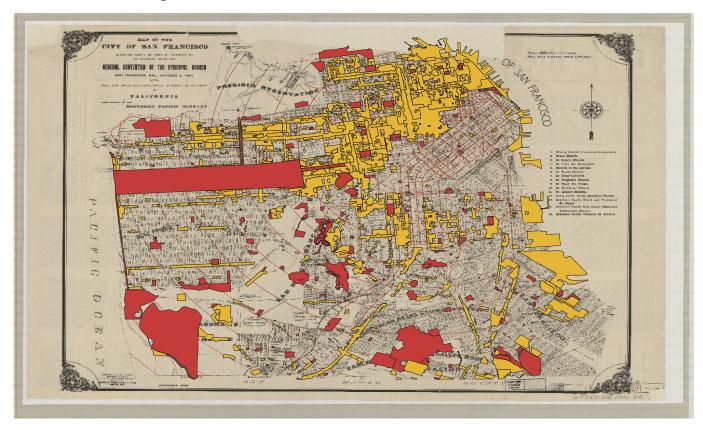
Map 1 - Affordable Housing Before The Great Fire



The historic map is a map of San Francisco before the 1906 fire. It shows concentric circles at half mile intervals from City Hall. This metric helps understand spatial proximity to city hall, symbolizing government access and resources. Additionally, communities that are in proximity to city hall might be able to better mobilize and harness a collective civic voice. In many municipalities, city hall and nearby government centers are locations of civic demonstrations, press events for publicity, and direct action protests. This historic map was georeferenced with city parks in 2021 along with Affordable Housing Bonus Program Zoning Districts and Eligible Parcels (source). There was a hypothesis that low income communities nearby city hall might be able to mobilize and interface with city hall. Another hypothesis is that affordable housing might be less common near city hall due to politically powerful actors resisting the introduction of low income neighbors or neighbors of color. Affordable housing is spatially concentrated or otherwise patterned in many cities, supporting both of these hypotheses. Ultimately, rather than proximity to city hall determining affordable housing bonus program zoning districts and eligible parcels, it rather appears that there is a line of approximate antisymmetry which goes nearby city hall. Areas North and West of the Market Street are more likely to have zoning of this type, shown in yellow. Additionally, this visual shows that this zoning can abut parks, but it doesn't overlap, as the space is either zoned for this affordable housing or park or neither, but never both.