

1 [Landmark Tree Designation of Moreton Bay Fig at 3555 Cesar Chavez Street, facing
2 Valencia Street.]

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4 **Ordinance designating the Moreton Bay Fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) at 3555 Cesar Chavez**
5 **Street (Assessor's Block 6575, Lot 002), facing Valencia Street as a landmark tree**
6 **pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810, making findings supporting the**
7 **designation, and requesting official acts in furtherance of the landmark tree**
8 **designation.**

9 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
10 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
11 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. Findings.

14 (a) Public Works Code Section 810 establishes a procedure for the nomination,
15 designation, and removal of landmark trees.

16 (b) Supervisor Ammiano introduced a resolution of intent to nominate the Moreton Bay
17 Fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) located at 3555 Cesar Chavez Street (Assessor's block 6575, Lot
18 002), facing Valencia Street for landmark tree status. The Board of Supervisors adopted this
19 nomination in Resolution no. 612-07. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
20 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

21 (c) The Board of Supervisors adopted landmark tree designation criteria in Resolution
22 No. 440-06. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
23 File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

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1 (d) On December 14, 2007, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry
2 Council adopted Resolution No. 013-07 recommending that the Board of Supervisors
3 designate this tree for landmark status based on the abovementioned landmark tree
4 designation criteria. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
5 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

6 (e) The Urban Forestry Council determined that this tree qualifies as a landmark tree
7 based on the criteria set forth below and as further delineated in the City's landmark tree
8 designation criteria:

9 (1) Size: The tree is a majestic specimen and one of San Francisco's largest
10 trees;

11 (2) Rare: The tree is exceedingly rare in San Francisco;

12 (3) Age: The tree is of advanced age;

13 (4) Historical Significance: The tree is of historical significance due to the
14 historical marker that sits at the base of the tree indicating the original home of the Bancroft
15 Library now housed in Berkeley, CA;

16 (5) Neighborhood Character: The tree helped define the neighborhood
17 character;

18 (6) Publication: The tree was profiled in The Trees of San Francisco by Mike
19 Sullivan; The Trees of Golden Gate Park and San Francisco by Elizabeth McClintock; and are
20 seen in early historical photos of the Bancroft Library;

21 (7) Visibility: The tree is highly visible in a high traffic area and is accessible
22 from the sidewalk;

1 (8) Prominent Landscape Feature: The tree is visible from the top of Bernal
2 Heights Hill and from the many blocks down Valencia Street; thus a prominent landscape
3 feature; and

4 (9) Character-Defining Form: The tree has character defining form.

5 (f) The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own the findings of the Urban Forestry
6 Council in regard to this tree.

7 Section 2. Landmark Tree Designation.

8 (a) Based on the above mentioned findings, the Board of Supervisors designates the
9 Moreton Bay Fig at 3555 Cesar Chavez Street, facing Valencia Street (Assessor's Block 6575,
10 Lot 002) as a landmark tree.

11 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the
12 landmark designation of this tree on the property record of 3555 Cesar Chavez Street and list
13 the tree in the Department's Official Book of Landmark Trees.

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