

EVOLUTION of a REVOLUTION

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- 1977** Market Senior Center begins in ex-biker tavern called the Motherlode.
- 1978** Victor Steinbrueck Park, honoring key player in Market salvation, completed on site of former armory.
- 1980** The Market Authority completes acquisition of 80 percent of the Market's land.
- 1983** Market enters real estate and management agreements with New York-based Urban Group to raise capital for rehabilitation.
- 1985** Campaign begins to replace wooden floors with tiles, each named for a contributor; raises \$1.2 million.
- 1986** Rachel, the bronze pig, installed at Market; raises \$9,000 a year.
- 1989** Market parking garage completed.
- 1991** The Urban Group's attempt to foreclose on the Market gets final defeat in the courts.
- 1995** Public votes to keep Pine Street open to traffic.
- 2001** Inspired by Rachel, city begins "Pigs on Parade" contest; raises \$500,000.
- 2007** Centennial. The Market covers 9 acres with 56 food vendors, 98 other merchants, 50 restaurants, 20 offices or service outlets and 450 residents; 9 million visitors a year come to see it.