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1	[Initiating Landmark Designation - San Francisco AIDS Foundation]
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3	Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for
4	the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 514-520 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block
5	No. 2695, Lot No. 002.
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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 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, 514-520 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2695, Lot No. 002 is
14	significant as the original location of the office of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and
15	Education Foundation, later renamed the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; and
16	WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, San Francisco was amongst the first American cities to
17	face the crisis of AIDS, a new disease which had been rapidly spreading amongst gay men;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, In 1982, Dr. Marcus Conant approached activist Cleve Jones about
20	creating the Foundation as a community based organization to address the threat of AIDS and
21	lobby the government for additional funds; and
22	WHEREAS, The organization gained local and national recognition for its AIDS
23	expertise, and also informed the nation's first safe sex guidelines for gay men in 1982; and
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1	WHEREAS, Community fundraising and financial assistance led the organization from
2	being staffed by volunteers to a being a non-profit organization with paid staff which it remains
3	today; and
4	WHEREAS, In 2016 the San Francsico Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
5	Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History in San Francisco which provided
6	frameworks for identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity
7	associated with San Francisco's diverse and robust LGBTQ histories; and
8	WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History was prepared
9	by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and
10	WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Citywide
11	Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History, the property can be considered as an
12	individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with LGBTQ History; and
13	WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for LGBTQ History identifies the
14	San Francisco AIDS Foundation as a property which may be eligible for City Landmark status
15	and
16	WHEREAS, The Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's 2024 Cultural History, Housing and
17	Economic Sustainability Strategies (CHHESS) report includes the strategy, "Ensure the
18	Historic Preservation Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors prioritize further municipal
19	landmarking and state and national nomination of Castro LGBTQIA+ historical sites"; and
20	WHEREAS, The building exterior remains identifiable as the location of the San
21	Francisco AIDS Foundation, as it did in 1982; now, therefore, be it
22	RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
23	San Francisco AIDS Foundation 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	the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; and, be it
3	FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
4	Preservation Commission consider whether the San Francisco AIDS Foundation warrants
5	landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of
6	the Planning Code.
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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