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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 9, 2026  
To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission  
From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors  
Subject: Eighteen Resolutions Initiating Landmark Designations

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On March 24, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted 18 Resolutions initiating landmark designations under Article 10 of the Planning Code, for the following locations:

- Century Club of California - 1355 Franklin Street – File No. 260249
- Religious School for the Congregation Emanu-El/Grabhorn Press Building - 1335-1337 Sutter Street – File No. 260250
- Inverness Garage - 1565 Bush Street – File No. 260251
- Allen-Weaver-Durant-Smith Auto Showroom - 1625 Van Ness Avenue - File No. 260252
- First Church of Christ Scientist - 1700 Franklin Street - File No. 260253
- Golden Gate Spiritualist Church - 1901 Franklin Street - File No. 260254
- Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company / National Urban League - 2015 Steiner Street - File No. 260255
- Mr. Cudworth's House - 2032-2040 Union Street - File No. 260256
- Upper Fillmore Storefronts - 2035-2047 Fillmore Street - File No. 260257
- Lincoln Grill - 2049-2051 Fillmore Street - File No. 260258
- First AME Zion Church - 2155-2159 Golden Gate Avenue - File No. 260259
- International Institute - 2209 Van Ness Avenue - File No. 260260
- Presidio Theatre - 2336-2346 Chestnut Street - File No. 260261
- Arthur Castle Home - 2402 Steiner Street - File No. 260262
- Hannibal Lodge No. 1 - 2804 Bush Street - File No. 260263
- The Bridge Theatre - 3008 Geary Boulevard - File No. 260264
- The Vogue - 3290 Sacramento Street - File No. 260265
- Mel's Diner - 3355 Geary Boulevard - File No. 260266

The Resolutions were enacted on March 26, 2026. Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution Nos. 160-26, 161-26, 162-26, 163-26, 164-26, 165-26, 166-26, 167-26, 168-26, 169-26, 170-26, 171-26, 172-26, 173-26, 174-26, 175-26, 176-26, and 177-26 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, Board of Supervisors  
Sarah Dennis Phillips, Director, Planning Department  
Lisa Gluckstein, Planning Department  
Josh Switzky, Planning Department  
Pilar LaValley, Planning Department  
Alex Westoff, Planning Department

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - International Institute]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the International Institute, located at 2209 Van Ness Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block**  
5 **No. 0570, Lot No. 029.**

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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 International Institute is located at 2209 Van Ness Avenue,  
14 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0570, Lot No. 029 in the Pacific Heights neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, The property was designed by architect Moses J. Lyon, believed to be the  
16 city's first licensed Jewish architect, and originally constructed for Mrs. Abraham Brown by her  
17 father, Charles Meyer, a merchant tailor, in 1901; and

18 WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by  
19 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

20 WHEREAS, The property is an excellent example of a Classical Revival residence from  
21 the early 1900s; and

22 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant Classical Revival features, including a  
23 symmetrical facade with two-story Ionic columns surmounted by a Palladian window dormer,  
24 pedimented entry, and decorative cornices; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
2 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, which  
3 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Classical Revival and early revival style  
4 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

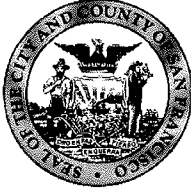
5           WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
6 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic  
7 Context Statement, which developed an evaluative framework in order to provide standards  
8 for consistent, informed evaluations of the city's various architecture professionals; and

9           WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative frameworks as outlined in the Progressive  
10 Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement and the Architecture,  
11 Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic Context  
12 Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based  
13 on its design by an architect Moses J. Lyon, year built, extant character-defining features, and  
14 sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
16 International Institute under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, 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 International Institute; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
22 Preservation Commission consider whether the International Institute warrants landmark  
23 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the  
24 Planning Code.



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

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**File Number:** 260260

**Date Passed:** March 24, 2026

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the International Institute, located at 2209 Van Ness Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0570, Lot No. 029.


March 23, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT


March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong  
Excused: 1 - Fielder

File No. 260260

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/24/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

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Date Approved