

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Turk and Taylor Streets Intersection]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street situated within The Transgender**
5 **Cultural District.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 100.4.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, The intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street (Turk & Taylor),
10 [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078], is situated in Supervisorial District 5 within
11 San Francisco’s Transgender Cultural District in the Tenderloin neighborhood and is listed as
12 a historic site by the cultural district; and

13 WHEREAS, The Transgender District is the world’s first legally-recognized cultural
14 district dedicated to the transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex
15 community and became a legally recognized cultural district in San Francisco in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection witnessed the first documented
17 uprising of trans and queer people in August of 1966 known as the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot
18 due to the fact that it started as a confrontation between a police officer and a drag queen at
19 Compton’s Cafeteria at the intersection of Turk & Taylor and spilled out into the streets; and

20 WHEREAS, The corner of Turk & Taylor continues to be a valuable asset tethered to
21 the history of transgender and queer individuals in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood
22 and is a key monument for The Transgender Cultural District; and

23 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection is the site of the Black Trans Lives
24 Matter Mural, a visual demonstration calling for awareness of the alarming violence

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1 perpetrated against transgender women, and disproportionately impacting Black transgender
2 women; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to recognize the month of
4 August as Transgender History Month in 2021 as part of an effort to formally recognize the
5 contributions of the transgender community including critical historical events, figures, and
6 places; and

7 WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria Riots of 1966 transpired three years before the
8 Stonewall Inn Riots, which is regarded as the quintessential event for the gay liberation
9 movement, eclipsing other trailblazing events; and

10 WHEREAS, The revolutionary event that took place at the intersection of Turk & Taylor
11 Streets deserves recognition as a seminal event in the history of transgender liberation; and

12 WHEREAS, Even now, in 2022, the transgender community continues to face
13 persecution through unprecedented anti-trans legislation produced by conservative state
14 legislatures across the United States targeting transgender youth and access to gender-
15 affirming medical services under the threat of legal persecution; and

16 WHEREAS, The Biden-Harris Administration advanced a resolution acknowledging
17 Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) and condemning the proliferation of detrimental anti-
18 trans legislation, signaling a breakthrough in solidarity on behalf of the President of the United
19 States in regard to the continued marginalization and violence committed against the
20 transgender community; and

21 WHEREAS, Recognizing symbols and monuments tethered to transgender liberation
22 and activism support and empower an embattled community that struggles for equitable
23 representation in documented history; and

24 WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection represent a sacred site for the
25 transgender community capable of furthering social and historical awareness, educational

1 opportunities, and economic investment in a neighborhood that has memorialized a prominent
2 transgender presence; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco has taken substantial strides to preserve and support the
4 transgender community by recognizing The Transgender Cultural District; launching the Office
5 of Transgender Initiatives (OTI), the first and only trans-led city government office in the nation
6 tasked with advancing policies, programs, and equity for transgender people; and allocating
7 funding for a guaranteed income pilot program for transgender individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, as decades have passed San Francisco-based publications such as the
9 San Francisco Chronicle and zines used by Tenderloin-based organization like Vanguard,
10 continue to uphold the prominence and impact of the Compton's Cafeteria Riots and regard
11 the intersection of Turk & Taylor Streets as a historically important space; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
13 Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078] under
14 Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

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

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
20 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning
21 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
22 value of the Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
24 Commission consider whether the Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection warrant landmark

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1 designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the
2 Planning Code.

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