

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Great China Theater]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the Great China Theater, located at 626-638 Jackson, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0177,**  
5 **Lot No. 006.**

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

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

13 WHEREAS, The Great China Theater, located at 626-638 Jackson, Assessor's Parcel  
14 Block No. 0177, Lot No. 006, was constructed in 1924 in the Chinatown neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its association with Chinese cultural  
16 heritage, originally occupied by the Ying Wee Lun Hop Theatrical Co., a Chinese Opera  
17 company, and later as a theater showing Chinese-language movies; and

18 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant character defining features, including a  
19 bracketed box cornice with turned up eaves clad in green glazed terracotta, and a false  
20 pagoda at the roof, and projecting neon blade sign with Chinese characters; and

21 WHEREAS, The property is included in the Eligible Chinatown National Register  
22 Historic District and the Eligible San Francisco Neighborhood Movie Theater California  
23 Register Historic District (Discontiguous); and

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1           WHEREAS, The property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource  
2 based on its year built, extant character-defining features, cultural associations, and sufficient  
3 integrity; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
5 Great China Theater under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
7 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its  
8 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
9 the Great China Theater; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
11 Preservation Commission consider whether the Great China Theater warrants landmark  
12 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the  
13 Planning Code.

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