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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 22, 2022

To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission  
Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department

From: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board

Subject: Initiating Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection  
(File No. 220461)

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On June 7, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 283-22, sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Mandelman, Melgar, and Safai and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on June 17, 2022.

A copy of the Resolution is being forwarded to you pursuant to Resolution No. 283-22.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: [Erica.Major@sfgov.org](mailto:Erica.Major@sfgov.org).

cc: Scott Sanchez, Zoning Administrator  
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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street situated within The Transgender**  
5 **Cultural District.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 100.4.1, the Board of Supervisors may by  
8 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, The intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street (Turk & Taylor),  
10 [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078], is situated in Supervisorial District 5 within  
11 San Francisco's Transgender Cultural District in the Tenderloin neighborhood and is listed as  
12 a historic site by the cultural district; and

13 WHEREAS, The Transgender District is the world's first legally-recognized cultural  
14 district dedicated to the transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex  
15 community and became a legally recognized cultural district in San Francisco in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection witnessed the first documented  
17 uprising of trans and queer people in August of 1966 known as the Compton's Cafeteria Riot  
18 due to the fact that it started as a confrontation between a police officer and a drag queen at  
19 Compton's Cafeteria at the intersection of Turk & Taylor and spilled out into the streets; and

20 WHEREAS, The corner of Turk & Taylor continues to be a valuable asset tethered to  
21 the history of transgender and queer individuals in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood  
22 and is a key monument for The Transgender Cultural District; and

23 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection is the site of the Black Trans Lives  
24 Matter Mural, a visual demonstration calling for awareness of the alarming violence

1 perpetrated against transgender women, and disproportionately impacting Black transgender  
2 women; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to recognize the month of  
4 August as Transgender History Month in 2021 as part of an effort to formally recognize the  
5 contributions of the transgender community including critical historical events, figures, and  
6 places; and

7 WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria Riots of 1966 transpired three years before the  
8 Stonewall Inn Riots, which is regarded as the quintessential event for the gay liberation  
9 movement, eclipsing other trailblazing events; and

10 WHEREAS, The revolutionary event that took place at the intersection of Turk & Taylor  
11 Streets deserves recognition as a seminal event in the history of transgender liberation; and

12 WHEREAS, Even now, in 2022, the transgender community continues to face  
13 persecution through unprecedented anti-trans legislation produced by conservative state  
14 legislatures across the United States targeting transgender youth and access to gender-  
15 affirming medical services under the threat of legal persecution; and

16 WHEREAS, The Biden-Harris Administration advanced a resolution acknowledging  
17 Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) and condemning the proliferation of detrimental anti-  
18 trans legislation, signaling a breakthrough in solidarity on behalf of the President of the United  
19 States in regard to the continued marginalization and violence committed against the  
20 transgender community; and

21 WHEREAS, Recognizing symbols and monuments tethered to transgender liberation  
22 and activism support and empower an embattled community that struggles for equitable  
23 representation in documented history; and

24 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection represent a sacred site for the  
25 transgender community capable of furthering social and historical awareness, educational

1 opportunities, and economic investment in a neighborhood that has memorialized a prominent  
2 transgender presence; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco has taken substantial strides to preserve and support the  
4 transgender community by recognizing The Transgender Cultural District; launching the Office  
5 of Transgender Initiatives (OTI), the first and only trans-led city government office in the nation  
6 tasked with advancing policies, programs, and equity for transgender people; and allocating  
7 funding for a guaranteed income pilot program for transgender individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, as decades have passed San Francisco-based publications such as the  
9 San Francisco Chronicle and zines used by Tenderloin-based organization like Vanguard,  
10 continue to uphold the prominence and impact of the Compton's Cafeteria Riots and regard  
11 the intersection of Turk & Taylor Streets as a historically important space; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of  
13 Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078] under  
14 Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

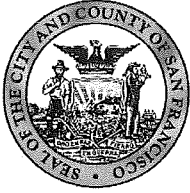
15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department  
16 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission  
17 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of  
18 the site; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
20 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning  
21 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and  
22 value of the Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
24 Commission consider whether the Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection warrant landmark  
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1 designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the  
2 Planning Code.

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Date Passed: June 07, 2022

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street situated within The Transgender Cultural District.

May 23, 2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

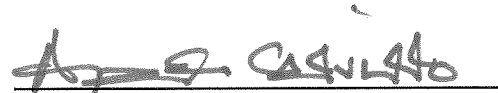
May 23, 2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED


June 07, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/7/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
London N. Breed  
Mayor

6/17/22  
Date Approved