

[Initiating Landmark Designation - Presidio Theatre]

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Presidio Theatre, located at 2336-2346 Chestnut Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0929, Lot No. 014.

WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by Resolution initiate landmark designations; and

WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

WHEREAS, The Presidio Theatre, located at 2336-2346 Chestnut Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0929, Lot No. 014, was constructed in 1937 in the Marina neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The property was designed by Architect John H. Ahnden and Architect of Merit W.D. Peugh; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as El Presidio Theatre, the name was changed to Presidio Theatre in 1951; and

WHEREAS, The building was designed in the Streamline Moderne style of architecture; and

WHEREAS, The building opened as a third-run neighborhood house and remained a single screen theater until 2003; and

WHEREAS, District theaters such as the Presidio Theatre became more common in neighborhood shopping areas following World War I, providing more convenient and affordable alternatives to movie palaces; and

1 WHEREAS, This theater was an important fixture of commercial development along
2 Chestnut Street that followed the closure of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition
3 in 1915 and the subsequent building out of the Marina District; and

4 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features, including the neon marquee; fluted
5 piers; speed lines; stepped parapet; curved glazing; and rounded window opening; and

6 WHEREAS, The theater is a contributing property to the eligible San Francisco
7 Neighborhood Movie Theater Non-Contiguous Multiple Property Historic District, which was
8 identified in 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
10 San Francisco Modern Architecture and Landscape Design (1935-1970) Historic Context
11 Statement, which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Streamline Moderne
12 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework outlined in the San Francisco
14 Modern Architecture and Landscape Design (1935-1970) Historic Context Statement, the
15 property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built,
16 extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
18 Presidio Theatre under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
20 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
21 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
22 the Presidio Theatre; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
2 Preservation Commission consider whether the Presidio Theatre warrants landmark
3 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
4 Planning Code.



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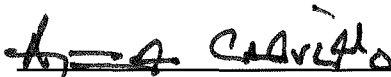
March 23, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS
COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill,
Walton and Wong
Excused: 1 - Fielder

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/24/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



Daniel Lurie
Mayor

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Date Approved