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MEMORANDUM

Date:

November 27, 2023

To:

Carla Short, Director, Public Works Ralph Remington, Arts Commission

From:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject:

Commemorative Street Plaques - Lodginghouse District Historical

Markers (File No. 230941)

On October 24, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 508-23, sponsored by Supervisor Matt Dorsey (File No. 230941, Commemorative Street Plaques - Lodginghouse District Historical Markers); enacted on November 3, 2023.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 508-23 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Member of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Matt Dorsey
David Steinberg, Public Works
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[Commemorative Street Plaques - Lodginghouse District Historical Markers]

Resolution authorizing the placement of the Lodginghouse District of San Francisco's Cultural Heritage District plaques, to be installed on the sidewalks at various historic location markers along the 6th Street corridor between Market Street and Howard Street, and initiating the process set forth in Public Works Code, Sections 789 et seq., to provide for the creation of a program for and installation of commemorative plaques in the Lodginghouse District.

WHEREAS, The 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, a streetscape project located on 6th Street between Market Street and Howard Street and within the Lodginghouse District, aims to create a safe and inviting place for people to walk by transforming 6th Street with wider sidewalks, new traffic signals, and other streetscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Transportation Agency, Public Works and the Lodginghouse District have worked collaboratively to promote the history of this district by working with community stakeholders to develop a design and identify suitable locations for the 6th Street Community Identity Plaques project, which consists of the installation of commemorative plaques within the Lodginghouse District area that honor and commemorate historical buildings significant to the community; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa Historic Resources Survey (SoMa Survey) consists of several elements including:

- 1,239 new Department of Parks and Recreation Primary Records (DPR 523A forms);
- 128 Building, Structure and Object DPR 523B forms;
- 5 District Records, DPR 523D forms;

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 Survey Inventory documenting 2,141 individual buildings (including photography, year built, district if applicable, assessments of architectural integrity, and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was prepared by a qualified historian in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and State Office of Historic Preservation Recordation Manual as outlined in Resolution No. 527 of June 7, 2000, adopted in 2009 by the previous San Francisco Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Context Statement South of Market Area, adopted as amended by the former Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, served as the basis for the evaluations of the SoMa Survey; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was reviewed by the Historic Preservation

Commission for accuracy and adequacy and was adopted by the Historic Preservation

Commission at a public meeting agendized for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa survey identified "The Sixth Street Lodginghouse District is a group of 33 low-budget residential hotels, or lodginghouses, built from 1906 through 1913, and a few low-rise commercial buildings"; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was reviewed and adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission on February 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The following site markers for the 6th Street Community Identity Plaques represent the historical identity of the Lodginghouse District:

- 6th Street between Market Street and Stevenson Street Recognition of the Lodginghouse District as a whole as the last surviving sizable group of low-budget Single Room Occupancy residential hotels built after the 1906 earthquake;
- 6th Street between Stevenson Street and Jessie Street Recognition of

the Hillsdale Hotel at 51 Sixth Street focusing on its architectural details;

- 6th Street between Jessie Street and Mission Street Recognition of a
 group of lodginghouse locations located at 6th Street and Market Street
 that housed single male season workers, and are the last surviving group
 of densely packed residential hotels built in this area after the 1906
 earthquake;
- 6th Street between Mission Street and Minna Street Recognition of The Rose at 125 Sixth Street, first constructed in 1912, which now provides permanent housing and supportive services;
- 6th Street between Minna Street and Natoma Street Recognition of Society for Individual Rights (SIR) at 83 Sixth Street, an organization founded in 1964 with goals of public affirmation of gay and lesbian identity;
- 6th Street between Natoma Street and Howard Street Recognition of the Howard Hotel at 184 Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS, The businesses and organizations identified and recognized by these plaques represent a part of the extensive history of the Lodginghouse District in the South of Market area of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Public Works Code, Section 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, authorizes the placement of the aforementioned historical marker commemorative street plaques on the sidewalk at the named locations; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Arts

Commission to approve the design and the placement of the named commemorative plaques;

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the San Francisco Public Works to take all actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution, including approval of the installation of the aforementioned plaques and performing installation of the plaques as part of the 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, provided, however, that the City shall not be required to replace plaques that are removed and/or are no longer available for safe usage; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs San Francisco Public Works to add the aforementioned plaques at the aforementioned locations on the City's official list of commemorative sites effective immediately from the date of passage of this Resolution.



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October 16, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 230941

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/24/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed Mayor Date Approved