

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Tietz/Beneke House]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Tietz/Beneke house, located at 657 Chenery Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.**
5 **6742, Lot No. 030.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 Resolution initiate landmark designations; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation
10 Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the
11 Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the
12 time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, The Tietz/Beneke House, located at 657 Chenery Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No.6742, Lot No. 030, was constructed circa 1886 in the Glen Park
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The Tietz/Beneke House, is associated with the earliest period of
17 settlement of Glen Park and considered the oldest property in Glen Park; and

18 WHEREAS, Historic photographic evidence from circa 1909 indicates past residents
19 with surnames of Tietz and Beneke; and

20 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an extremely rare
21 example of Folk Victorian architecture in San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, Folk Victorian architecture was a more affordable, vernacular alternative to
23 other styles associated with the Victorian movement, which were popular in San Francisco
24 circa 1870-1910; and

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1 WHEREAS, The property retains its simple form and appearance, modest size, and
2 steeply pitched side gabled roof; and

3 WHEREAS, Folk Victorian properties were more common in rural or quasi-rural
4 settings, and thus uncommon in San Francisco; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2025, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
6 Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided
7 frameworks for identifying and evaluating Folk Victorian and other early settlement era style
8 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

9 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Early
10 Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement, the property can be
11 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural
12 significance, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
14 Tietz/Beneke House under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
16 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
17 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
18 the Tietz/Beneke House; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
20 Preservation Commission consider whether the Tietz/Beneke House warrants landmark
21 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
22 Planning Code.

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