

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;
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3 WHEREAS, By 1880, the Gothic Revival style had mostly been replaced by Edwardian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.