before his death, he found Dr. Kathleen Kennedy to take over the practice. Dr. Kennedy started seeing patients and running the practice at For Your Eyes Only under the mentorship of Dr. Agues., and she purchased it in 1991.

As the AIDS epidemic worsened, Dr. Kennedy and the For Your Eyes Only staff continued to provide outstanding care without stigma to people of the Castro, including many with AIDS. During the height of the AIDS crisis, FYEO was a respectful haven of comfort and care for those diagnosed with AIDS or HIV at a time when many doctors were refusing to treat those living with the ailment.

For Your Eyes Only Optometry stays current with the latest vision-related research and technology and provide high quality professional care in a warm and friendly environment. The business serves everyone, but it is notable that, in the early years, 90% of For Your Eyes Only's patients were gay men. Presently, 60% of patients identify as male and approximately 80% identify as LGBTQ. Most patients live or work in the Castro.

The business is located in the Castro neighborhood on Castro Street between 18th and 19th streets.

### CRITERION 1: Has the applicant operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?

Yes, the applicant has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

552 Castro Street from 1983 to Present (35 years)





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**CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?**

Yes, the applicant has contributed to the Castro neighborhood's history and identity.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- For Your Eyes Only Optometry is associated with the craft of optometry.
- For Your Eyes Only Optometry has contributed to the history and identity of the Castro and San Francisco.
- The property is eligible for listing in the CA Register and has a Planning Department Historic Resource status of "A" (Known Historic Resource). The property is associated with the Castro Street Commercial Historic District, representing the development of the Eureka Valley neighborhood of San Francisco from a late 19th century streetcar suburb, through its height during the reconstruction period following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, to the Great Depression of 1929 that marked the end of the first period of commercial development. The second wave of development in the district in the 1970s represents the consolidation of the LGBT community in San Francisco and its relocation to the Castro neighborhood. The Castro neighborhood is significant as the backdrop for the LGBT movement in San Francisco, which has exceptional significance as a cultural, social, and political local movement that later gained national attention with the first March on Washington in 1979. Contributors to the district include mixed-use commercial buildings dating from 1880-1929. The neighborhood today displays the architectural congruity necessary to qualify for listing under Criterion 1 for its early history as an early street car suburb in San Francisco and for its significance associated with the commercial development of Eureka Valley. The neighborhood also displays cultural significance associated with the LGBT movement in San Francisco such that it qualifies under Criterion 1 and National Register Consideration C for properties that have achieved significance in the past 50 years. The Castro is an important center of the San Francisco's LGBT movement in the 1970s, which became a national model for the struggle of the LGBT community for acceptance in the late 20th century.
- The Bay Area Reporter featured Dr. Agues' obituary in 1992, documenting his career and founding of For Your Eyes Only. Notes by Rick Le Blanc in 2009, Dr. Agues' former employee, provided more detail about the history of the practice and Dr. Kennedy's succession. Both of these documents can be found in the GLBT Historical Society archives.
- Business Name has received the following awards and/or commendations:
  - Dr. Kennedy was chosen for the Young Optometrist of the Year award by the California Optometric Association (1994), as well as 20/20 Magazine's Best and Brightest award (1993).
  - In 2006, the Lyon Martin Health Services' Brothers for Sisters campaign awarded Dr. Kennedy recognition for her contributions to the wellbeing of the LGBT community.
  - In 2015, Supervisor Scott Weiner presented Dr. Kennedy with a certificate of honor, and Senator Mark Leno presented Dr. Kennedy with a certificate of recognition for her 25 years at the practice.
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### **CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?**

Yes, For Your Eyes Only Optometry is committed to maintaining the physical features, craft, art form and traditions that define the business.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that For Your Eyes Only Optometry qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- High quality optometric care.
- High quality eyewear at fair prices.
- Original interior features, including rounded wall corners, moldings, hardwood floors.

### **CORE PHYSICAL FEATURE OR TRADITION THAT DEFINES THE BUSINESS**

Following is the core physical feature or tradition that defines the business that would be required for maintenance of the business on the Legacy Business Registry.

- Optometry.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include For Your Eyes Only Optometry currently located at 552 Castro Street in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Program Manager  
Legacy Business Program



# Small Business Commission Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE JANUARY 14, 2019

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LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR FOR YOUR EYES ONLY OPTOMETRY, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 522 CASTRO STREET.

**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 January 14, 2019, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore





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BE IT RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission hereby includes For Your Eyes Only Optometry 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 For Your Eyes Only Optometry:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- High quality optometric care.
High quality eyewear at fair prices.
Original interior features, including rounded wall corners, moldings, hardwood floors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain For Your Eyes Only Optometry on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Optometry.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on January 14, 2019.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

- Ayes -
Nays -
Abstained -
Absent -





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# Application Review Sheet

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**CRITERION 3:** Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?  Yes  No

**NOTES:** N/A

**DELIVERY DATE TO HPC:** November 21, 2018

Richard Kurylo  
Manager, Legacy Business Program



Member, Board of Supervisors  
District 8



City and County of San Francisco

## RAFAEL MANDELMAN

August 31, 2018

Re: Nomination of For Your Eyes Only to the Legacy Business Registry

Dear Director Regina Dick-Endrizzi,

I'm writing to nominate For Your Eyes Only for the Legacy Business Registry. Founded in 1983 by Dr. Kenneth Agues, For Your Eyes Only Optometry at 552 Castro Street has continuously served the Castro community for the past 35 years.

