

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Jefferson Airplane House]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Jefferson Airplane House, located at 2400 Fulton Street, Assessor's Parcel Block**
5 **No. 1168, Lot No. 007.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 Resolution initiate landmark designation; 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 Jefferson Airplane House, located at 2400 Fulton Street, Assessor's
14 Parcel Block No. 1168, Lot No. 007, served as a band house for Jefferson Airplane, one of the
15 most quintessential "San Francisco Sound" bands associated with 1960s Counterculture, a
16 short-lived but internationally influential movement in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Jefferson Airplane purchased the property in 1968, and the house served
18 as the band's creative rehearsal space and recording studio; and

19 WHEREAS, The property also included space for the band's business office and
20 served as a residence for some of the members; and

21 WHEREAS, Jefferson Airplane were the first San Francisco Sound band signed by a
22 major label, and unique in being female fronted with Grace Slick, who resided at the property,
23 serving as singer/songwriter; and

24 WHEREAS, Jefferson Airplane was also known for hosting lavish parties out of the
25 subject property, and continued to own the property through the mid-1980s; and

1 WHEREAS, The home is also an exemplary example of Classical Revival architecture,
2 designed by R.A. Vance of the Vance Lumber Company who imported wood from all over the
3 world for the house; and

4 WHEREAS, The home remains intact and has been subject to few exterior alterations
5 since Jefferson Airplane occupied the space; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Citywide
7 Historic Context Statement for Counterculture (1965-1975), which provided frameworks for
8 identifying and evaluating sites for historical significance and integrity associated with San
9 Francisco’s counterculture history; and

10 WHEREAS, The Citywide Historic Context Statement for Counterculture (1965-1975)
11 was prepared by qualified historians in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s
12 Standards; and

13 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Citywide
14 Historic Context Statement for Counterculture (1965-1975), the property can be considered an
15 individually eligible historic resource based on its strong association with Counterculture
16 History; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
18 Jefferson Airplane House 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 Jefferson Airplane House; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
24 Preservation Commission consider whether the Jefferson Airplane House warrants landmark
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1 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
2 Planning Code.

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