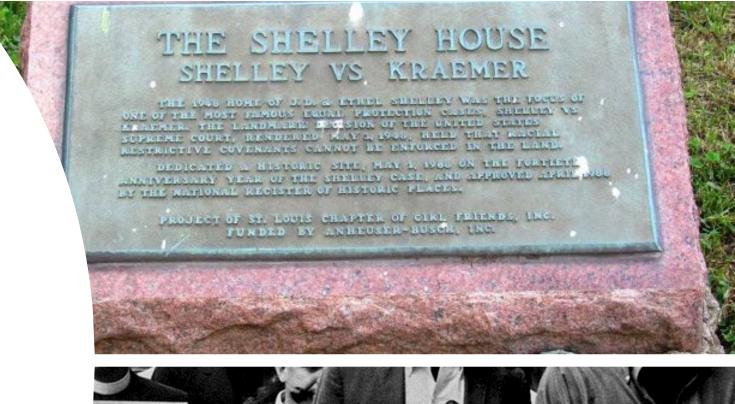
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# Restrictive Covenant Modifications

Board of Supervisors Meeting October 4, 2022 Scheduled Agenda Item

Presented by: Housing and Community Development, Monterey County Health Department, and Monterey County Clerk/Recorder's Office



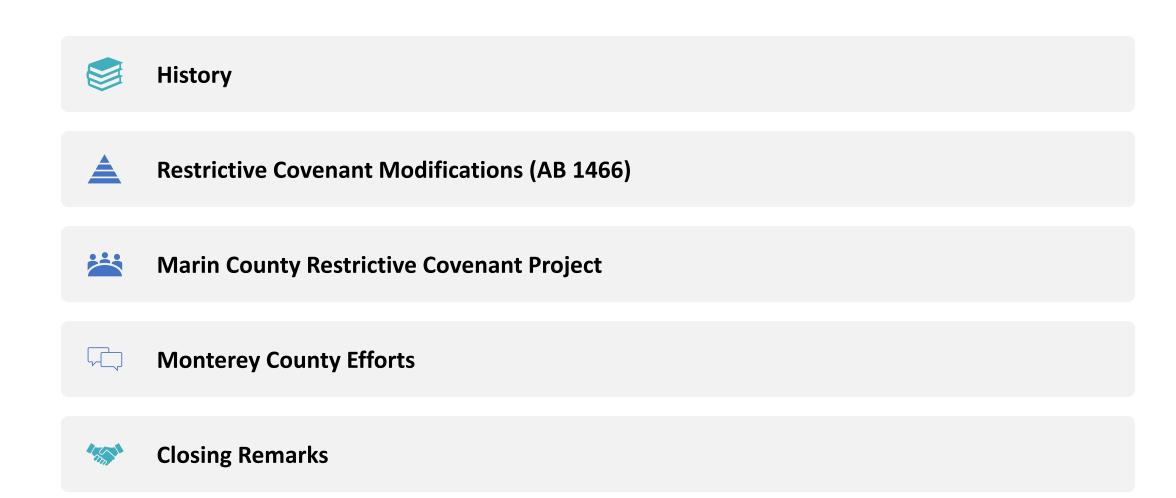


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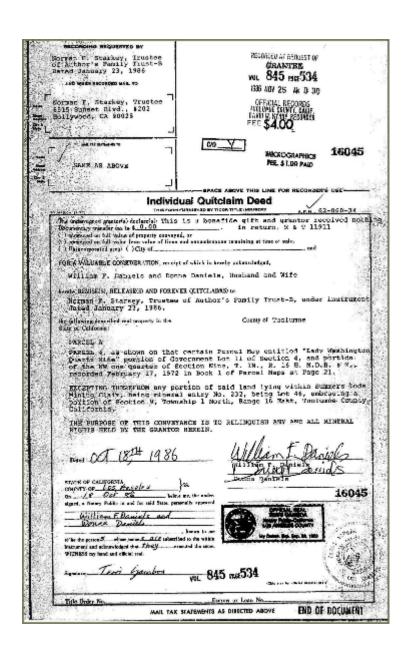