Dr. Agues was an important source for trusted, compassionate eye care at the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Eye care is especially important to people with AIDS, because their weakened immune system puts them at a higher risk of Cytomegalovirus Retinitis, an aggressive eye infection that commonly leads to blindness. When Dr. Agues himself was diagnosed with AIDS, he began to search for another doctor to take over his practice who would care for his patients with the same level of sincerity and thoughtfulness as he felt all patients deserve.

In 1990, Dr. Agues found Dr. Kathleen Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy shared his level of commitment to patient care, and under Dr. Agues' mentorship she began seeing patients and eventually running the practice at For Your Eyes Only. Dr. Kennedy purchased the practice in 1991, and Dr. Agues spent his final months with family and friends until his death in 1992.

During the height of the AIDS crisis, For Your Eyes Only remained dedicated to providing a warm, professional, and reliable source for eye care, and has continued to do so for over three decades. I strongly believe that this business would benefit from being a part of San Francisco's Legacy Business Registry and I want to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJM".

Rafael Mandelman  
Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

## Section One:

**Business / Applicant Information.** Provide the following information:

- The name, mailing address, and other contact information of the business;
- The name of the person who owns the business. For businesses with multiple owners, identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business;
- The name, title, and contact information of the applicant;
- The business's San Francisco Business Account Number and entity number with the Secretary of State, if applicable.

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| <b>NAME OF BUSINESS:</b>   |   |   |
| For Your Eyes Only Optometry, A.P.C.   |   |   |
| <b>BUSINESS OWNER(S) (identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business)</b> |   |   |
| Kathleen Kennedy, O.D.   |   |   |
| <b>CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS:</b>   |   | <b>TELEPHONE:</b>   |
| 552 Castro Street<br>San Francisco, CA 94114   |   | (415) 626-8574  |
|  |   | <b>EMAIL:</b>   |
|  |   | office@fyeocastro.com   |
| <b>WEBSITE:</b>  | <b>FACEBOOK PAGE:</b>   | <b>YELP PAGE</b>  |
| <a href="https://www.castrovision.com/">https://www.castrovision.com/</a>                          | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FYEOCastro/">https://www.facebook.com/FYEOCastro/</a> | <a href="https://www.yelp.com/biz/for-your-eyes-only-optometry-san-francisco">https://www.yelp.com/biz/for-your-eyes-only-optometry-san-francisco</a> |

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|--|---|
| <b>APPLICANT'S NAME</b>                      |   |
| Kathleen Kennedy, O.D.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Business |
| <b>APPLICANT'S TITLE</b>                     |   |
| Optometrist, owner                           |   |
| <b>APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:</b>                  | <b>TELEPHONE:</b>                         |
| 552 Castro Street<br>San Francisco, CA 94114 | ( [REDACTED] )                            |
|  | <b>EMAIL:</b>                             |
|  | [REDACTED]                                |

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|---|--|
| <b>SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b> | <b>SECRETARY OF STATE ENTITY NUMBER (if applicable):</b> |
| 0426606                                       |  |

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| <b>OFFICIAL USE: Completed by OSB Staff</b> |                            |
| <b>NAME OF NOMINATOR:</b>                   | <b>DATE OF NOMINATION:</b> |
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## Section Two:

### Business Location(s).

List the business address of the original San Francisco location, the start date of business, and the dates of operation at the original location. Check the box indicating whether the original location of the business in San Francisco is the founding location of the business. If the business moved from its original location and has had additional addresses in San Francisco, identify all other addresses and the dates of operation at each address. For businesses with more than one location, list the additional locations in section three of the narrative.

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|---|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>ORIGINAL SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS:</b>                              | <b>ZIP CODE:</b>                          | <b>START DATE OF BUSINESS</b> |
| 552 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA                                | 94114                                     | Sept 1, 1983                  |
| <b>IS THIS LOCATION THE FOUNDING LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS?</b>      | <b>DATES OF OPERATION AT THIS LOCATON</b> |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Sept 1, 1983 - present                    |                               |

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| <b>OTHER ADDRESSES (if applicable):</b> | <b>ZIP CODE:</b> | <b>DATES OF OPERATION</b> |
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## Section Three:

### Disclosure Statement.

#### San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws and Public Information Release.

This section is verification that all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses are current and complete, and there are no current violations of San Francisco labor laws. This information will be verified and a business deemed not current in with all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses, or has current violations of San Francisco labor laws, will not be eligible to apply for the Business Assistance Grant.

In addition, we are required to inform you that all information provided in the application will become subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Please read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in the space provided.

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
- I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
- I attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
- I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
- I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
- I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.

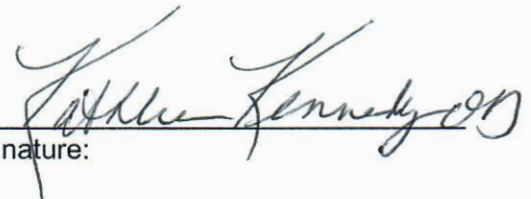
Kathleen Kennedy OD

08/17/2018

Name (Print):

Date:

Signature:



## **FOR YOUR EYES ONLY OPTOMETRY**

### **Section 4: Written Historical Narrative**

#### **CRITERION 1**

**a. Provide a short history of the business from the date the business opened in San Francisco to the present day, including the ownership history. For businesses with multiple locations, include the history of the original location in San Francisco (including whether it was the business's founding and or headquartered location) and the opening dates and locations of all other locations.**

When Dr. Kenneth Agues founded For Your Eyes Only Optometry (“FYEO”) in 1983 at 552 Castro Street, he established the roots of a practice that has continuously served San Francisco’s unique Castro community for the past 35 years.

