

[Initiating Landmark Designation - First AME Zion Church]

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the First AME Zion Church, located at 2155-2159 Golden Gate Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 1160, Lot Nos. 029 and 030.

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

WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

WHEREAS, 2155-2159 Golden Gate Avenue is significant as the location of the First African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church and as an exuberant example of mid-century modern architecture; and

WHEREAS, The First AME Zion Church is one of San Francisco's first three African American churches, which were formed in 1852; and

WHEREAS, The First AME Zion Church (originally AME Zion Church) was founded in 1852 by Reverend John Jamison Moore, at Stockton Street, between Broadway and Vallejo (non-extant), and moved to a few different locations after; and

WHEREAS, Prior to its current location, the church had been located at 1669 Geary Street in the Western Addition, though the building was demolished in the late 1950s due to redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, The Church moved to a new building in 1960 at 2159 Golden Gate Avenue, which was designed by architect Robert Batchelor, where it is currently located; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted
2 the San Francisco Modern Architecture and Landscape Design (1935-1970) Historic Context
3 Statement, which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Mid Century
4 Modern buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

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

9 WHEREAS, In 2024, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
10 African American Citywide Historic Context Statement, which provided frameworks for
11 identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity associated with San
12 Francisco's diverse and robust African American histories; and

13 WHEREAS, The African American Citywide Historic Context Statement was prepared
14 by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and

15 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework outlined in the African
16 American Citywide Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an
17 individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with African American
18 History; and

19 WHEREAS, The African American Citywide Historic Context Statement identifies First
20 AME Zion Church as a property that may be eligible for landmark designation; and

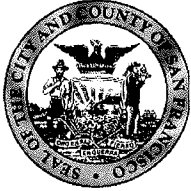
21 WHEREAS, The building exterior retains sufficient integrity; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of First
23 AME Zion Church 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 First AME Zion Church; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
4 Preservation Commission consider whether First AME Zion Church warrants landmark
5 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
6 Planning Code.



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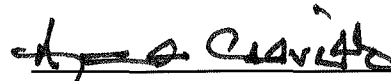
March 23, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS
COMMITTEE REPORT

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