#### Presentation Overview



## History

- ➤ What is a covenant?
  - > A legally enforceable restriction in a deed
- > What is a restrictive covenant?
  - ➤ A covenant that prohibits the selling or renting to people of a specific race or ethnic background
  - > Used to segregate neighborhoods



# Attention White Home Buyers!

The Largest Restricted White Community in Washington

Invites your attention to the decision of

#### The U. S. Supreme Court

-that negroes cannot buy

Buy or Rent in the section known as

#### Eckington High View Bloomingdale Edgewood

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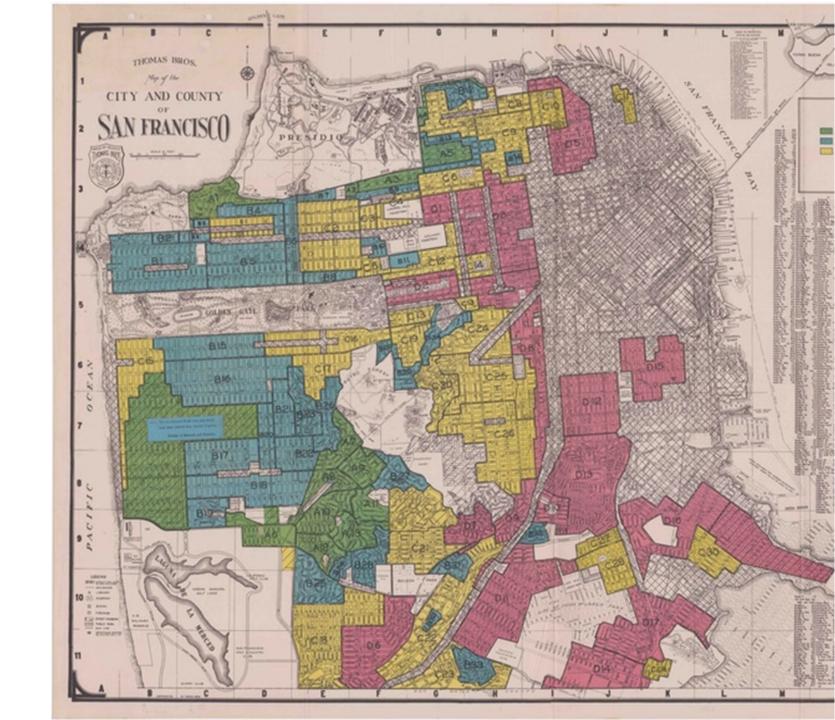
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W. T. Richardson, Secy.

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North Capitol Citizens' Association Henry Gilligan, Presiden 2304 1st St. N.W. Jesse W. Morgan, Secy.

# History

- ➤ 1948 Shelley v. Kraemer
- ➤ 1968 Fair Housing Act
- Restrictive Covenants in Monterey County



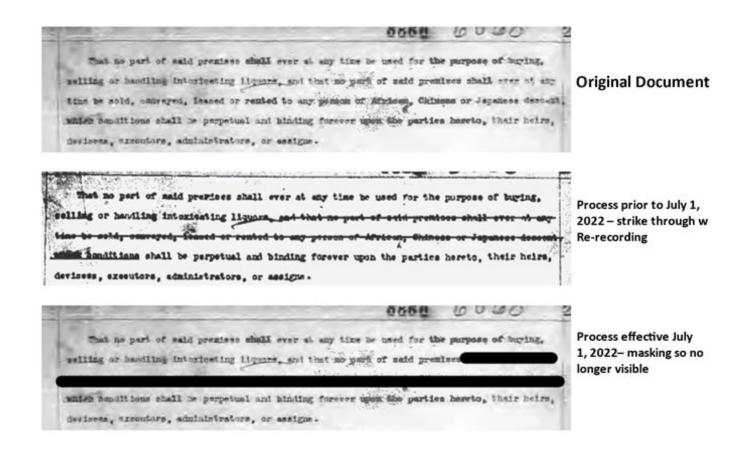
# Purpose of Restrictive Covenant Modification (RCM)

- Restrictive Covenant Modification allows redacting blatant racial, religious, or other restrictive covenants from real property documents if such language violates fair housing laws.
- Government Code section 12956.1 now requires the unlawfully restrictive language to be redacted and blacked out so it is not visible.
- Government Code section 12956.2 now allows any person to submit an RCM document to the Recorder for review.

