

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Old First Presbyterian Church]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the Old First Presbyterian Church, located at 1751 Sacramento Street, Assessor's**  
5 **Parcel Block No. 0643, Lot No. 015.**

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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 Old First Presbyterian Church, located at 1751 Sacramento Street,  
14 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0643, Lot No. 015, was constructed in 1911 in the Nob Hill  
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its Romanesque Revival architecture by U.C.  
17 Berkeley architecture professor William Charles Hays; and

18 WHEREAS, The property exhibits character defining features, including heavy,  
19 massive appearance, variegated brick cladding, a large rose window with plate tracery divided  
20 by a Greek cross and set off by polychrome terra cotta corner motifs of grapes, deeply  
21 recessed round arched entrances and windows, terra cotta decorative details including  
22 pilasters, plaques, and pediments, and terra cotta roof tiles; and

23 WHEREAS, The property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource  
24 based on its year built, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now,  
25 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
2 Old First Presbyterian Church under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
4 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its  
5 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
6 the Old First Presbyterian Church; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
8 Preservation Commission consider whether the Old First Presbyterian Church warrants  
9 landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of  
10 the Planning Code.

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