

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Situated  
2 Within Entrada Court]

3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of**  
4 **Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot**  
5 **No. 001, situated within Entrada Court.**

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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, Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park (“Sundial and Park”),  
10 Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot No. 001, situated within Entrada Court, are an iconic  
11 part of San Francisco history;

12 WHEREAS, The Sundial and Park were envisioned by and designed by architect-  
13 builder Joseph A. Leonard, who developed the Ingleside Terraces neighborhood beginning in  
14 1912; and

15 WHEREAS, The Sundial and Park are distinctive examples of landscaping amenities  
16 incorporated with early twentieth-century master-planned “residence park” developments like  
17 Ingleside Terraces; and

18 WHEREAS, The Sundial structure is 28 feet long and 17 feet high with a 34-foot  
19 diameter concrete base marking the hours of the day. Its gnomon originally straddled a  
20 reflecting pool with a seals-head fountain. The pool was removed and filled with concrete  
21 before 1930; and

22 WHEREAS, The Ingleside Terraces Sundial was promoted as the world’s largest  
23 sundial at the time of its dedication and was ten feet larger than the purported second largest  
24 at the time in Leipzig, Germany; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Sundial sits in the center of the circular Sundial Park, surrounded by  
2 four classical columns. The Sundial and columns are connected by winding pathways with  
3 each column capital in the park representing a different classical order—Doric, Ionic,  
4 Corinthian, and Tuscan—and topped by an urn with individual friezes representing the four  
5 ages of life, the four seasons of the year, and the four periods of the day;

6           WHEREAS, The Sundial’s dedication ceremony on October 10, 1913 included an  
7 allegorical performance of music and dance directed by Joseph Leonard with some of the first  
8 residents of Ingleside Terraces—48 adults and 11 children—as performers; there was also a  
9 procession of live storks pulling baby carriages holding the first two children born in the  
10 Ingleside Terraces neighborhood; and

11           WHEREAS, The Sundial has served as an unsanctioned play structure for generations  
12 of Ingleside Terraces children, who have climbed and slid down it, and is a gathering spot for  
13 the neighborhood and the site of community celebrations and picnics for a century. Therefore,  
14 be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of  
16 Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot No.  
17 001, under Planning Code Section 1004.1; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department  
19 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission  
20 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of  
21 the property; and be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
23 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning  
24 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and  
25 value of the Sundial and Park; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
2 Commission consider whether the Sundial and Park warrant landmark designation, and  
3 submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.  
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