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MEMORANDUM

Date:

November 7, 2025

To:

Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission

From:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject:

Sixteen Resolutions Initiating Landmark Designations

(File Nos. 250835-250850)

On October 21, 2025, the Board of Supervisors finally passed sixteen resolutions initiating landmark designations, sponsored by President Rafael Mandelman (File Nos. 250835, 250836, 250837, 250838, 250839, 250840, 250841, 250842, 250843, 250844, 250845, 250846, 250847, 250848, 250849, and 250850), which were enacted on October 24, 2025.

Please find the attached courtesy copies of Resolution Nos. 484-25, 485-25, 486-25, 487-25, 488-25, 489-25, 490-25, 491-25, 492-25, 493-25, 495-25, 496-25, 497-25, 498-25, and 499-25 for your office's information and consideration of next steps.

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

c: President Rafael Mandelman, Board of Supervisors Sarah Dennis Phillips, Director, Planning Department Aaron Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs Josh Switzky, Planning Department Pilar LaValley, Planning Department

[Initiating Landmark Designation - Engine Company No.13]

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for Engine Company No.13, 1458 Valenica Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot No. 011.

WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by Resolution initiate landmark designations; 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, Engine Company No.13, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6531, Lot No. 011, located at 1458 Valancia Street in the Mission neighborhood, was constructed in 1883, and remained an active firehouse until 1958; and

WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is the oldest standing firehouse in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The property is a rare example of a brick firehouse in Italianate design with cast iron facade detailing; and

WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its lonic pilasters at the ground floor, Corinthian pilasters at the second floor, denticulated beltcourse, Doric columnettes, detailed cornice, and more; and

WHEREAS, Italianate architecture was the first Victorian era style to gain popularity in San Francisco and remained a dominant style between 1865 and 1886; and

WHEREAS, The southern Mission was spared destruction from the 1906 earthquake and fire and thus retains generally intact pre-disaster architecture from the latter half of the Nineteenth Century; and

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

WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The South Mission Historic Resource Survey identified the property as being individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Italianate and other Victorian-era buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, extant character defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of Engine Company No.13 under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a 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 Engine Company No.13; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether Engine Company No.13 warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.



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Resolution

File Number:

250850

Date Passed: October 21, 2025

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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

File No. 250850

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

Date Approved