

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Hannibal Lodge No. 1]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **Hannibal Lodge No. 1, located at 2804 Bush Street, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 1047,**  
5 **Lot No. 008.**

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7 WHEREAS, under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by  
8 Resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within 90 days, but  
11 that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which the Historic  
12 Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, 2804 Bush Street is significant as an intact example of an Italianate  
14 building, and as the headquarters of the Hannibal Lodge, a Black Freemason organization;  
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16 WHEREAS, the property was constructed in 1889 as a prominent corner Italianate  
17 property with a rounded corner bay; and

18 WHEREAS, Hannibal Lodge No. 1 was established in June 1852 as the oldest Prince  
19 Hall, a predominantly African American branch of North American Freemasonry, in the West;  
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21 WHEREAS, Hannibal Lodge No. 1 began meeting at the subject property prior to 1950;  
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23 WHEREAS, The property is discussed in the 1968 book “Here Today, San Francisco’s  
24 Architectural Heritage”, by the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc; and

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

5           WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework outlined in the Victorian Era  
6 Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an  
7 individually eligible historic resource based on year built, extant character-defining features,  
8 and sufficient integrity; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2024, the San Francsico Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
10 African American Citywide Historic Context Statements, which provided frameworks for  
11 identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity associated with San  
12 Francisco’s diverse and robust African American histories; and

13           WHEREAS, The African American Citywide Historic Context Statement was prepared  
14 by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards; and

15           WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the African  
16 American Citywide Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an  
17 individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with African American  
18 History; and

19           WHEREAS, The African American Citywide Historic Context Statement identifies  
20 Hannibal Lodge No. 1 as a property which may be eligible for landmark designation; and

21           WHEREAS, The building exterior retains sufficient integrity; therefore be it

22           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of  
23 Hannibal Lodge No. 1 under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
25 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its

1 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
2 Hannibal Lodge No. 1; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
4 Preservation Commission consider whether Hannibal Lodge No. 1 warrants landmark  
5 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the  
6 Planning Code.

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