Dr. Agues was an important source for trusted, compassionate eye care near the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Eye care was especially important to people with AIDS because, with their weakened immune systems, they were at high risk of Cytomegalovirus Retinitis, an aggressive eye infection that commonly led to blindness. Then, sadly, Dr. Agues himself became sick from AIDS. He searched for another doctor to take over his practice and felt it was of utmost importance to find someone who would care for his patients with the same level of sincerity and thoroughness as he valued.

In 1990, Dr. Agues found Dr. Kathleen Kennedy. They shared the same level of commitment to excellent patient care. Dr. Kennedy started seeing patients and running the practice at For Your Eyes Only under the mentorship of Dr. Agues. He was a great advisor and offered much support to Dr. Kennedy during her early days in the practice, often having her over for dinner at his beautiful home on Beaver Street in the Castro. Dr. Kennedy purchased the practice in 1991. With the practice and his patients in Dr. Kennedy’s capable hands, Dr. Agues was able to relax and spend the end of his life enjoying the company of his family and friends. Dr. Agues died in January of 1992.

As the epidemic worsened, Dr. Kennedy and the For Your Eyes Only staff continued to provide outstanding care without stigma to people of the Castro, including many with AIDS. During the height of the AIDS crisis, FYEO was a respectful haven of comfort and care for those diagnosed with AIDS or HIV at a time when many doctors were refusing to treat those living with the ailment. The practice was not to be left untouched. In addition to Dr. Agues, many FYEO patients and staff members died as a result of AIDS. Fear and loss haunted the era. In that time of sorrow, For Your Eyes Only remained dedicated to providing a warm, professional, reliable source of eye care for all people.

After Dr. Agues’ passing, Dr. Kennedy did much to maintain the practice’s reputation for excellence in both the neighborhood and the optometric community. As the business grew, Dr.

Kennedy hired other outstanding optometrists, opticians and staff dedicated to providing professional and high quality service.

For Your Eyes Only Optometry has stood the test of time for over three decades. The business has worked hard to be worthy of patients' trust. They stay current with the latest vision-related research and technology and provide high quality professional care in a warm and friendly environment. For Your Eyes Only Optometry is proud to serve their community during its darkest and happiest times. Being designated a Legacy Business would significantly increase the chance of For Your Eyes Only Optometry's staying at 552 Castro Street so they can continue to serve the Castro for many years to come.

**b. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for more than six months?**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry has been operating continuously in the same location since 1983.

**c. Is the business a family-owned business? If so, give the generational history of the business.**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry has not been passed through generations of the same family; however, it is a single office private practice fully owned by Dr. Kennedy now and Dr. Agues before her.

**d. Describe the ownership history when the business ownership is not the original owner or a family-owned business.**

The ownership history of For Your Eyes Only Optometry is as follows:

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1983 to 1991    | Dr. Kenneth Agues    |
| 1991 to Present | Dr. Kathleen Kennedy |

There have been no other owners or co-owners.

**e. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years, the applicant will need to provide documentation of the existence of the business prior to current ownership to verify it has been in operation for 30+ years. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.**

Documents are provided in this Legacy Business Registry application that verify the business has been in operation for 30+ years.

**f. Note any other special features of the business location, such as, if the property associated with the business is listed on a local, state, or federal historic resources registry.**

The historic resource status of the building at 548-552 Castro Street is classified by the Planning Department as Category A ("Historic Resource Present") with regard to the California Environmental Quality Act. The building is a contributor to the Eligible Castro Street Historic District.

"The Castro Street Commercial Historic District represents the development of the Eureka Valley neighborhood of San Francisco from a late 19th century streetcar suburb, through its height during the reconstruction period following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, to the Great Depression of 1929 that marked the end of the first period of commercial development. The second wave of development in the district in the 1970s represents the consolidation of the LGBT community in San Francisco and its relocation to the Castro neighborhood. The Castro neighborhood is significant as the backdrop for the LGBT movement in San Francisco, which has exceptional significance as a cultural, social, and political local movement that later gained national attention with the first March on Washington in 1979. Contributors to the district include mixed-use commercial buildings dating from 1880-1929. The neighborhood today displays the architectural congruity necessary to qualify for listing under Criterion 1 for its early history as an early street car suburb in San Francisco and for its significance associated with the commercial development of Eureka Valley. The neighborhood also displays cultural significance associated with the LGBT movement in San Francisco such that it qualifies under Criterion 1 and National Register Consideration C for properties that have achieved significance in the past 50 years. The Castro is an important center of the San Francisco's LGBT movement in the 1970s, which became a national model for the struggle of the LGBT community for acceptance in the late 20th century."<sup>1</sup>

## **CRITERION 2**

**a. Describe the business's contribution to the history and/or identity of the neighborhood, community or San Francisco.**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry is dedicated to providing patients with the highest quality eye care in the Bay Area.

Dr. Agues, Dr. Kennedy, and the For Your Eyes Only staff have always provided outstanding care without stigma to people of the Castro, including many with HIV and AIDS. During the height of the AIDS crisis, FYEO was a respectful haven of comfort and care for those diagnosed with AIDS or HIV at a time when many doctors were refusing to treat those living with the ailment. The practice has been a steadfast member of the neighborhood, providing quality eye care and eyewear through the years.

