

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Buena Vista Farmhouse]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Buena Vista Farmhouse, located at 11 Piedmont Street, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 2617A, Lot No. 026.**

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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 Buena Vista Farmhouse, located at 11 Piedmont Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 2617A, Lot No. 026, was constructed circa 1860s in the Haight Ashbury
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property was once part of a prosperous dairy farm; and

17 WHEREAS, The property is a rare extant building associated with early San Francisco
18 ranching and agriculture, which, prior to late 1800s suburbanization of perimeter
19 neighborhoods, were dominant land uses and industries outside of the city's core; and

20 WHEREAS, Given the rarity of pre-1870 residences throughout San Francisco, the few
21 residences which exist from this period have high potential to be significant for their
22 association with the city's early growth following the California Gold Rush; and

23 WHEREAS, The property provides a tangible connection to early residential
24 development outside of San Francisco's center city core; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Property is an early expression of Italianate architecture in San
2 Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its pitched forward-facing
4 gabled roof, rustic channel siding, corner boards, double-hung wood-sash windows, and
5 pedimented wood windows surrounds; and

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
17 Buena Vista Farmhouse under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
19 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
20 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
21 the Buena Vista Farmhouse; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
23 Preservation Commission consider whether the Buena Vista Farmhouse warrants landmark
24 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
25 Planning Code.