

Richmond where the houses are big, spacious and big enough for large families plus household help. Also called Shore View Terrace.

Boundaries: 36th to 38th Avenues, Geary Boulevard to Clement Street.

**North of Lake** — Those who live in the series of single blocks that separate Lake Street from the Presidio Wall think of their terrain as a world apart from the Richmond District. Many of their homes are detached. Each block, being a cul-de-sac, is almost free from traffic. And the scale and style of the homes suggest that these blocks north of Lake Street are a notch above the rest of the Richmond.

Boundaries: Lake Street, Presidio Wall, Fifth through 21st Avenues.

**Outer Richmond** — This peninsula of houses between the Golden Gate, the Pacific Ocean and Golden Gate Park has a central landmark in the golden turrets of the Russian Holy Virgin Cathedral. That and its Chinese restaurants are indications of the San Francisco melting pot.

Boundaries: Park-Presidio Boulevard, the Great Highway, Presidio Wall, the Golden Gate and Fulton Street.

**Presidio Heights** — Socially, it's more akin to the Pacific Heights part of the Western Addition, but there's a lower density to this area, hence a more staid environment than in the district to the east. There are no high-rise apartments here, only big houses, many of which are elegant mansions. Architecturally, it is noteworthy for works by Bernard Maybeck, Ernest Coxhead and an imitation of Marie Antoinette's Petit Trianon.

Boundaries: Arguello Boulevard, Presidio Avenue, the Presidio Wall to Sacramento Street.

**Presidio Terrace** — A one-street neighborhood in which the houses and gardens are of sufficient size to say that their residents are people of means. Most of the houses fail to impress scholars of fine architecture, but the total effect is indeed attractive. Then, too, this circular street is isolated and quiet.

Boundaries: Arguello Boulevard, the Presidio Wall, and the cul-de-sacs of Second and Third Avenues.

**Rossi Park** — Those on the flat portion of Francisco Heights like to think of their tiny island of quiet as a neighborhood of its own, named for the adjoining playground. Decades old, the houses still look almost new. And the streets are protected from the traffic of Geary Boulevard.

Boundaries: Rossi Avenue, Edward Street, Willard Street, Loraine and Almaden Courts.

**Sacramento Street** — When one speaks of this street as a center for art galleries, boutiques and interior decor studios, it is "outer" Sacramento Street that comes to mind. The once dowdy area has become chic.

Boundaries: Sacramento Street from Divisadero to Cherry.

**Sea Cliff** — Pillars of stone and snobbism separate Sea Cliff's villas from the rest of the Richmond. Its views of the Golden Gate and the landscaped strips along its winding streets

make Sea Cliff a favorite of sightseeing tourist buses. Although in the planning stages soon after the Civil War, it was not developed until after World War I—by real estate men Mark Daniels and Harry (Belvedere Land Co.) Allen.

Boundaries: 28th through 32nd Avenues to the north of California Street; 25th, 26th and 27th Avenues north of El Camino del Mar; Lincoln Park, the Golden Gate and the Presidio.

**Vista del Mar** — A subdivision of middle class, attached dwellings first built in 1932 on land once owned by the Sutro family. Whatever seaside atmosphere is lacking in its architecture is compensated by its coastal perch.

Boundaries: 45th to 48th Avenues, Seal Rock Drive to Balboa Street.

**Washington Heights** — Eight blocks of homes, flats and apartment houses surrounding George Washington High School whose white columns create a vaguely Parthenon-like effect from below.

Boundaries: Geary Boulevard, Balboa Street, 30th and 32nd Avenues.

**West Clay Park** — If Sea Cliff is a Rolls Royce among Richmond District neighborhoods, nearby West Clay Park is the Bentley: perhaps diffident in its lack of ostentation yet a neighborhood of status. Its two-story, square-shaped houses of imposing size are pleasantly isolated by the Presidio which the neighborhood abuts.

Boundaries: 22nd and 24th Avenues between Lake Street and the Presidio.

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