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<sup>1</sup> San Francisco Property Information Map

**b. Is the business (or has been) associated with significant events in the neighborhood, the city, or the business industry?**

For Your Eyes Only was an important source for eye care during the AIDS crisis. Eye care was important to people with AIDS because of the high risk of Cytomegalovirus Retinitis. During the height of the AIDS crisis, many doctors were refusing to treat people living with the ailment. For Your Eyes Only Optometry remained dedicated to providing a warm, professional, reliable source of eye care for all people and was a respectful haven of comfort and care for those diagnosed with AIDS or HIV.

**c. Has the business ever been referenced in an historical context? Such as in a business trade publication, media, or historical documents?**

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**d. Is the business associated with a significant or historical person?**

For Your Eyes Only has and has had the honor of caring for many notable people in the LGBTQ community but due to HIPAA privacy laws they cannot be named.

**e. How does the business demonstrate its commitment to the community?**

For Your Eyes Only has always been a part of and has always supported the Castro community. The practice treats all of its patients with kindness and respect and has always welcomed all people regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or any other traits. Dr. Kennedy and her staff, along with the whole neighborhood, were joyful when Gavin Newsom first allowed same sex marriages to be performed, were heartbroken when Proposition 8

passed in California and took to the streets in celebration after the Supreme Court decision to uphold same sex marriage. In Section 5, Photo 1 shows Dr. Kennedy celebrating on Castro Street on the eve of the Supreme Court decision. This same passion and energy is present in FYEO's daily patient interactions and dedication to their patients' care.

For Your Eyes Only has supported the community through excellent patient care and has contributed in other ways as well. Dr. Agues had sponsored a gay bowling league team. Photo 7 in Section 5 shows the bowling shirt of Ed Tubaugh, who was For Your Eyes Only's office manager in the 1980s and Dr. Agues' life partner.

Dr. Kennedy continued to contribute to the Castro community, for example as member of the Castro Lions Club. With the Castro Lions she helped raise money for the AIDS Emergency Fund and made donations to many other AIDS charities. She continues these donations to this day.

In 1990, Dr. Kennedy served as the Education Director of the San Francisco County Optometric Society and in 1991, the San Francisco Optometric Society elected Dr. Kennedy to serve as its president.

Throughout the years, For Your Eyes Only has also donated time, materials, and money to our community through organizations such as LYRIC, which serves San Francisco's LGBTQ youth; the GLBT Historical Society; W.O.M.A.N. Inc., which serves survivors of domestic violence in the Bay Area; Project Homeless Connect, where Dr. Kennedy and staff provide eye exams and glasses fittings; the Bay Area Legal Aid Society; and Lions In Sight, which collects donated glasses from patients to share across the world. The doctors have donated their time performing school vision screenings to Howell Mountain, Pope Mountain schools in Napa, San Francisco's Convent of the Sacred Heart schools and others in the Bay Area. In addition, Dr. Kennedy has volunteered her time on international clinic missions providing free eye care and glasses to people in need around the world. The practice has also supported others directly in the neighborhood, such as advertising in the Gay Men's Chorus programs and providing free eye exams and glasses for children at the Castro's neighborhood elementary school, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy.

The practice has a strong presence in the professional community also. For Your Eyes Only has long-standing memberships in the Castro Merchants' Association (previously known as MUMC); the Golden Gate Business Association; the San Francisco Optometric Society, where Dr. Kennedy is a past President; the California Optometric Society; and the American Optometric Society.

**f. Provide a description of the community the business serves.**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry's doors are open to all. In the early years, 90% of For Your Eyes Only's patients were gay men. Nowadays, 60% of patients identify as male and approximately 80% identify as LGBTQ. Most patients live or work in the Castro, although patients also hail from the surrounding Bay Area counties and beyond. One of the biggest compliments to the

practice is that patients who have moved away, sometimes very far away, will return year after year for their eye care. Patients of nearly every age are seen, starting with elementary school-aged children. While hundreds of new patients are seen every year, previous patients make up the bulk of the patient base, including some who have been with the office for 20 plus years, some even having been patients of Dr. Agues!

**g. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/interior?**

The building is a contributor to the Eligible Castro Street Historic District. It is classified by the Planning Department as "Historic Resource Present." There was a major renovation of the office suite in 2001. Dr. Kennedy expanded the practice space to more than twice its size while preserving the historic character of the building. The building is a Victorian dating back to at least the very beginning of the 20th century, a fact known because the building records were lost in the fire following the 1906 earthquake. Dr. Kennedy made sure to maintain or restore period details during the expansion, working closely with the contractor and architect on such elements as rounding wall corners, the crown molding designs, restoring the narrow width planks in the hardwood floors, and the door styles selected.

**h. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?**

The building where For Your Eyes Only has been continuously located for 35 years recently came under new ownership, and FYEO's lease will be up for renewal soon. Over the years, FYEO has seen big businesses take over many small merchants that once adorned the neighborhood. If FYEO loses its lease, thousands of people, most of whom identify as LGBTQ, would lose their trusted source of eye care and the Castro would lose yet another part of its neighborhood character and history.

**CRITERION 3**

**a. Describe the business and the essential features that define its character.**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry provides high quality optometric care and eyewear at fair prices.

The eye doctors and staff at For Your Eyes Only work closely with every patient to ensure they are informed about their vision and comfortable with their eye care. During a comprehensive eye exam, the optometrists not only evaluate general eye health and need for a prescription, they also check for cataracts, glaucoma, CMV retinitis, diabetic changes, ocular damage from high blood pressure, dry eyes and ultra violet light damage.

For Your Eyes Only has selection of over 600 glasses frames to choose from that will fit any budget. The store carries a diverse selection of eyewear from Prada, Tom Ford, Bevel, Zero G, Ray-Ban, Maui Jim, LaFont, Face a Face, Pro Design, Dolce & Gabbana, Barton Perreira and



many more. FYEO's friendly staff help customers pick frames and lenses that look good, fit properly, and work well with their prescriptions.

