

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Lebanon Presbyterian Church/Noe Valley Ministry]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **Lebanon Presbyterian Church/Noe Valley Ministry, located at 1021 Sanchez Street,**  
5 **Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3652, Lot No. 033.**

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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 building located at 1021 Sanchez Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.  
14 3652, Lot No. 033, in the Noe Valley neighborhood was constructed as the Lebanon  
15 Presbyterian Church in 1888; and

16 WHEREAS, The building was constructed during the first major period of development  
17 in the neighborhood in the 1880s and 1890s; and

18 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an early and rare  
19 example of Carpenter Gothic architecture in San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The building was designed by prominent San Francisco architect Charles  
21 Geddes; and

22 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features, including its pointed windows and  
23 arches, steep gable roof, tower, scroll-sawed wood molding, and light frame construction; and

24 WHEREAS, Gothic Revival style was a popular choice for residential and religious buildings

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1       during the early years of San Francisco's establishment and expansion after the Gold Rush;  
2       and

3           WHEREAS, By 1880, the Gothic Revival style had mostly been replaced by Edwardian  
4       style architecture but remained a popular choice for religious architecture well into the 20th  
5       century, though extant examples of Gothic Revival architecture are rare in San Francisco; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2025, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
7       Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided  
8       frameworks for identifying and evaluating Gothic Revival and other early settlement era style  
9       buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

10          WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Early  
11       Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement, the property can be  
12       considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural  
13       significance, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
15       Lebanon Presbyterian Church/Noe Valley Ministry under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and,  
16       be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
18       landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its  
19       consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
20       the Lebanon Presbyterian Church/Noe Valley Ministry; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
22       Preservation Commission consider whether the Lebanon Presbyterian Church/Noe Valley  
23       Ministry warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board  
24       according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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