

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Fugazi Building]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Fugazi Building, located at 678 Green Street, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 0117, Lot**
5 **No. 010.**

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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 Fugazi Building, located at 678 Green Street, Assessor’s Parcel Block
14 No. 0117, Lot No. 010, was constructed in 1912 in the North Beach neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, The property is an excellent example of Renaissance Revival with Neo-
16 Baroque decorative elements as designed by architect of merit Italo Zanolini, and is significant
17 for its association with Italian American cultural heritage and LGBTQ history in San Francisco;
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19 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant character defining features, including brick
20 and elaborate terra cotta cladding, raised recessed entry with square columns, balcony
21 supported by corbels with pressed tin balusters, tall, narrow windows featuring elaborate hood
22 moldings, Corinthian pilasters, pronounced, deep eaves supported by large decorative
23 corbels, and a balustraded and sculptured finial at the roofline featuring a bust of Fugazi; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
25 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies, which

1 includes an evaluative framework to provide standards for consistent, informed evaluations of
2 the city's various architecture professionals, including architect of merit Italo Zanolini; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2022, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
4 North Beach Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as a cultural and
5 community center to the Italian community; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
7 LGBTQ Historic Context Statement, which identified the property as the location of the
8 nation's longest running mixed gender drag musical review, Beach Blanket Babylon; and

9 WHEREAS, The property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource
10 based on its year built, extant character-defining features, cultural associations, architect of
11 merit, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
13 Fugazi Building under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
15 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
16 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
17 the Fugazi Building; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
19 Preservation Commission consider whether the Fugazi Building warrants landmark
20 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the
21 Planning Code.