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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 29, 2025

To: Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs, Arts Commission

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

Subject: Affirming the Historical Legacy and Future of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (File No. 250987)

On October 7, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 475-25, sponsored by Supervisor Jackie Fielder (File No. 250987, Affirming the Historical Legacy and Future of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts), which was enacted on October 17, 2025.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and awareness.

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

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Jackie Fielder, Myrna Melgar, Shamann Walton, Chyanne Chen, Bilal Mahmood, Connie Chan, Matt Dorsey, Rafael Mandelman
Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Aly Bonde, Policy Director, Mayor's Office
Alyssa Ventre, Commission Secretary, Arts Commission
Mary Chou, Civic Art Collection and Public Art Program Director, Arts Commission

[Affirming the Historical Legacy and Future of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts]

Resolution recognizing the historical legacy of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA), and the importance of its preservation throughout and after the retrofit of the building at 2868 Mission Street and affirming MCCLA's right to return upon the completion of construction.

WHEREAS, In honor of Latin@ Heritage Month, 2025, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the historical significance of the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA) for the Mission District in San Francisco, and for its City-wide importance; and

WHEREAS, MCCLA has been a beloved institution since 1977, celebrating and representing the vital contributions of the Latine community to culture, art, music, dance, poetry, printmaking, graphic arts, mural arts, theater, and more; and

WHEREAS, MCCLA has always stood firm in the belief that culture is not something static, but rather linked to an every-changing future that is reflected by contemporary actions and activities, and as such has been at the cutting edge of artistic expression in San Francisco, since its inception; and

WHEREAS, MCCLA continues to host, organize, and participate in the most iconic and world-renowned annual celebrations in San Francisco, including Latine Heritage Community Celebration, el Día de los Muertos/The Day of the Dead Community Celebration in the fall, "Solo Mujeres" annual art exhibition and Carnaval in the Spring, along with daily programming and expositions featuring local legends and Latine artists from the community; and

WHEREAS, The building where MCCLA is located, at 2868 Mission Street, is owned by the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) with the express intent of providing an adequate space for this cultural arts institution to safely operate and offer its broad array of

1 classes and workshops for adults and kids, art exhibits, events, podcast and recording studio,
2 Mission Gráfica print studio, where graphic arts are printed using beautifully preserved,
3 antique print machines, and below market rate studio rentals that the community of artists rely
4 on to practice and share their craft with the public; and

5 WHEREAS, The SFAC has long supported MCCLA, one of the vital community-based
6 cultural centers in San Francisco that provide accessible arts opportunities to all San
7 Franciscans and visitors, alongside three other site-based cultural centers on city-owned
8 properties, and two virtual cultural centers, all operated by non-profit arts organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2022 the Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance
10 amending the San Francisco Planning Code to designate 2868 Mission Street ("Mission
11 Cultural Center for Latino Arts"), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6516, Lot No.007, as a San
12 Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code, precisely because of the historical
13 significance, "special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
14 value," and need for future protection of the cultural center; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2868 Mission Street building is in dire need of earthquake retrofit and
16 other identified renovations within the scope of the retrofit project, for which the San Francisco
17 Arts Commission has procured funding to conduct extensive construction, that is expected to
18 begin in 2026; and

19 WHEREAS, Due to this major construction project, MCCLA must move out of the
20 building for the duration, anticipated to take as much as three years to complete; and

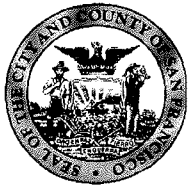
21 WHEREAS, MCCLA has continued to demonstrate its artistic creativity by finding ways
22 to operate during their temporary move out to ensure they are able to offer a continuation of
23 robust programming and signature events, with adaptations to meet the circumstances, while
24 maintaining a commitment to providing the public with access to quality arts celebrations,
25 education and expositions; and

1 WHEREAS, MCCLA is painstakingly preserving the historical archives to protect the
2 treasure trove of artistic works for future generations; and

3 WHEREAS, Not only is the historical legacy of this organization a central thread in the
4 cultural fabric of San Francisco, but the guarantee of its future is also equally important to the
5 identify and artistic expression of the City; now therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates MCCLA during
7 Latin@ Heritage Month, and assures the organization of our intent to continue supporting the
8 future of this beloved institution; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Arts Commission to
10 protect the legacy of this legacy cultural institution and provide MCCLA a right to return upon
11 completion of the retrofit construction project.



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Resolution

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Date Passed: October 07, 2025

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October 07, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/7/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10-17-25

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10-17-25

Date