**b. How does the business demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the historical traditions that define the business, and which of these traditions should not be changed in order to retain the businesses historical character? (e.g., business model, goods and services, craft, culinary, or art forms)**

For Your Eyes Only Optometry is committed to maintaining the historical traditions of being a provider of high quality optometric care and eyewear at fair prices.

**c. How has the business demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the special physical features that define the business? Describe any special exterior and interior physical characteristics of the space occupied by the business (e.g. signage, murals, architectural details, neon signs, etc.).**

Dr. Kennedy made sure to maintain or restore period details during the 2001 expansion, working closely with the contractor and architect on such elements as rounding wall corners, the crown molding designs, restoring the narrow width planks in the hardwood floors and the door styles selected.

**d. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30years; the applicant will need to provide documentation that demonstrates the current owner has maintained the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.**

Documentation is provided in this Legacy application that demonstrate the current owner has maintained the physical features and traditions that define the business.

Legacy Business Registry Application  
Section 5: Supplemental Historical Documents



Photo 1: Along with the Castro community, Dr. Kennedy celebrates the SCOTUS decision to uphold gay marriage in June of 2015

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Ken is survived by his parents, James and Marie Agues, his sister Gail, and his loving and devoted dog Princess. He will be remembered by all his close friends including Charlie, Chuck, Dieter, Kathleen, Ken, Larry, Marty, Peter and all the others too numerous to name.

Special thanks to the staff at UC Medical Center/ICU for the wonderful care and thoughtfulness given to Ken in his final days.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the MCC on Eureka Street. Donations may be made in Ken's name to your favorite AIDS charity.

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Photo 2: Bay Area Reporter obituary for FYEO founder Dr. Kenneth Agues, January 1992

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**Agues, Kenneth James**  
16 Jan 1992

*Click on the thumbnail below to enlarge. If your browser shrinks the full obituary image to fit within the browser window, you may need to click on the image one more time to display its full size.*



16 Jan 1992

*In Remembrance*

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**Rick Le Blanc**  
San Jose, CA  
1 Dec 2009

I used to work for Dr. Agues as his optical technician. He being French was a quiet, caring and thorough man. He cared deeply for every single patient that came into his office. His lover, Ed was the office manager and took care of all the business ends of the Optometry practice. Ken was a kind man and after Ed passed, he found a new Husband. They both joined the Foggy City Dancers, a GLBT... square dance club, where they were inseparable. They always danced together like a couple in love. It was a very short time later that Ken passed. I was pleased to see that Ken was able to have a very joyful time near the end dancing with his Husband. I was honored to see my Boss enjoy himself. Near the end of it all, Ken searched diligently to find an O.D. that would be able to take over his practice with the same care that he showed for his patients. He found Dr. Kathleen Kennedy and I am pleased that she took on his shingle. She mirrors his style and care. She still has her office in the original suit and has expanded it similar to what Ken and Ed wanted to do. Unfortunately, enough time was not available to either man.

Photo 3: Bay Area Reporter and GLBT Historical society page with message by former employee Rick Le Blanc, published 2009



Photo 4: Building exterior from before FYEO's founding



Photo 5: Castro Street card showing the building exterior (awning visible beneath the tree)



Photo 6: Office envelope dating to 1990 with Dr. Agues' and Dr. Kennedy's names



Photo 7: FYEO-sponsored team bowling shirt for the Gay Men's Bowling League; it belonged to staff member and Dr. Agues' life partner Ed Tubaugh



Photo 8: Photo of an exam room from 1992



Photo 9: Photo of the office from 1992



Photo 10: Former optician Nick Wilson having fun at work

Photo 11: Nick was one of the many staff who died of AIDS; his memorial service brochure from 1996

