

File No. 260322

Committee Item No. 12

Board Item No. _____

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Date: April 20, 2026

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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Sing Chong Building]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Sing Chong Building, located at 615-625 Grant Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 0242, Lot No. 055.**

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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 Sing Chong Building, located at 615-625 Grant Avenue, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 0242, Lot No. 055, was constructed in 1907 in the Chinatown neighborhood;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage
17 and successful Chinese American businessman Look Tin Eli, who is credited with creating the
18 pseudo-Chinese façade that would become Chinatown's distinctive trademark, and as the first
19 building in the new Chinatown to feature "Chinese-looking" architectural elements designed by
20 the architecture and engineering firm of Ross and Burgren; and

21 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant character defining features, including a
22 pagoda, curved canopies that resemble Chinese rooflines, dragon motifs, and red, green, and
23 gold accents; and

24 WHEREAS, The property is included in the Eligible Chinatown National Register
25 Historic District; and

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

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
5 Sing Chong Building under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

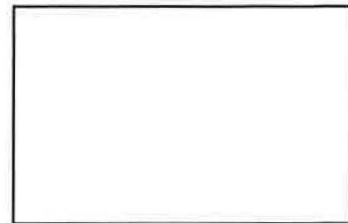
6 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
7 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
8 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
9 the Sing Chong Building; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
11 Preservation Commission consider whether the Sing Chong Building warrants landmark
12 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
13 Planning Code.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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Sponsor(s):

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Subject:

Initiating Landmark Designation - Sing Chong Building

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Sing Chong Building, located at 615-625 Grant Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0242, Lot No. 055.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: