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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 29, 2026
To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission
From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors
Subject: Twelve Resolutions Initiating Landmark Designations

On April 28, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted 12 Resolutions initiating landmark designations under Article 10 of the Planning Code, for the following locations:

- California Masonic Memorial Temple, located at 1111-1171 California Street – File No. 260311
- Finocchio's, located at 500-508 Broadway – File No. 260313
- the Fugazi Building, located at 678 Green Street – File No. 260314
- the George Perine House, located at 535 Powell Street – File No. 260315
- the Italian Athletic Club, located at 1630 Stockton Street – File No. 260317
- the Maybeck Building, located at 1736 Stockton Street – File No. 260318
- Mona's Candle Light, located at 463-473 Broadway – File No. 260319
- the Nam Kue School, located at 755 Sacramento Street – File No. 260320
- Old First Presbyterian Church, located at 1751 Sacramento Street – File No. 260321
- Transamerica Pyramid, located at 600 Montgomery Street – File No. 260323
- the University Club, located at 800 Powell Street – File No. 260324
- Vesuvio Cafe Building, located at 253 Columbus Avenue – File No. 260325

The resolutions were enacted on May 8, 2026. Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution Nos. 237-26, 238-26, 239-26, 240-26, 241-26, 242-26, 243-26, 244-26, 245-26, 246-26, 247-26 and 248-26 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

- c: Supervisor Danny Sauter, Board of Supervisors
- Sarah Dennis Phillips, Director, Planning Department
- Lisa Gluckstein, Planning Department
- Josh Switzky, Planning Department
- Pilar LaValley, Planning Department
- Alex Westoff, Planning Department

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

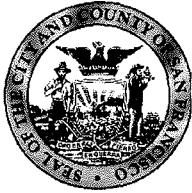
8 WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
9 LGBTQ Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as an early cafe for
10 Bohemians and Beat writers; and

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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Resolution

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File Number: 260325

Date Passed: April 28, 2026

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

April 20, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 28, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong
Excused: 1 - Fielder

File No. 260325

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/28/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

MAY 8, 2026

Date Approved