

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Henry Street Rowhouses]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Henry Street Rowhouses, located at 191-197 Henry Street, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 3540, Lot No. 092.**

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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 Henry Street Rowhouses, located at 191-197 Henry Street,
14 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3540, Lot No. 092, were constructed in 1892 in the Duboce
15 Triangle neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is an intact example of a Stick/Eastlake style multi-family
17 building, which is the connecting style that facilitated the transition from Gothic Revival
18 architecture to Queen Anne architecture; and

19 WHEREAS, The property represents the transition of the Duboce Triangle from an
20 exurban neighborhood of large-lot Victorian Villas to a moderately populated, middle class
21 neighborhood of rowhouses and the occasional multi-family building; and

22 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including elaborate wooden
23 ornamentation at the cornice and porches consisting of stickwork mimicking interior structural
24 supports, bay windows, portico turret, and compound roof; and

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

3 WHEREAS, In 2018 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
4 Duboce Triangle Historic Context Statement which identified the property as being eligible for
5 listing as a City landmark; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
7 Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for
8 identifying and evaluating Stick/Eastlake and other Victorian-era buildings for historical
9 significance and integrity; and

10 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Duboce
11 Triangle Historic Context Statement and the Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context
12 Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based
13 on year built, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
15 Henry Street Rowhouses under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
17 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
18 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
19 the Henry Street Rowhouses; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
21 Preservation Commission consider whether the Henry Street Rowhouses warrant landmark
22 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
23 Planning Code.