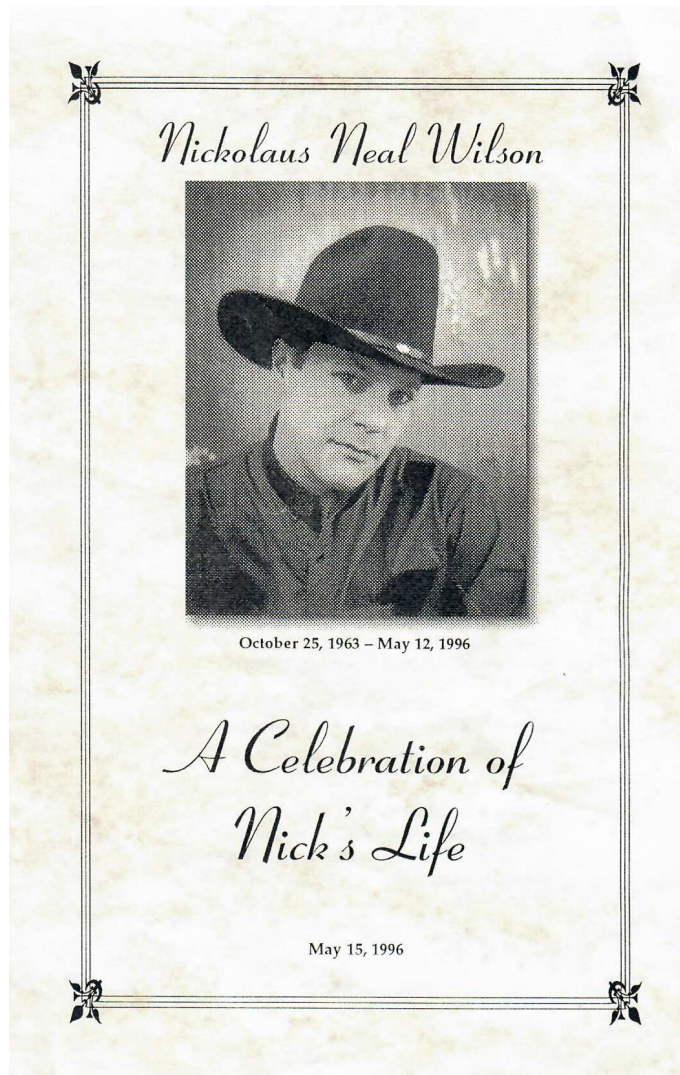






Photo 12: Dr. Kennedy outside the office circa 1996



Photo 13: Building exterior, 2002



Photo 14: Dr. Kennedy in the office doorway with signage, 2018



Photo 15: Office exterior with awning, 2018



Photo 16: Office interior after the 2001 remodel

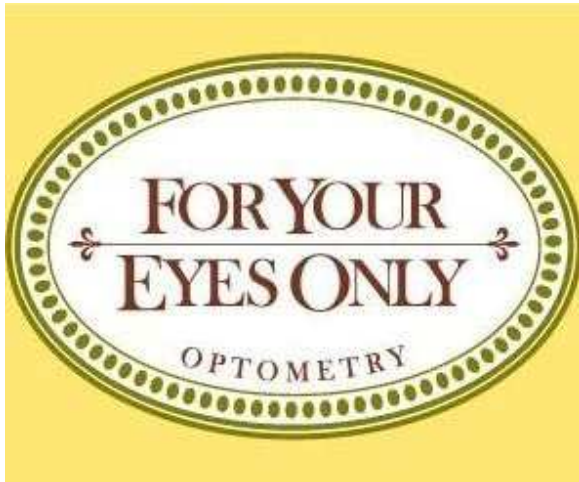


Photo 18: Former business logo



Photo 19: Current business logo



Photo 20: Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Watson at the office with neighborhood school children



Photo 21: Thank you card from children at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, our neighborhood elementary school



Photo 22: Dr. Kennedy at an event for the Lions Club with MC Donna Sachet



Photo 23: Dr. Kennedy was recognized as an outstanding optometrist in 1993





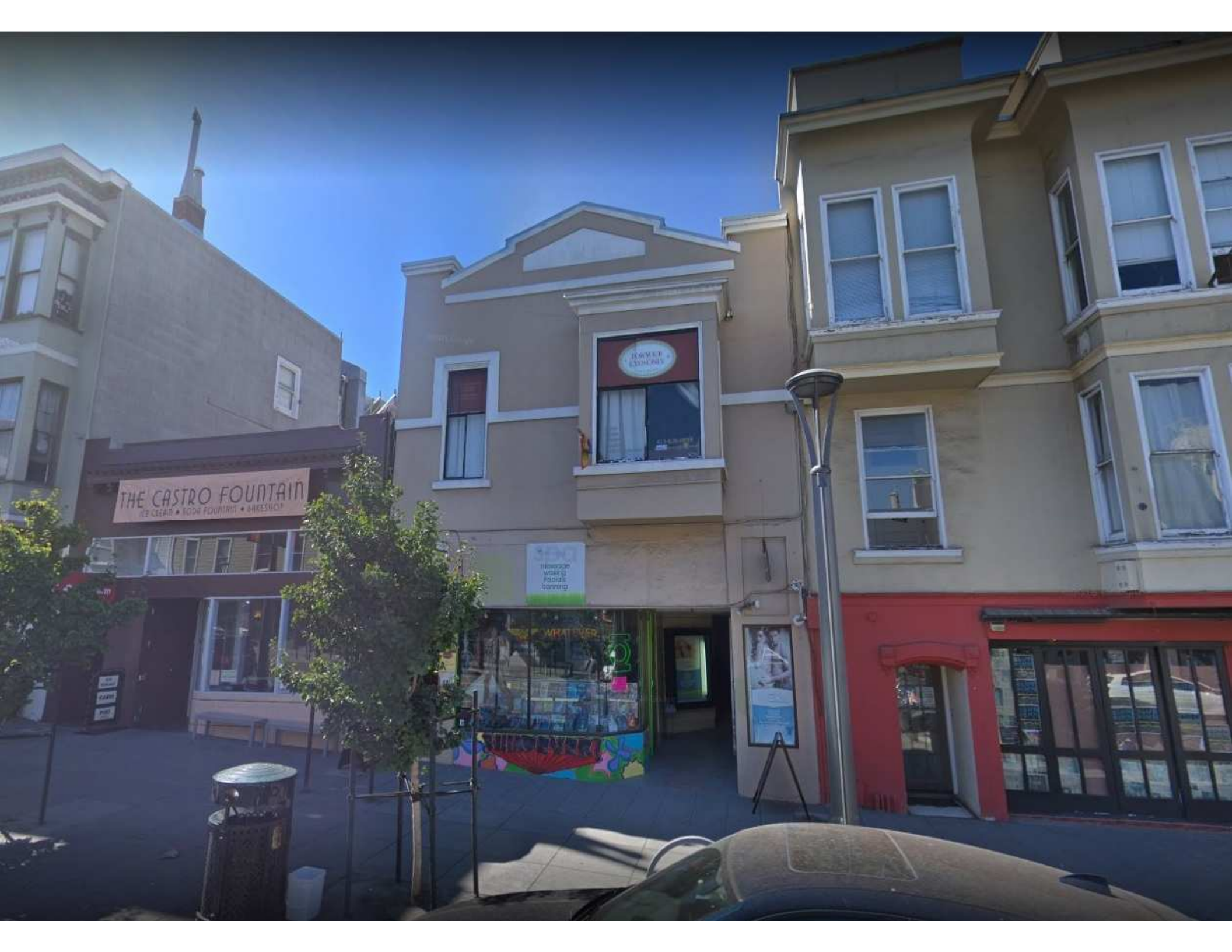
Photo 24: State Senator with Dr. Kennedy, honoring her for her 25 years of practice, 2015



