

## **Nob Hill:**

Nob Hill, sitting grandly atop one of the original “Seven Hills of San Francisco”, is perhaps one of the best-known neighborhoods in San Francisco. Originally called California Street Hill until the newly installed cable car made the area habitable, it became known as Nob Hill after some of the wealthiest families in the City referred to as “the nobs,” short for nabobs, built their mansions there in the 1850s. The neighborhood was completely destroyed in the 1906 earthquake. The only structures remaining were the Flood Mansion and the exterior of the Fairmont Hotel, the interior having been destroyed by fire.

While Nob Hill continued to attract the wealthy and upper-class after the earthquake, the original mansion owners moved or rebuilt elsewhere (many to Pacific Heights or Cow Hollow). On that land was built the swank hotels that are still in existence today: The Mark Hopkins, The Huntington Hotel, and Stanford Court, all named after the tycoons who once built their mansions there. Famed architect Julia Morgan oversaw the rebuilding of the Fairmont Hotel and today, the original Flood Mansion is home to the ultra-private men’s club, [the Pacific-Union Club](#).

Nob Hill maintains its upper-crust aura today as home to upper class families, young urban professionals and a growing Chinese immigrant population from Chinatown to the east. Its proximity to downtown, the financial district, and the Union Square shopping district make it an ideal central location for residents who like the density and city living. Green areas like Huntington Park, which takes up an entire block, Washington Park and Hyde Mini Park provide recreation for children and dogs. Head over to Polk Street for shops, restaurants and nightclubs. Or to the edge of the Tenderloin neighborhood, called the Tender Nob, to check out the funky shops and dive bars.

For statistics on recent home sales in Nob Hill, click [Here](#).