

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Situated
2 Within Entrada Court]

3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 6917B,**
5 **Lot No. 001, situated within Entrada Court.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park (“Sundial and Park”),
10 Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot No. 001, situated within Entrada Court, are an iconic
11 part of San Francisco history;

12 WHEREAS, The Sundial and Park were envisioned by and designed by architect-
13 builder Joseph A. Leonard, who developed the Ingleside Terraces neighborhood beginning in
14 1912; and

15 WHEREAS, The Sundial and Park are distinctive examples of landscaping amenities
16 incorporated with early twentieth-century master-planned “residence park” developments like
17 Ingleside Terraces; and

18 WHEREAS, The Sundial structure is 28 feet long and 17 feet high with a 34-foot
19 diameter concrete base marking the hours of the day; its gnomon originally straddled a
20 reflecting pool with a seals-head fountain; the pool was removed and filled with concrete
21 before 1930; and

22 WHEREAS, The Ingleside Terraces Sundial was promoted as the world’s largest
23 sundial at the time of its dedication and was ten feet larger than the purported second largest
24 at the time in Leipzig, Germany; and

1 WHEREAS, The Sundial sits in the center of the circular Sundial Park, surrounded by
2 four classical columns situated on the cardinal directions of North, South, East and West; the
3 Sundial and columns are connected by winding pathways with each column capital in the park
4 representing a different classical order - Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Tuscan - and topped by
5 an urn with individual friezes representing the four ages of life, the four seasons of the year,
6 and the four periods of the day;

7 WHEREAS, The Sundial's dedication ceremony on October 10, 1913, included an
8 allegorical performance of music and dance directed by Joseph Leonard with some of the first
9 residents of Ingleside Terraces - 48 adults and 11 children - as performers; there was also a
10 procession of live storks pulling baby carriages holding the first two children born in the
11 Ingleside Terraces neighborhood; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sundial has served as an unsanctioned play structure for generations
13 of Ingleside Terraces children, who have climbed and slid down it, and is a gathering spot for
14 the neighborhood and the site of community celebrations and picnics for a century; now,
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
17 Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot No.
18 001, under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department
20 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission
21 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of
22 the property; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
24 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning
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1 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
2 value of the Sundial and Park; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
4 Commission consider whether the Sundial and Park warrant landmark designation, and
5 submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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