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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Vesuvio Cafe Building]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Vesuvio Cafe Building, located at 253 Columbus Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 0162, Lot No. 019.**

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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 Vesuvio Cafe Building, located at 253 Columbus Avenue, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 0162, Lot No. 019, was constructed in 1913 in the North Beach
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its association with Italian American cultural
17 heritage and LGBTQ and Counterculture history in San Francisco, and is an excellent
18 example of Renaissance Revival style with Neo-Baroque decorative elements as designed by
19 architect of merit Italo Zanolini for A. Cavalli Books and long occupied by Vesuvio Cafe; and

20 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant character defining features, including stucco
21 cladding, expansive rounded corner storefront with tiled bulkhead and transom, brick clad
22 entry to the second floor surmounted by a pediment, second story with pilasters with
23 Corinthian capitals, multiple arched windows flanked by columns and topped by hood
24 ornament, a corner balconette supported by corbels and enclosed by a balustrade, and has a
25 bracketed cornice and parapet; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted
2 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies, which
3 includes an evaluative framework to provide standards for consistent, informed evaluations of
4 the city’s various architecture professionals, including architect of merit Italo Zanolini; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
6 North Beach Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as a cultural and
7 community center to the Italian community; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
9 LGBTQ Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as an early cafe for
10 Bohemians and Beat writers; and

11 WHEREAS, The property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource
12 based on its year built, extant character-defining features, architect of merit, cultural
13 associations, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
15 Vesuvio Cafe Building under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

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

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
21 Preservation Commission consider whether the Vesuvio Cafe Building warrants landmark
22 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
23 Planning Code.

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FAMILY ZONING PLAN LANDMARKING

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Landmark Initiation
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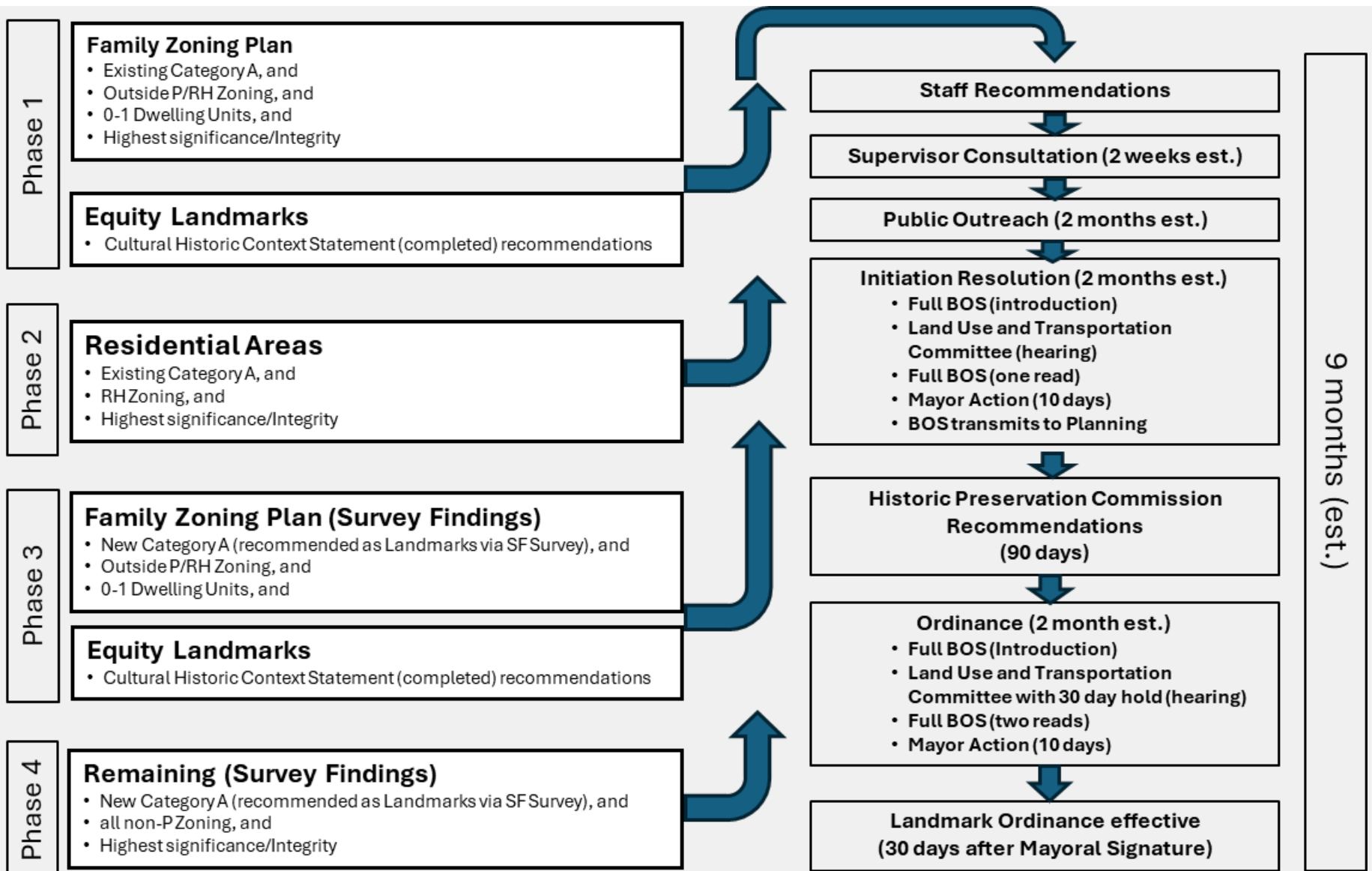
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Existing D3 Article 10 Landmarks



