

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Arthur Castle Home]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Arthur Castle Home, located at 2402 Steiner Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.**
5 **0606, Lot No. 017A.**

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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 Arthur Castle Home is located at 2402 Steiner Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 0606, Lot No. 017A in the Pacific Heights neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, Arthur H. Castle, son of pioneering Jewish merchant and dried fruit and
16 nut purveyor, and partner of the family's dried fruit business, the Castle Brothers, was the
17 original property owner; and

18 WHEREAS, The property was designed by architect of merit Willis Polk circa 1900-
19 1901; and

20 WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by
21 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

22 WHEREAS, The property is an excellent example of a Tudor Revival style residence
23 from the early 1900s; and

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1 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant Tudor Revival features, including a steeply
2 pitched front-facing gable, tall narrow multiple-pane windows, masonry accents, massive
3 chimney, a front door surmounted by a Tudor arch, and decorative half-timbering; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
5 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, which
6 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Tudor Revival and early revival style
7 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
9 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic
10 Context Statement, which developed an evaluative framework in order to provide standards
11 for consistent, informed evaluations of the city's various architecture professionals; and

12 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative frameworks as outlined in the Progressive
13 Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement and the Architecture,
14 Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic Context
15 Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based
16 on its design by architect of merit Willis Polk, year built, extant character-defining features,
17 and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
19 Arthur Castle Home under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
21 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
22 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
23 the Arthur Castle Home; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
25 Preservation Commission consider whether the Arthur Castle Home warrants landmark

1 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
2 Planning Code.

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