Photo 25: Some of the current FYEO crew



Photo 26: The office as it is today, supporting the community during times of hardship and joy



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**COMMERCIAL SUB-LEASE AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT**

RECEIVED FROM **KENNETH AGUES** ....., hereinafter referred to as **SUBLEESSEE**, the sum of \$ ..... (..... DOLLARS) evidenced by ..... as a deposit which, upon acceptance of this lease shall belong to Sublessor and shall be applied as follows:

|                                     | RECEIVED   | PAYABLE PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Rent for the period through 9/30/83 | \$1,150.00 | \$ .....                   |
| Last ..... month's rent             | \$ .....   | \$ .....                   |
| Security deposit See ¶ 29           | \$1,283.33 | \$ .....                   |
| Other                               | \$ .....   | \$ .....                   |
| Total                               | \$ .....   | \$ .....                   |

In the event that this lease is not accepted by the Sublessor or his agent within ... business days, the total deposit received shall be refunded.

Sublessee hereby offers to lease from Sublessor the premises situated in the City and County of SAN FRANCISCO, described as the second floor space (approx. 650 sq.ft.) at 552A Castro Street, San Francisco, CA upon the following TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. TERM: The term hereof shall commence on September 1, 1983 and expire on August 31, 1984 (See Addendum ¶31 for option to extend) and

2. RENT: The total rent shall be \$ 81,000.00, payable as follows:



if extended

| PERIOD           | RENT     |
|------------------|----------|
| 9/1/83 - 8/31/84 | 1,150.00 |
| 9/1/84 - 8/31/85 | 1,250.00 |
| 9/1/85 - 8/31/86 | 1,350.00 |
| 9/1/86 - 8/31/87 | 1,450.00 |
| 9/1/87 - 8/31/88 | 1,550.00 |

All rents shall be paid to Sublessor or his authorized agent, at the following address: JERRY KRELLIN c/o DAVID LOYAL JONES, 415 - 20th Street, Oakland, CA, 94612, or at such other places as may be designated by Sublessor from time to time. A late charge of \$100 is due and payable if rent is not paid on or before the 5th day of each month.

3. USE: The premises are to be used for the operation of ..... an optometric business ..... and for no other purposes without prior written consent of Sublessor.

4. USES PROHIBITED: Sublessee shall not use any portion of the premises for purposes other than those specified hereinabove, and no use shall be made or permitted to be made upon the premises, nor acts done, which will increase the existing rate of insurance upon the property, or cause cancellation of insurance policies covering said property. Sublessee shall not conduct or permit any sale by auction on the premises.

Sublessee shall not assign this lease

**PEARSON BOBBITT** REAL ESTATE  
2250 UNION STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94123 (415) 921-6560

MAY 28, 1991

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED IN AND MADE PART OF THE BUSINESS PURCHASE CONTRACT AND RECEIPT FOR DEPOSIT, DATED 10/ 22/ 90 IN WHICH KATHLEEN G. KENNEDY, OD IS REFERRED TO AS BUYER AND KENNETH J. AGUES, OD IS REFERRED TO AS SELLER.

**ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE FOR 552A CASTRO STREET  
"FOR YOUR EYES ONLY"**

UPON CLOSE OF ESCROW, THE SELLER ASSIGNS ALL LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, LEASE EXSTENSIONS AND DEPOSITS FOR 552A CASTRO STREET, SAN FRANCISCO TO THE BUYER.

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL LEASE DATED AUGUST 25, 1983 AND EXSTENIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

BUYER HAS READ AND RECEIVED COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL LEASE AND THE EXTENSIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1988 & JULY 13, 1990 AND ACCEPTS ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

BUYER Kathleen G. Kennedy OD DATE May 29, 1991  
KATHLEEN G. KENNEDY

SELLER Kenneth J. Agues OD DATE May 29, 1991  
KENNETH J. AGUES

LESSOR Karl Heinz R. Bothe DATE July 1, 1991  
ACCEPTANCE KARL HEINZ R. BOTHE

**BILL OF SALE**

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION PAID, Kenneth J. Agues transfers to Kathleen G. Kennedy, her executors, administrators and assigns, the following property:

Stock in Trade, fixtures and equipment, goodwill, and covenant not to compete of that business now known as For Your Eyes Only and now located at 552 A Castro Street, San Francisco, State of California.

SELLER FOR ITS HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS, COVENANTS AND AGREES TO WARRANT AND DEFEND THIS SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, GOODS AND CHATTELS, AGAINST ALL AND EVERY PERSON AND PERSONS CLAIMING THE SAME.

