

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - 361 San Jose Avenue]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code**
4 **for 361 San Jose Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot No. 021A.**

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

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

12 WHEREAS, 361 San Jose Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot No. 021A,
13 was constructed circa 1865 in the Mission neighborhood during the early settlement days of
14 San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an extremely rare
16 example of Folk Victorian architecture in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its side facing gabled roof,
18 full length front porch with wood railing and pent roof supported by square capitals and sawn
19 ornamental wood brackets and wood windows with flattened window surrounds; and

20 WHEREAS, Folk Victorian architecture was a more affordable, vernacular alternative to
21 other styles associated with the Victorian movement which were popular in San Francisco
22 circa 1870-1910; and

23 WHEREAS, Folk Victorian properties were more common in rural or quasi-rural
24 settings, and thus uncommon in San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, The Southern Mission was spared destruction from the 1906 Great
2 Earthquake and Fire and thus retains generally intact pre-disaster architecture from the latter
3 half of the Nineteenth Century; and

4 WHEREAS, The Southern Mission's concentrated pre-disaster building stock is part of
5 the citywide ring of survivors that surrounded the burnt-out urban core following the 1906
6 disaster, which overall is a small fraction of the building stock that had existed prior; and

7 WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey was one of several planning
8 studies conducted to inform the implementation of the Mission Area Plan and was adopted by
9 the Historic Preservation Commission on November 17, 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey resulted in the
11 documentation of approximately 3,800 individual buildings in the area that is bounded roughly
12 by 20th Street to the north, Cesar Chavez Street to the south, Potrero Avenue to the east, and
13 Guerrero Street to the West; and

14 WHEREAS, That the South Mission Historic Resources Survey was prepared by
15 qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and

16 WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey identified the property as
17 being individually eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2025 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
19 Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided
20 frameworks for identifying and evaluating Folk Victorian and other early settlement era style
21 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

22 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Early
23 Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement, the property can be
24 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural
25 significance, extant character defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of 361
2 San Jose Avenue under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
4 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
5 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value
6 of 361 San Jose Avenue; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
8 Preservation Commission consider whether 361 San Jose Avenue warrants landmark
9 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
10 Planning Code.