

1 [Urging the Planning Department to Prioritize Final Adoption of the North Beach Historic  
2 Context Statement]

3 **Resolution urging the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission**  
4 **to prioritize final adoption of the North Beach Historic Context Statement.**

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6 WHEREAS, Historic resource surveys are performed to identify, record, and evaluate  
7 historic properties within a community, neighborhood, project area, or region; and

8 WHEREAS, Surveys provide information needed to make informed planning decisions,  
9 prioritize preservation goals and objectives, develop and implement land use policies, perform  
10 environmental reviews pursuant to CEQA, develop adaptive reuse and heritage tourism  
11 initiatives, educate the public and increase the understanding of and appreciation for the built  
12 environment as a tangible reminder of the community’s history; and

13 WHEREAS, Historic contexts and surveys are critical tools for understanding,  
14 evaluating, and protecting those resources which give each community its individual character  
15 and sense of place; and

16 WHEREAS, Historic contexts provide the foundation for preservation planning and are  
17 based on one or more themes, a geographical area, and periods of significance; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted and published  
19 numerous cultural, thematic, and geographic historic context statements; and

20 WHEREAS, The pending North Beach context statement and survey updates and  
21 supplements the historic context statement and survey contained in the two-volume report  
22 titled “North Beach San Francisco: An Architectural, Historical Cultural Survey,” completed in  
23 1982 (the “North Beach Survey”), which was officially adopted by the San Francisco Board of  
24 Supervisors in 1999 as the City’s comprehensive record of historical and architectural  
25 resources in the North Beach neighborhood; and

1           WHEREAS, Since 2004, the City and County of San Francisco has adopted  
2 geographic historic context statements for neighborhoods and planning areas across San  
3 Francisco, including Central SOMA, Corbett Heights, Eureka Valley, the Mission District,  
4 Market Octavia, South of Market, Transit Center District, Parkside, Inner Mission North, India  
5 Basin, Central Waterfront, Showplace Square/Northeast Mission, Bayview Hunters Point; and

6           WHEREAS, Among the in-progress geographic context statements in the Planning  
7 Department’s queue, the updated North Beach geographic context statement and survey is  
8 the only context statement listed on the Planning Department’s website as “forthcoming;” and

9           WHEREAS, The updated North Beach context statement was prepared by  
10 Architectural Historian Michael Corbett and has been the subject of extensive input from  
11 neighborhood advocates and historic preservation professionals for several years; and

12           WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission is expected to review its 2022 work  
13 plan and the Commission’s priorities for survey and designation projects early this year; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 urges the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission to prioritize urgent  
17 progress and final adoption the North Beach Historic Context Statement in 2022, and to  
18 provide community members with a reasonable timeline including opportunities for public  
19 engagement for achieving that goal.

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