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Board Item No. 16

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Completed by: Erica Major Date March 31, 2022  
Completed by: Erica Major Date April 6, 2022

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Mother's Building, situated within San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo  
2 Road, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006]

3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of the**  
4 **Mother's Building, situated within the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor's**  
5 **Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006.**

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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, The Mother's Building, situated within the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road,  
10 Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006, was built in 1925 by renowned architect  
11 George W. Kelham; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mother's Building is part of the premises of the San Francisco Zoo,  
13 which is operated by the San Francisco Zoo Society pursuant to its lease with the Recreation  
14 and Parks Department; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mother's Building was donated to the City in 1925 by Herbert and  
16 Mortimer Fleishhacker; and

17 WHEREAS, The Mother's Building was built to honor the Fleishhackers' late mother  
18 and was dedicated to serve as a resting place for mothers and young children, which was also  
19 one of the only structures in the West that focused on the needs of mothers, offering  
20 amenities such as water, milk, and medical advice for guests; and

21 WHEREAS, During the Works Progress Administration (WPA) era of the 1930's,  
22 employment options for women were limited; however, the Public Works of Art Project  
23 (PWAP) and Federal Art Project (FAP) offered rare opportunities for women artists, such as  
24 the one at the Mother's Building; and

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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco female artists Helen Forbes and Dorothy Puccinelli were  
2 selected to create artwork for the Mother’s Building; they used egg tempera to paint four  
3 murals inside the building that were inspired by the animals they saw at the Zoo and that  
4 depicted the story of Noah’s Ark, symbolizing the theme of renewal and recovery post-  
5 Depression; and

6           WHEREAS, During the same era, Margaret, Helen, and Ester Bruton, also known as  
7 the Bruton Sisters, were selected to adorn the panels outside the Mother’s Building with two  
8 intricate tile mosaics named the *Children and Their Friends* and *St. Francis*; their work played  
9 a significant role in the “modern mosaic revival”; and

10           WHEREAS, The artwork of the Mother’s Building is the only large-scale WPA art  
11 project created solely by women; and

12           WHEREAS, The Mother’s Building, which is also known as the Delia Fleishhacker  
13 Memorial Building, is listed on the National Register of Historical Places; and

14           WHEREAS, The Mother’s Building has been closed since 2002 to visitors; the building  
15 and the murals experienced water damage and needs repair and restoration; and

16           WHEREAS, With the support of former Supervisor Katy Tang, the San Francisco  
17 Historical Preservation Fund helped to assess the building and provide funds for immediate  
18 renovation; and

19           WHEREAS, The Mother’s Building is a historically significant building and an asset that  
20 honors the history of local women artists and centers the experience of motherhood; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board hereby initiates landmark designation of the Mother’s  
23 Building , situated within the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor’s Parcel Block No.  
24 7281, Lot No. 006; and, be it

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

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
6 Commission review the Landmark Designation Report and any other information the Planning  
7 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and  
8 value of the Mother's Building; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission consider whether the Mother's Building warrants landmark designation and  
11 submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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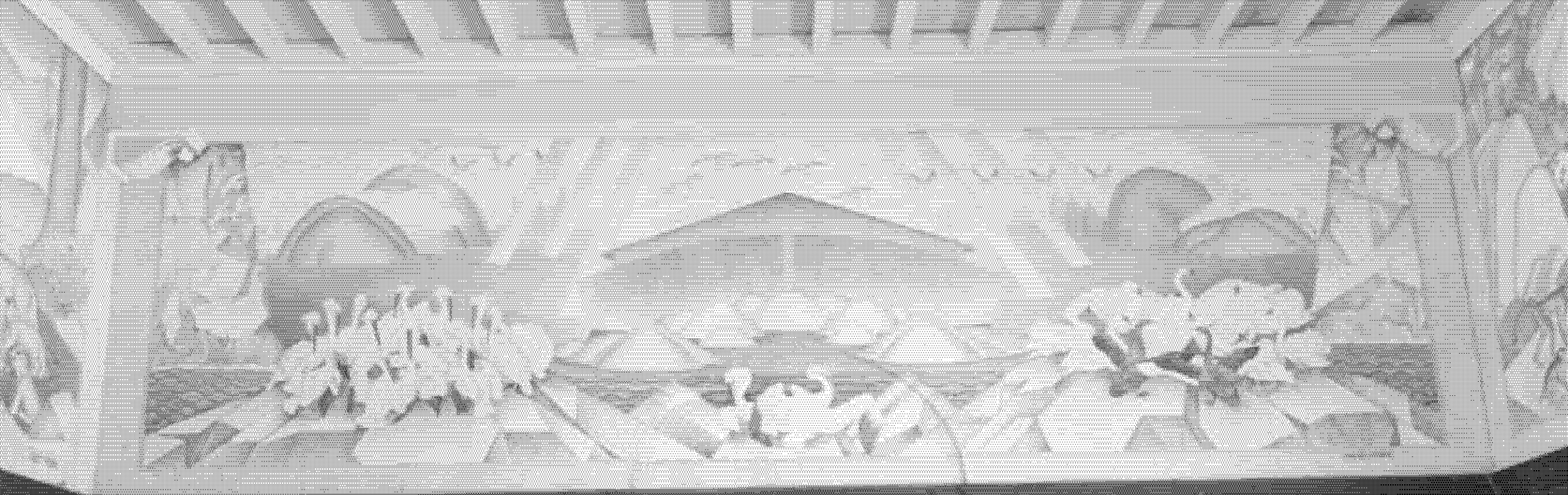
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# Mothers Building



















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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Department  
Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department  
Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Melgar on March 15, 2022:

**File No. 220275**

**Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of the Mother's Building, situated within the San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006.**

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [erica.major@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org).

cc: Sarah Madland, Recreation and Parks Department  
Tina Tam, Planning Department  
Corey Teague, Planning Department  
Lisa Gibson, Planning Department  
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AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department  
Dan Sider, Planning Department  
Aaron Starr, Planning Department  
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**From:** [Evan Rosen](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORTING Land Use and Transportation Committee Agenda Item #2 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Mother's Building, Situated Within San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006] File #220275  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 1:06:49 PM

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To: Land Use and Transportation Committee and full Board of Supervisors:

I'm strongly supporting the landmark designation of this building in that the Mother's Building at the San Francisco Zoo is the only large-scale New Deal era art project created solely by women. Further, it's an unusual story of women's participation with Works Progress Administration projects.

Thank you.  
Evan Rosen

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORTING Land Use and Transportation Committee Agenda Item #2 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Mother's Building, Situated Within San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006] File #220275  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 7:56:08 AM

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**From:** aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 10:15 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative\_aides@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORTING Land Use and Transportation Committee Agenda Item #2 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Mother's Building, Situated Within San Francisco Zoo, 1 Zoo Road, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006] File #220275

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TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee and full Board of Supervisors

I'm strongly supporting the landmark designation of this building as it's mural is the work of women artists.

Eileen Boken,  
President

Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



**From:** [Inge Horton](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Item No 2 Initiating the Landmarking of the "Mother's Building" at the San Francisco Zoo  
**Date:** Friday, April 1, 2022 2:47:04 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I would like to urge you to approve the initiation for Landmark designation of the "Mother's Building" at the San Francisco Zoo. (Item No 2 on the BOS agenda for April 4, 2022). The landmarking would help with the preservation of this important building in the Western part of San Francisco and delight the memories of many San Franciscans who grew up enjoying visits to the ZOO and the "Mother's Building" as well as create new memories for today's and future generations of young San Franciscans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Inge S. Horton

A resident of the Outer Sunset

# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

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Subject:

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