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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Committee Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight
Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 3, 2015

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Breed on October 27, 2015:

File No. 151065

Resolution approving a Mills Act historical property contract between The Trust of Côme Lague and Charlene Li, the owners of 722 Steiner Street, and the City and County of San Francisco, under Administrative Code, Chapter 71; and authorizing the Planning Director and the Assessor to execute the historical property contract.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c:

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1 [Mills Act Historical Property Contract - 722 Steiner Street]

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4 **Côme Lague and Charlene Li, the owners of 722 Steiner Street, and the City and County**
5 **of San Francisco, under Administrative Code, Chapter 71; and authorizing the Planning**
6 **Director and the Assessor to execute the historical property contract.**

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8 WHEREAS, The California Mills Act (Government Code, Section 50280, et seq.)
9 authorizes local governments to enter into a contract with the owners of a qualified historical
10 property who agree to rehabilitate, restore, preserve, and maintain the property in return for
11 property tax reductions under the California Revenue and Taxation Code; and

12 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
13 this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
14 Resources Code, Sections 21000, et seq.); and

15 WHEREAS, Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
16 File No. 151065, is incorporated herein by reference, and the Board herein affirms it; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco contains many historic buildings that add to its character
18 and international reputation and that have not been adequately maintained, may be
19 structurally deficient, or may need rehabilitation, and the costs of properly rehabilitating,
20 restoring, and preserving these historic buildings may be prohibitive for property owners; and

21 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Chapter 71, was adopted to implement the
22 provisions of the Mills Act and to preserve these historic buildings; and

23 WHEREAS, 722 Steiner Street is a contributor the Alamo Square Landmark District
24 under Planning Code, Article 10, and thus qualifies as an historical property as defined in
25 Administrative Code, Section 71.2; and

1 WHEREAS, A Mills Act application for an historical property contract has been
2 submitted by The Trust of Côme Lague and Charlene Li, the owners of 722 Steiner Street,
3 detailing completed rehabilitation work and proposing a maintenance plan for the property;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, As required by Administrative Code, Section 71.4(a), the application for
6 the historical property contract for 722 Steiner Street was reviewed by the Assessor's Office
7 and the Historic Preservation Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, The Assessor has reviewed the historical property contract and has
9 provided the Board of Supervisors with an estimate of the property tax calculations and the
10 difference in property tax assessments under the different valuation methods permitted by the
11 Mills Act in its report transmitted to the Board of Supervisors on October 13, 2015, which
12 report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 151065 and is hereby
13 declared to be a part of this motion as if set forth fully herein; and

14 WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the
15 historical property contract in its Resolution No. 753, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk
16 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 151065 and is hereby declared to be a part of this
17 resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

18 WHEREAS, The draft historical property contract between The Trust of Côme Lague
19 and Charlene Li, the owners of 722 Steiner Street, and the City and County of San Francisco
20 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 151065 and is hereby declared
21 to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has conducted a public hearing pursuant to
23 Administrative Code, Section 71.4(d), to review the Historic Preservation Commission's
24 recommendation and the information provided by the Assessor's Office in order to determine
25 whether the City should execute the historical property contract for 722 Steiner Street; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has balanced the benefits of the Mills Act to the
2 owner of 722 Steiner Street with the cost to the City of providing the property tax reductions
3 authorized by the Mills Act, as well as the historical value of 722 Steiner Street and the
4 resultant property tax reductions; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the historical property
6 contract between The Trust of Côme Lague and Charlene Li, the owners of 722 Steiner
7 Street, and the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Planning
9 Director and the Assessor to execute the historical property contract.

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