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1	[Initiating Landmark Designation - The Mint Mall and Hall - 951-957 Mission Street]
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3	Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of
4	The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street at the south side of Mission Street
5	between 5th and 6th Streets.
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7	WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8	Resolution initiate a landmark designation; and
9	WHEREAS, Mint Mall at 953 Mission Street has been an invaluable neighborhood
10	asset in District 6 for over 44 years and contributes to the unique history and culture of San
11	Francisco; and
12	WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 126-18 amending the Administrative Code to create a
13	process for the establishment of cultural districts in the City to acknowledge and preserve
14	neighborhoods with unique cultural heritage; and
15	WHEREAS, Chapter 107 of the Administrative Code, Section 107.2 seeks to bring
16	resources in order to stabilize vulnerable communities facing or at risk of displacement or
17	gentrification, and to preserve, strengthen and promote our cultural assets and diverse
18	communities; and
19	WHEREAS, The SoMa Pilipinas - Filipino Cultural Heritage District is established in the
20	Administrative Code, Section 107.3 (c); and
21	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall is located within the heart of the Cultural District;
22	and
23	WHEREAS, In September 2022, SoMa Pilipinas submitted its Cultural History, Housing
24	and Economic Sustainability Strategy (CHHESS) report to the Mayor's office; and
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1	WHEREAS, The CHHESS report supports the protection of buildings that are culturall
2	significant as well as buildings that contain a high proportion of Filipino residents; and
3	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall (basement, ground floor and mezzanine) and Hall (upper
4	residential floors) are culturally significant and house a high proportion of Filipino residents;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall derives cultural significance as the site of many
7	culturally significant events and activities to the Filipino community, such as Pasko sa SoMa
8	(Christmas in SoMa) and the first parol making workshops for the Parol Lantern Festival; and
9	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall has been home to many Filipino cultural and arts
10	organizations, community serving non-profits and small businesses both past and present,
11	such as Arkipelago Books, Teatro ng Tanan, Likha Pilipino Folk Ensemble, Filipino American
12	Music and Arts Society (FAMAS), Super Reproductions, JT Restaurant (formerly New
13	Filipinas Restaurant), Nida's Hair Salon, Mejia Hair Cutters, Aeroskin Worldwide, Pilipino
14	AIDS Project, Pilipino Service Providers Network, Mint Mall Residents Association, and many
15	others; and
16	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall is the site of intangible cultural heritage significant
17	to the Filipino community; and
18	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall contains several elements of a traditional indoor shopping
19	center applied to an urban setting, including individual storefronts, food, restrooms and broad
20	corridors; and
21	WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall deserves recognition as a historically significant
22	cultural and community building; and
23	WHEREAS, The SoMa Pilipinas Cultural District spurred interest for the Landmark
24	Designation for Article 10 Landmark Designation for The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957
25	Mission Street; and

1	WHEREAS, As to recognize the importance of the Mint Mall and Hall as important to
2	the Filipino community past and present, and to the history, culture and life of the South of
3	Market and the city; now, therefore, be it
4	RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of The
5	Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street, under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be in
6	FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
7	Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
8	consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
9	The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street; and, be it
10	FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
11	Preservation Commission consider whether The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street
12	warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to
13	Article 10 of the Planning Code.
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## **Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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