Family Zoning Plan Landmarks Process



Phase 1: District 3 Proposed Landmarks



1 University Club
800 Powell Street
Year Built: 1908
Significant for its Roman Renaissance Revival architecture designed by San Francisco architects of merit Bliss & Faville originally for Stanford University



8 Central Chinese High School
827-829 Stockton Street
Year Built: 1914
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage as a school that promoted Chinese culture and study



15 Mone's Candlelight Lounge
468-478 Broadway
Year Built: 1907
Significant for its association with LGBTQ history in San Francisco as a queer nightclub



2 Saints Peter & Paul Church
600-660 Filbert Street
Year Built: 1922-1924
Significant for its association with Italian American cultural heritage and for its Gothic Romanesque architecture



9 Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Association
1786 Stockton Street
Year Built: 1907
Significant for its First Bay Tradition architecture designed by architect of merit Bernard Maybeck



16 Finocchio's
500-508 Broadway
Year Built: 1916
Significant for its association with LGBTQ history in San Francisco as a nightclub featuring cross-gender entertainment popular with both the queer community and tourists



3 California Masonic Church
1111-1171 California Street
Year Built: 1908
Significant for its Midcentury Modern architecture designed by architect of merit Albert F. Roller



10 Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
848 Stockton Street
Year Built: 1908
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage as the former HQ of the six hui-tuan, an alliance of rival Chinese factions, which represented the interests of all Chinese in O.F. and the West



17 A. Cavalli Bookstore / Vesuvio Cafe
203 Columbus Avenue
Year Built: 1913
Significant for its association with the Counterculture movement in San Francisco



4 Great China Theater
626 Jackson Street
Year Built: 1924
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage originally occupied by the Ying Wei Lun Hoop Theatrical Co., a Chinese Opera company, and later as The Great Star Theater showing Chinese-language movies



11 Bimbo's 365 Club
1001-1025 Columbus Avenue
Year Built: 1981
Significant for its association with Italian American cultural heritage, its Midcentury Modern architecture designed by architect of merit Timothy Pflueger, and as a popular nightclub



18 Fugazi Building
678 Green Street
Year Built: 1912
Significant for its association with the Italian American cultural heritage, LGBTQ history in San Francisco, and architect of merit Italo Zanolini



5 Sing Chong Building
615 Grant Avenue
Year Built: 1907-1908
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage as originally built as Chinese Bazaar with tenants Look Tin Eli, a successful Chinese American businessman



12 George Perine House
550 Powell Street
Year Built: 1910
Significant as a rare and very late example of a second empire style house and as the only structure left downtown built as a single-family residence



19 Italian Athletic Club
1690 Stockton Street
Year Built: 1936
Significant for its association with Italian American cultural heritage and for its Art Deco style architecture



6 Transamerica Pyramid
600 Montgomery Street
Year Built: 1976
Significant for its Brutalist architecture designed by architect of merit William Pereira & Associates



13 Nam Kue School
755 Sacramento Street
Year Built: 1925
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage as the original headquarters of the Rock Yam Benevolent Society and later as the earliest and longest surviving school preserving Chinese culture and language in America



7 Chinese Telephone Exchange
748 Washington Street
Year Built: 1909
Significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage as the only Chinese telephone exchange in the United States



14 Old First Presbyterian Church
1751 Sacramento Street
Year Built: 1911
Significant for Romanesque Revival architecture by U.C. Berkeley architecture professor William Charles Hays



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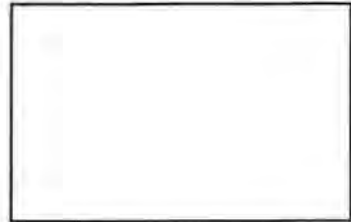
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Introduction Form

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



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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Subject:

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Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 