

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Nam Kue School]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Nam Kue School, located at 755 Sacramento Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.**
5 **0241, Lot No. 018.**

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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 Nam Kue School, located at 755 Sacramento Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 0241, Lot No. 018, was constructed in 1925 in the Chinatown neighborhood;
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16 WHEREAS, The property is significant for its association with Chinese cultural heritage
17 as the original headquarters of the Fook Yam Benevolent Society and later as the earliest and
18 longest surviving school preserving Chinese culture and language in America; and

19 WHEREAS, The property exhibits character defining features, including its deep front
20 yard setback, stucco cladding, side and cross gabled roofs with green roof tiles, overhanging
21 roofs with upturned eaves, decorative roof parapets with lion and fish figures, shaped
22 windows with multi paned window sash, and inset entrance porch supported by columns; and

23 WHEREAS, The property is included in the Eligible Chinatown National Register
24 Historic District; 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 association, and sufficient
3 integrity; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
5 Nam Kue School 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 Nam Kue School; and, be it

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

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