

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Engine Company No. 33]

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3 **Resolution initiating the landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code**
4 **for Engine Company No. 33, located at 117 Broad Street, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 7113, Lot No. 041.**

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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, Engine Company No. 33, located at 117 Broad Street, Assessor's Parcel
14 Block No. 7113, Lot No. 041, in the Ocean View neighborhood, was constructed in 1896, and
15 remained an active firehouse until 1974; and

16 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is amongst the oldest
17 standing firehouses in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The building is located in the Ocean View neighborhood, which was then
19 considered an outlying neighborhood at the time of construction, because Ocean View didn't
20 develop as a residential neighborhood until after the Great 1906 Earthquake and Fire; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1896, Engine Company No. 33 was dispatched to assist with a fire in
22 nearby Colma, which was the first San Francisco act of mutual aid to assist a neighboring fire
23 department; and

24 WHEREAS, Engine Company No. 33 was the last horse drawn unit in the San
25 Francisco Fire Department, not converting to using motorized apparatus until 1921; and

1 WHEREAS, The building is an intact example of Classical Revival architecture,
2 designed by architect Charles R. Wilson; and

3 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features, including its denticulated cornice,
4 central molded panel with intact lettering ("Engine Co. No. 33"), Classical-inspired
5 moldings, wood siding, wood windows with ogee lugs, transoms, carriage doors, and alarm
6 tower with semi-circle openings; and

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

9 WHEREAS, In 2010, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
10 Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) Historic Context Statement, which identified
11 the building as historically significant, given its pre-1906 construction date which was early for
12 the neighborhood; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
14 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, which
15 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Classical Revival and other Progressive
16 Era buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

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

21 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of Engine
22 Company No.33 under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
24 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
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1 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
2 Engine Company No. 33; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
4 Preservation Commission consider whether Engine Company No. 33 warrants landmark
5 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
6 Planning Code.

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