

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom, located at 1625 Van Ness Avenue,**
5 **Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0642, Lot No. 003.**

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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 Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom, located at 1625 Van
14 Ness Avenue, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0642, Lot No. 003 was constructed in 1919 in the
15 Pacific Heights neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is an intact example of a Classical Revival style auto
17 showroom associated with the development of Van Ness Avenue as an “Auto Row” between
18 circa 1908-1927; and

19 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant Classical Revival features, including a
20 symmetrical facade at the upper stories clad in variegated bricks and divided into three bays
21 with a broad central zone flanked by narrower side bays with thin molding around the
22 perimeter of each of the three bays, with the middle bay divided into three parts by columns,
23 lintels over the steel sash windows, and entablature composed of a cornice, frieze, and
24 architrave;

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1 WHEREAS, In 2010, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
2 Van Ness Auto Row Support Structures: A Survey of Automobile-Related Buildings along the
3 Van Ness Avenue Corridor which documented the buildings along the Van Ness Avenue
4 corridor that have a history related to the automobile industry in San Francisco; and

5 WHEREAS, Through applying the documentation presented in Van Ness Auto Row
6 Support Structures: A Survey of Automobile-Related Buildings, the property can be
7 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on its year built, extant
8 character-defining features, association with Auto Row, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
11 Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
13 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
14 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
15 the Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
17 Preservation Commission consider whether the Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom
18 warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to
19 Article 10 of the Planning Code.