

[Initiating Landmark Designation - San Francisco AIDS Foundation]

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 514-520 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2695, Lot No. 002.

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

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

WHEREAS, 514-520 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2695, Lot No. 002 is significant as the original location of the office of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation, later renamed the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, San Francisco was amongst the first American cities to face the crisis of AIDS, a new disease which had been rapidly spreading amongst gay men; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Dr. Marcus Conant approached activist Cleve Jones about creating the Foundation as a community based organization to address the threat of AIDS and lobby the government for additional funds; and

WHEREAS, The organization gained local and national recognition for its AIDS expertise, and also informed the nation's first safe sex guidelines for gay men in 1982; and

1 WHEREAS, Community fundraising and financial assistance led the organization from
2 being staffed by volunteers to a being a non-profit organization with paid staff which it remains
3 today; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2016 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
5 Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History in San Francisco which provided
6 frameworks for identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity
7 associated with San Francisco's diverse and robust LGBTQ histories; and

8 WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History was prepared
9 by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and

10 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Citywide
11 Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History, the property can be considered as an
12 individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with LGBTQ History; and

13 WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History identifies the
14 San Francisco AIDS Foundation as a property which may be eligible for City Landmark status;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's 2024 Cultural History, Housing and
17 Economic Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report includes the strategy, "Ensure the
18 Historic Preservation Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors prioritize further municipal
19 landmarking and state and national nomination of Castro LGBTQIA+ historical sites..."; and

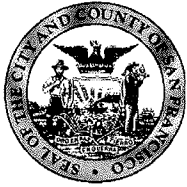
20 WHEREAS, The building exterior remains identifiable as the location of the San
21 Francisco AIDS Foundation, as it did in 1982; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
23 San Francisco AIDS Foundation under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
25 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its

consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether the San Francisco AIDS Foundation warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.



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Resolution

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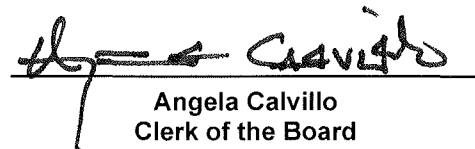
October 06, 2025 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/21/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Daniel Lurie
Mayor

OCT 24, 2025
Date Approved