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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 15, 2025

To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission  
Sarah Dennis Phillips, Director, Planning Department

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Initiating Landmark Designation - The Mint Mall and Hall - 951-957 Mission Street  
(File No. 250783)

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On July 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 394-25 sponsored by Supervisor Matt Dorsey (File No. 250783, Initiating Landmark Designation - The Mint Mall and Hall - 951-957 Mission Street); enacted on August 5, 2025.

A copy of the Resolution is being forwarded to you pursuant to Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by email: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Matt Dorsey, Connie Chan, Rafael Mandelman  
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[Initiating Landmark Designation - The Mint Mall and Hall - 951-957 Mission Street]

**Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street at the south side of Mission Street between 5th and 6th Streets.**

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

WHEREAS, Mint Mall at 953 Mission Street has been an invaluable neighborhood asset in District 6 for over 44 years and contributes to the unique history and culture of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 126-18 amending the Administrative Code to create a process for the establishment of cultural districts in the City to acknowledge and preserve neighborhoods with unique cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 107 of the Administrative Code, Section 107.2 seeks to bring resources in order to stabilize vulnerable communities facing or at risk of displacement or gentrification, and to preserve, strengthen and promote our cultural assets and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, The SoMa Pilipinas - Filipino Cultural Heritage District is established in the Administrative Code, Section 107.3 (c); and

WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall is located within the heart of the Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, In September 2022, SoMa Pilipinas submitted its Cultural History, Housing and Economic Sustainability Strategy (CHHESS) report to the Mayor's office; and

1 WHEREAS, The CHHESS report supports the protection of buildings that are culturally  
2 significant as well as buildings that contain a high proportion of Filipino residents; and

3 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall (basement, ground floor and mezzanine) and Hall (upper  
4 residential floors) are culturally significant and house a high proportion of Filipino residents;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall derives cultural significance as the site of many  
7 culturally significant events and activities to the Filipino community, such as Pasko sa SoMa  
8 (Christmas in SoMa) and the first parol making workshops for the Parol Lantern Festival; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall has been home to many Filipino cultural and arts  
10 organizations, community serving non-profits and small businesses both past and present,  
11 such as Arkipelago Books, Teatro ng Tanan, Likha Pilipino Folk Ensemble, Filipino American  
12 Music and Arts Society (FAMAS), Super Reproductions, JT Restaurant (formerly New  
13 Filipinas Restaurant), Nida's Hair Salon, Mejia Hair Cutters, Aeroskin Worldwide, Pilipino  
14 AIDS Project, Pilipino Service Providers Network, Mint Mall Residents Association, and many  
15 others; and

16 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall is the site of intangible cultural heritage significant  
17 to the Filipino community; and

18 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall contains several elements of a traditional indoor shopping  
19 center applied to an urban setting, including individual storefronts, food, restrooms and broad  
20 corridors; and

21 WHEREAS, The Mint Mall and Hall deserves recognition as a historically significant  
22 cultural and community building; and

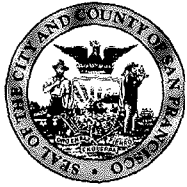
23 WHEREAS, The SoMa Pilipinas Cultural District spurred interest for the Landmark  
24 Designation for Article 10 Landmark Designation for The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957  
25 Mission Street; and

1 WHEREAS, As to recognize the importance of the Mint Mall and Hall as important to  
2 the Filipino community past and present, and to the history, culture and life of the South of  
3 Market and the city; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of The  
5 Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street, 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 Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
11 Preservation Commission consider whether The Mint Mall and Hall at 951-957 Mission Street  
12 warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to  
13 Article 10 of the Planning Code.



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Tails**  
**Resolution**

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**Date Passed:** July 29, 2025

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July 29, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250783

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/29/2025 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

8 / 5 / 2025

Date Approved