

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Golden Gate Lutheran Church]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **Golden Gate Lutheran Church, located at 3689-19th Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.**
5 **3598, Lot No. 060.**
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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, Golden Gate Lutheran Church was constructed in 1910 at 3689-19th
14 Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3598, Lot No. 060, in the Mission neighborhood for the
15 Mission Congregational Church and designed by architect Reverend Francis W. Reid; and

16 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an intact example of
17 Gothic Revival architecture in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its brick exterior, lancet
19 openings, deeply recessed windows, and crenulated tower; 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, Gothic Revival style was a popular choice for residential and religious
23 buildings during the early years of San Francisco's establishment and expansion during and
24 following the Gold Rush; and
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1 WHEREAS, By 1880, the Gothic Revival style had mostly been replaced by Victorian
2 style architecture but remained a popular choice for religious architecture well into the 20th
3 century, though extant examples of Gothic Revival architecture are rare in San Francisco;
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5 WHEREAS, In 2025 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
6 Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided
7 frameworks for identifying and evaluating Gothic Revival and other early settlement era style
8 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

9 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Early
10 Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement, the property can be
11 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural
12 significance, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2011 Inner Mission North Historic Resource Survey examined
14 hundreds of properties in the Inner Mission which were largely associated with reconstruction
15 following the Great 1906 Earthquake and Fires; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2011 Inner Mission North Historic Resource Survey identified the
17 property as being of individual significance; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
19 Golden Gate Lutheran Church 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 Golden Gate Lutheran Church; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
25 Preservation Commission consider whether Golden Gate Lutheran Church warrants landmark

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