DATED July 20, 1991

By Kenneth J. Agues  
Kenneth J. Agues

By Kathleen G. Kennedy  
Kathleen G. Kennedy

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## **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

Dr. Kenneth Agues founded For Your Eyes Only Optometry (“FYEO”) in 1983. Dr. Agues was an important source for trusted, compassionate eye care near the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Eye care was especially important to people with AIDS because, with their weakened immune systems, they were at high risk of Cytomegalovirus Retinitis, an aggressive eye infection that commonly led to blindness. Dr. Agues himself became sick from AIDS and passed away in 1992. Before his death, he found Dr. Kathleen Kennedy to take over the practice. Dr. Kennedy started seeing patients and running the practice at For Your Eyes Only under the mentorship of Dr. Agues., and she purchased it in 1991.

As the AIDS epidemic worsened, Dr. Kennedy and the For Your Eyes Only staff continued to provide outstanding care without stigma to people of the Castro, including many with AIDS. During the height of the AIDS crisis, FYEO was a respectful haven of comfort and care for those diagnosed with AIDS or HIV at a time when many doctors were refusing to treat those living with the ailment.

For Your Eyes Only Optometry stays current with the latest vision-related research and technology and provide high quality professional care in a warm and friendly environment. The business serves everyone, but it is notable that, in the early years, 90% of For Your Eyes Only’s patients were gay men. Presently, 60% of patients identify as male and approximately 80% identify as LGBTQ. Most patients live or work in the Castro.

The business is located in the Castro neighborhood between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets on Castro Street. It is within the NCD (Castro Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and within a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS**

### *Review Criteria*

1. *When was business founded?*

The business was founded in 1983.

2. *Does the business qualify for listing on the Legacy Business Registry? If so, how?*

Yes. For Your Eyes Only Optometry qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the eligibility Criteria:

- i. For Your Eyes Only Optometry has operated continuously in San Francisco for 35 years.
- ii. For Your Eyes Only Optometry has contributed to the history and identity of the Castro and San Francisco.
- iii. For Your Eyes Only Optometry is committed to maintaining the physical features, craft, art form and traditions that define the business.

3. *Is the business associated with a culturally significant art/craft/cuisine/tradition?*

Yes. The business is associated with the craft of optometry.

4. *Is the business or its building associated with significant events, persons, and/or architecture?*

Yes. The property is associated with the Castro Street Commercial Historic District, representing the development of the Eureka Valley neighborhood of San Francisco from a late 19th century streetcar suburb, through its height during the reconstruction period following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, to the Great Depression of 1929 that marked the end of the first period of commercial development. The second wave of development in the district in the 1970s represents the consolidation of the LGBT community in San Francisco and its relocation to the Castro neighborhood. The Castro neighborhood is significant as the backdrop for the LGBT movement in San Francisco, which has exceptional significance as a cultural, social, and political local movement that later gained national attention with the first March on Washington in 1979. Contributors to the district include mixed-use commercial buildings dating from 1880-1929. The neighborhood today displays the architectural congruity necessary to qualify for listing under Criterion 1 for its early history as an early street car suburb in San Francisco and for its significance associated with the commercial development of Eureka Valley. The neighborhood also displays cultural significance associated with the LGBT movement in San Francisco such that it qualifies under Criterion 1 and National Register Consideration C for properties that have achieved significance in the past 50 years. The Castro is an important center of the San Francisco's LGBT movement in the 1970s, which became a national model for the struggle of the LGBT community for acceptance in the late 20th century.

5. *Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?*

No. However, the property is eligible for listing in the CA Register and has a Planning Department Historic Resource status of "A" (Known Historic Resource).

6. *Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?*

No.

7. *Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?*

Yes. The Bay Area Reporter featured Dr. Agues' obituary in 1992, documenting his career and founding of For Your Eyes Only. Notes by Rick Le Blanc in 2009, Dr. Agues' former employee,

provided more detail about the history of the practice and Dr. Kennedy's succession. Both of these documents can be found in the GLBT Historical Society archives.

Dr. Kennedy was chosen for the Young Optometrist of the Year award by the California Optometric Association (1994), as well as 20/20 Magazine's Best and Brightest award (1993).

In 2006, the Lyon Martin Health Services' Brothers for Sisters campaign awarded Dr. Kennedy recognition for her contributions to the wellbeing of the LGBT community.

In 2015, Supervisor Scott Weiner presented Dr. Kennedy with a certificate of honor, and Senator Mark Leno presented Dr. Kennedy with a certificate of recognition for her 25 years at the practice.

For Your Eyes Only Optometry was recognized and congratulated in the June 2015 Castro Merchants' newsletter.

### *Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business*

#### **Location(s) associated with the business:**

- 552 Castro Street

#### **Recommended by Applicant**

- High quality optometric care
- High quality eyewear at fair prices
- Original interior features, including rounded wall corners, moldings, hardwood floors

#### **Additional Recommended by Staff**

- None





# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Draft Resolution No. ###

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**ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR FOR YOUR EYES ONLY OPTOMETRY CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 552 CASTRO STREET, (BLOCK/LOT 2695/008).**

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject business has contributed to the City's history and identity; and

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

**WHEREAS**, at a duly noticed public hearing held on December 19, 2018, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby recommends that For Your Eyes Only Optometry qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) as it has operated for 30 or more years and has continued to contribute to the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions for For Your Eyes Only Optometry.

*Location(s):*

- 552 Castro Street

*Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:*

- High quality optometric care
- High quality eyewear at fair prices
- Original interior features, including rounded wall corners, moldings, hardwood floors

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Historic Preservation Commission's findings and recommendations** are made solely for the purpose of evaluating the subject business's eligibility for the Legacy Business Registry, and the Historic Preservation Commission makes no finding that the subject property or any of its features constitutes a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby directs its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2018-016421LBR to the Office of Small Business.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission on December 19, 2018.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: