

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - St. Aidan's Church]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for St.**
4 **Aidan's Church, located at 601 Belvedere Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 1291, Lot**
5 **No. 001.**
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7 WHEREAS, Uder 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, St. Aidan's Church, located at 601 Belvedere Street, Assessor's Parcel
14 Block No. 1291, Lot No. 001, was constructed circa 1870 in the Haight Ashbury
15 neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The building was constructed at a time when the Haight Ashbury was only
17 sparsely developed and considered an outlying neighborhood; and

18 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an early and rare
19 example of Carpenter Gothic architecture in San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features, including its steeply pitched roof,
21 lancet window openings, and modest size; 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 after the
24 Gold Rush; and
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1 WHEREAS, By 1880, the Gothic Revival style had mostly been replaced by Edwardian
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; and

4 WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by
5 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2025, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
7 Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided
8 frameworks for identifying and evaluating Gothic Revival and other early settlement era style
9 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

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

14 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of St.
15 Aidan's Church under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
17 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
18 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of St.
19 Aidan's Church; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
21 Preservation Commission consider whether St. Aidan's Church warrants landmark
22 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
23 Planning Code.