### Restrictive Covenant Modification (RCM) Process

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☐ Monterey County Recorder	(Individual / Company Name)
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Printed Name:	
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Deputy County Counsel



Monterey County Recorder's Office Restrictive Covenant Modifications webpage: Restrictive Covenant Modifications | Monterey County, CA

**County of Monterey Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder** 

# Restrictive Covenant Modification (RCM) Process

- AB 1466 requires the Recorder's Office to identify unlawful restrictive language from recorded real property documents.
- The Recorder's Office is working with their vendors to locate the unlawfully restrictive language. This process is currently expected to take approximately four to five years.

#### WITNESSETH

of them hereinafter described, to improve and further the interests of the neighborhood and comand;

HEREAS, the parties are mutually desirous of restricting the use and occupancy of all of the prop-

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and other siderations, each of the parties hereto does mutually covenant, promise and agree with each a other parties hereto as follows:

That prior to the 15th day of January. 1975, no part or parcel or parcels of land he cribed opposite the signatures of the respective owners thereof, or the improvements thereon

ion that domestic servants of the occupants of said land, or any part thereof, may use f the land and improvements in which their employers reside as may be reasonably

#### **County of Monterey Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder**

# **Monterey County Efforts**

Monterey County Equity Timeline - TimelineJS Embed (knightlab.com)



#### **Restrictive Covenant Resources**

California Room homepage >



#### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Marin County's resource and learning page focused on restrictive covenants, discriminatory housing policies and laws that shaped the make-up of Marin County. The mission of the Marin County Restrictive Covenant Project is to share information to help the Marin County community connect, learn and affirm that discriminatory housing practices are not consistent with Marin County values. This page includes information and perspectives gathered from local and national sources about unfair housing practices and the impact at the local level in Marin County. The information on this page and the associated links are not comprehensive; though, we do expect the resources accessible through this page to grow. The current resources are listed by medium and date.

#### LEARN MORE

Learn more about the project and how to participate on the County's website:

- About the project
- How to participate
- Gallery

On this page: Books | Films | Current News | Articles | Article Clips | Booklets | BOS Resolutions

#### **BOOKS**







Unjust Deeds by Jeffrey D. Gonda



Marinship at War by Charles Wollenberg



The Second Gold Rush by Marilynn S. Johnson (p.182,99,228)



by Paul Adamson (p.197-204)

Marin County Free Library Restrictive Covenant webpage: Restrictive Covenant Resources | Marin County Free Library (marinlibrary.org)

Marin County Restrictive Covenant Project webpage: <u>Restrictive Covenant Project - County of Marin (marincounty.org)</u>

# Marin County Restrictive Covenant Project

Restrictive Covenant Project





#### Overview



The Restrictive Covenant Project aims to inform and educate Marin County residents of the history and significance of government policies and programs that were intentionally discriminatory and helped create segregated communities in Marin. The use of racially restrictive covenants prohibited the purchase, lease, or occupation of a piece of property to a particular group of people, primarily Black and African Americans. And while those covenants are illegal today, many continue to remain in property deeds throughout Marin.

Through the collaboration of the <u>Community Development Agency</u>, the <u>County's Office of Equity</u> and the <u>Assessor-Recorder's Office</u>, residents

Quick Links

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#### Frequently Asked Questions

- How to Participate
- Additional Resources
- Community Voices

of Marin are able to certify and affirm that illegal and racially restrictive covenants are unconstitutional and violate current laws and County values. Residents, former residents, and families who currently or formerly lived in Marin are encouraged to share personal stories about their lived experiences beginning with the Marinship years, to help create a narrative history of our County.

# **Monterey County Efforts**

• Staff presented to the Historic Advisory Committee – June 13, 2022

• Staff met with Marin County to understand their efforts – July 7, 2022

 Staff presented to the Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Advisory Commission – July 20, 2022

• Staff presented to the Health, Housing & Human Services Committee – August 18, 2022

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