

BOARD of SUPERVISORS



City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689  
Tel. No. (415) 554-5184  
Fax No. (415) 554-5163  
TDD/TTY No. (415) 554-5227

---

---

## MEMORANDUM

---

---

Date: July 19, 2023  
To: Planning Department / Commission  
From: Erica Major, Clerk of the Land Use and Transportation Committee  
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 230297  
Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars

---

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination  
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
  - Ordinance / Resolution
  - Ballot Measure
  
- Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:  
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
  - General Plan
  - Planning Code, Section 101.1
  - Planning Code, Section 302
  
- Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning  
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
  
- General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments  
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)  
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
  
- Historic Preservation Commission
  - Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
  - Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
  - Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
  - Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to Erica Major at [Erica.Major@sfgov.org](mailto:Erica.Major@sfgov.org).

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars]

2  
3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and**  
5 **Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the**  
6 **intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.**

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

10 WHEREAS, The entrance gates of Westwood Park (“Entrance Gates”), situated within  
11 the public right-of-way at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, are  
12 historically and architecturally significant structures that are part of the unique design of the  
13 neighborhood; and

14 WHEREAS, Westwood Park was established in 1916 by developers, Baldwin & Howell,  
15 to create a “modern residence park which was to be a model home community for the family  
16 of average means”; and

17 WHEREAS, As part of the development, landscape designers hired the renowned  
18 architect, Louis Christian Mullgardt, to design entrance gates, pillars, and 128 lampposts to  
19 enhance the neighborhood of modest homes; and

20 WHEREAS, Louis Mullgardt came to San Francisco in 1905 and made his mark  
21 designing bungalow homes across the Bay Area in Oakland, Berkeley, and Piedmont after the  
22 1906 earthquake; and

23 WHEREAS, Mullgardt’s other notable contributions was the design of the 1912 Pan-  
24 Pacific International Exposition’s Court of Ages in the Marina District; the redesigned former  
25 M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park in 1916; and an orphanage located at

1 1201 Ortega Street, which was sold to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, but now  
2 houses Lycee Francais La Perouse; and

3 WHEREAS, Public landscaping amenities, such as entrance gates, pillars, or fountains,  
4 were often incorporated into early twentieth-century master-planned “residence park”  
5 developments like Westwood Park to designate the boundaries of the neighborhood as  
6 described in the historic context statement, Gardens in the City: San Francisco Residence  
7 Parks, 1906-1940; and

8 WHEREAS, The intricate gates, pillars, and streetlights were used in the marketing of  
9 Westwood Park as a beautiful neighborhood for those of moderate means; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the last century, many original ornamental entrance gates and  
11 streetlamps in the Westwood Park neighborhood are no longer in existence due to  
12 modernization, but several pillars have survived throughout the neighborhood including two at  
13 Ocean Avenue and Miramar Avenue, one at Flood Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way, and one at  
14 Frida Kahlo and Judson Avenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Mullgardt designed a grand entrance at the end of a major thoroughfare at  
16 Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard; and

17 WHEREAS, The entrance gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard have  
18 withstood the test of time and still retain their original architectural elements with elegant  
19 barrel vaulted gates and pillars with wrought iron lanterns; and

20 WHEREAS, The Entrance Gates are within the public right-of-way, but were restored  
21 by the Westwood Park Homes Association in 2003; and

22 WHEREAS, The entrance gates and pillars act as historic monuments for Westwood  
23 Park, which is a Residential Character District recognized and codified by the San Francisco  
24 Planning Department; now, therefore, be it  
25

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of  
2 the Westwood Park Entrance Gates located at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and  
3 the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean  
4 Avenue under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department  
6 prepare a Landmark Designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for  
7 its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of the  
8 Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission review the Landmark Designation report and any other information the Planning  
11 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and  
12 value of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard,  
13 and the Westwood Park Entrance pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and  
14 Ocean Avenue ; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
16 Preservation Commission consider whether the entrance gates and pillars warrant landmark  
17 designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the  
18 Planning Code; and, be it,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic  
20 Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within  
21 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which  
22 the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the  
23 Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this  
24 Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to  
25 respond starting from the transmittal date.



City and County of San Francisco

Tails  
Resolution

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 230297

Date Passed: May 16, 2023

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

May 15, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT


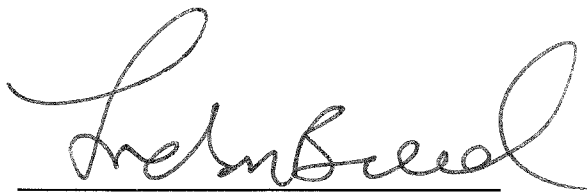
May 16, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton

Excused: 1 - Stefani

File No. 230297

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/16/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board  
\_\_\_\_\_

London N. Breed  
Mayor

5/26/23

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved