

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, located at 1901 Franklin Street, Assessor’s Parcel**
5 **Block No. 0617, Lot No. 004.**

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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 Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, located at 1901 Franklin Street,
14 Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0617, Lot No. 004, was constructed in 1901 in the Pacific
15 Heights neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The 1968 book “Here Today, San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage”, by
17 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

18 WHEREAS, the property is an excellent example of a Beaux Arts style residence from
19 the early 1900’s; and

20 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant Beaux Arts features including an
21 asymmetrical facade, windows surmounted by triangular pediments, Doric columns and
22 pilasters, elaborate corner quoins, cornice and roof balustrade; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
24 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, which

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1 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Beaux Arts and early revival style buildings
2 for historical significance and integrity; and

3 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative frameworks outlined in the Progressive
4 Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, the property can be
5 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on its year built, extant
6 character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
8 Golden Gate Spiritualist Church 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 Golden Gate Spiritualist Church; and, be it

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

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