A cultural, social, arts, and service hub for Filipinos throughout Northern California.

SOMA Pilipinas, San Francisco’s Filipino Cultural Heritage District, is home to a vibrant living culture and historic legacy that has shaped the South of Market neighborhood and San Francisco for the last five decades. Home to thousands of Filipino families and seniors, SOMA Pilipinas is also a critical employment hub for Filipinos working in the hospitality, service, and financial sectors. The district is a gravitational cultural center for Filipinos in California, who comprise the largest and fastest growing Asian-Pacific Islander community in a state where 43% of the U.S. Filipino diaspora resides.

SOMA Pilipinas is home to unique Filipino cultural institutions such as Bindlestiff Studio, the only dedicated Filipino-American performance space in the nation; and Arkipelago, one of just two Filipino-American bookstores in the United States. The district is also home to high-profile cultural events that draw Filipino community members from throughout Northern California. These include the Pistahan Parade and Festival each August and the Parol Lantern Festival in December. The Pistahan Festival showcases performers, crafts, culinary arts, vendors, and supportive businesses. And, beginning in August, SOMA Pilipinas will host UNDSCVRDSF, a monthly Creative Night Market held every third Thursday at the historic Mint showcasing the sights, sounds, and flavors of SOMA Pilipinas.

The California Cultural Districts program was developed by the California Arts Council, in partnership with Visit California and Caltrans. The mission of the California Arts Council, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California’s diverse populations; serving as thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services.
District Highlights

1. Bayanihan Community Center / Arkipelago Books
   1010 Mission St.

2. Bindlestiff Studio
   185 6th St.

3. Bessie Carmichael Elementary School
   375 7th St.

4. Filipino American Center, San Francisco Public Library
   100 Larkin St., 3rd floor

5. Filipino Education Center
   824 Harrison St.

6. Gene Friend Recreation Center
   270 6th St.

7. Gran Oriente Masonic Temple
   95 Jack London Alley

8. Inay Filipino Kitchen
   135 4th St.

9. International Hotel / Manilatown Center
   868 Kearny St.
   (Location not pictured)

10. “Jose Rizal” Plaque at Palace Hotel
    2 New Montgomery St.

11. “Lipi ni Lapu Lapu” mural
    50 Rizal St.

12. Mestiza Taqueria
    595 Bryant St.

13. Mint Mall
    953 Mission St.

14. San Lorenzo Ruiz Center
    50 Rizal St.

15. San Francisco Filipino Cultural Center
    814 Mission St.

16. Sarap Shop
    428 11th St.

17. St. Patrick Church
    756 Mission St.

18. “Tuloy Po Kayo” mural
    824 Harrison St.

19. Tutubi Park & Plaza
    548 Minna St.

20. Victoria Manalo Draves Park
    16 Sherman St.

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