

1 [Mills Act Historical Property Contract - 621 Waller Street]

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3 **Resolution approving an historical property contract under Administrative Code,**
4 **Chapter 71, between Renee and Claude Zellweger, the owners of 621 Waller Street, and**
5 **the City and County of San Francisco for an initial term of ten years and for an amount**
6 **to be defined to commence following Board approval; and authorizing the Planning**
7 **Director and the Assessor to execute the historical property contract.**

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9 WHEREAS, The California Mills Act (Government Code, Section 50280 et seq.)
10 authorizes local governments to enter into a contract with the owners of a qualified historical
11 property who agree to rehabilitate, restore, preserve, and maintain the property in return for
12 property tax reductions under the California Revenue and Taxation Code; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco contains many historic buildings that add to its character
14 and international reputation and that have not been adequately maintained, may be
15 structurally deficient, or may need rehabilitation, and the costs of properly rehabilitating,
16 restoring, and preserving these historic buildings may be prohibitive for property owners; and

17 WHEREAS, Chapter 71 of the San Francisco Administrative Code was adopted to
18 implement the provisions of the Mills Act and to preserve these historic buildings; and

19 WHEREAS, 621 Waller Street is a contributor the Duboce Park Landmark District
20 under Article 10 of the Planning Code and thus qualifies as an historical property as defined in
21 Administrative Code Section 71.2; and

22 WHEREAS, A Mills Act application for an historical property contract has been
23 submitted by Renee and Claude Zellweger, the owners of 621 Waller Street, detailing
24 completed rehabilitation work and proposing a maintenance plan for the property; and

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1 WHEREAS, As required by Administrative Code, Section 71.4(a), the application for
2 the historical property contract for 621 Waller Street was reviewed by the Assessor's Office
3 and the Historic Preservation Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, The Assessor has reviewed the historical property contract and has
5 provided the Board of Supervisors with an estimate of the property tax calculations and the
6 difference in property tax assessments under the different valuation methods permitted by the
7 Mills Act in its report transmitted to the Board of Supervisors on October 21, 2014, which
8 report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 141104 and is hereby
9 declared to be a part of this motion as if set forth fully herein; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the
11 historical property contract in its Resolution No. 739, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk
12 of the Board of Supervisors in File No 141104 and is hereby declared to be a part of this
13 resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

14 WHEREAS, The draft historical property contract between Renee and Claude
15 Zellweger, the owners of 621 Waller Street, and the City and County of San Francisco is on
16 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 141104 and is hereby declared to be
17 a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has conducted a public hearing pursuant to
19 Administrative Code Section 71.4(d) to review the Historic Preservation Commission's
20 recommendation and the information provided by the Assessor's Office in order to determine
21 whether the City should execute the historical property contract for 621 Waller Street; and

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has balanced the benefits of the Mills Act to the
23 owner of 621 Waller Street with the cost to the City of providing the property tax reductions
24 authorized by the Mills Act, as well as the historical value of 621 Waller Street and the
25 resultant property tax reductions; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the historical property
2 contract between Renee and Claude Zellweger, the owners of 621 Waller Street, and the City
3 and County of San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Planning
5 Director and the Assessor to execute the historical property contract.

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