

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Second Church of Christ Scientist]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **Second Church of Christ Scientist, located at 651 Dolores Street, Assessor's Parcel**
5 **Block No. 3598, Lot No. 172.**

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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, Second Church of Christ Scientist, located at 651 Dolores Street,
14 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3598, Lot No. 172, was constructed in 1915; and

15 WHEREAS, The building was continuously used as a church for 90 years; and

16 WHEREAS, The building is a notable example of the work of Architect of Merit William
17 H. Crim, who was one of the leading architects on the Pacific Coast; and

18 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an intact example of
19 Beaux Arts architecture in San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, Beaux Arts architecture originated from architectural curriculum taught at
21 the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris and was one of the most popular architectural movements
22 at the turn of the century for major public institutions, including banks, libraries, churches,
23 government buildings, and more; and

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1 WHEREAS, The building retains exemplary features including its major domed roof,
2 two story portico, stone stairs, three sets of wooden doors, denticulated cornice, and more;
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4 WHEREAS, The building has been identified as being a contributor to the Inner Mission
5 Boulevards and Alleys Reconstruction Historic District, which is eligible for inclusion in the
6 California Register of Historical Resources; and

7 WHEREAS, The 1968 book “Here Today, San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage”, by
8 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc., discusses the property; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
10 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement which
11 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Beaux Arts and other Progressive-era
12 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2011 Inner Mission North Historic Resource Survey examined
14 hundreds of properties in the Inner Mission which were largely associated with reconstruction
15 following the Great 1906 Earthquake and Fires; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2011 Inner Mission North Historic Resource Survey identified the
17 property as being of individual significance; and

18 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Progressive
19 Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, the property can be
20 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, extant character-
21 defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
23 Second Church of Christ Scientist under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
25 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its

1 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
2 Second Church of Christ Scientist; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
4 Preservation Commission consider whether Second Church of Christ Scientist warrants
5 landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of
6 the Planning Code.

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