Civic Center History
The land on which Civic Center now stands was originally covered by sand dunes. In 1850, the area was designated as a public cemetery named Yerba Buena Cemetery. When shifting sands uncovered the graves, the cemetery was moved. Still undeveloped in 1870, the land became a City Hall Reservation. The Old City Hall, completed in 1897, was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake. The present City Hall was completed in 1915.

Today Civic Center is a bustling center of civic and cultural life. It is also home to a variety of environmental and sustainability resources. The Civic Center Green Map highlights the many opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with San Francisco’s urban environment and make more sustainable choices.