

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Italian Athletic Club]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Italian Athletic Club, located at 1630 Stockton Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.**
5 **0103, Lot No. 014A.**

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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 Italian Athletic Club, located at 1630 Stockton Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 0103, Lot No. 014A, was constructed in 1936 in the North Beach
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its association with Italian American cultural
17 heritage and is an excellent example of Art Deco style as designed by architect of merit John
18 Antone Porporato; and

19 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant character defining features including stucco
20 cladding, and pilasters with vertical speedlines that project above the cornice; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
22 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic
23 Context Statement, which includes an evaluative framework to provide standards for
24 consistent, informed evaluations of the city's various architecture professionals, including
25 architect of merit John Antone Porporato; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
2 North Beach Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as a cultural and
3 community center to the Italian community; and

4 WHEREAS, The property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource
5 based on its year built, extant character-defining features, architect of merit, cultural
6 associations, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
8 Italian Athletic Club under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
10 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
11 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
12 the Italian Athletic Club; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
14 Preservation Commission consider whether the Italian Athletic Club warrants landmark
15 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
16 Planning Code.