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FILE NO. 221110

RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Initiating Landmark Designation - 1200 Taraval Street (aka Parkside Library)]
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3	Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of
4	1200 Taraval Street (aka Parkside Library) in the Sunset District, Assessor's Parcel
5	Block No. 2351, Lot No. 001.
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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, Parkside Branch Library, a branch library of the San Francisco library
10	system, situated within McCoppin Square Park, 1200 Taraval Street, Assessor's Parcel Block
11	No. 2351, Lot No. 001, was built in 1951 by architectural firm Appleton & Wolfard; and
12	WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library is part of the premises of McCoppin Square Park,
13	which is operated by the Recreation and Parks Department; and
14	WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library was one of eight branch libraries constructed
15	between 1951 and 1966, during a focused building campaign by the City and County of San
16	Francisco; and
17	WHEREAS, San Francisco's branch library building campaign of the 1950s and 1960s
18	focused on modern library theories, practices, and programming, consistent with an
19	unprecedented commitment at the local, state, and national levels toward the development of
20	public library systems and modernization of library services and functions, in particular with
21	the passage of the 1956 Library Services Act; and
22	WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library conveys the broad trend of social and cultural
23	shifts in post-war American library programing and design and is a reflection of principles of
24	the modern public library promoted by the American Library Association after World War II;
25	and

1 WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library embodies the principles of mid-twentieth century 2 American public library design, including basic characteristics such as simplicity of form, 3 openness, and functional layout, and displays a signature style developed by Appleton & 4 Wolfard for the branch libraries constructed during this building campaign; and 5 WHEREAS, The design for Parkside Branch Library received a lot of positive attention 6 and served as a proto-type building, embodying modern library theory, for the seven other 7 libraries that were constructed during this building campaign; and 8 WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library evokes a residential character and scale, with 9 strong influences from informal Scandinavian architectural designs of the period, in a manner 10 that identifies it as the product of the firm Appleton & Wolfard; and 11 WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library received national acclaim as an excellent 12 example of Mid-Century Modern design and represents an innovative example of this 13 architectural style in Northern California and in San Francisco; and 14 WHEREAS, Accolades for the Appleton & Wolfard designs of San Francisco's mid-15 century branch libraries, including Parkside Branch Library, were published in local 16 newspapers and in prominent architectural publications such as, Architect & Engineer and 17 Architectural Record; and 18 WHEREAS, Despite being hailed by these publications soon after opening as one of the finest libraries in the country, Parkside Branch Library is not recognized with any official 19 20 historical designation; and 21 WHEREAS, The architectural firm Appleton & Wolfard designed more branch libraries 22 in San Francisco than any other single firm in the city's history; and 23 WHEREAS, Appleton & Wolfard often collaborated with Modernist landscape 24 architects. The landscape and planters surrounding Parkside Branch Library were originally 25 designed by renowned landscape architect Lawrence Halprin; and

1 WHEREAS, On October 7, 2009, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission, 2 adopted Resolution No. 638, wherein they found that the Appleton & Wolfard libraries 3 constructed during San Francisco's mid-century branch library building campaign meet 4 eligibility requirements for multiple-property listing on both the National Register and the 5 California Register and may warrant consideration for individual landmark designation; and 6 WHEREAS, On October 7, 2009, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission, 7 adopted Resolution No. 638, directing Planning Department staff to calendar initiation of 8 landmark designation and/or multiple property listing designation of Parkside Branch Library 9 for review by the Historic Preservation Commission to be held after completion of the Branch 10 Library Improvement Program project; and 11 WHEREAS, Parkside Branch Library reopened in November 2010 after an extensive 12 renovation; the renovation was sympathetic and careful to respect Appleton & Wolfard's 13 influential design and vision; and 14 WHEREAS, The Parkside Branch Library has been recognized by preservation group 15 Parkside Heritage, an independent affinity group with San Francisco Heritage run by the 16 Parkside neighborhood, as an important local institution and a priority for landmark 17 designation projects in the Parkside District; now, therefore, be it 18 RESOLVED, That the Board hereby initiates landmark designation of Parkside Branch 19 Library in McCoppin Square Park, built in 1951, and located at 1200 Taraval Street; and, be it 20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department 21 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission 22 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of 23 Parkside Branch Library; and, be it 24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation 25 Commission consider whether Parkside Branch Library warrants landmark designation and

submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and, be
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to respond starting from the transmittal date.



MYRNA MELGAR

DATE:	December 9, 2022
TO:	Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee
RE:	Land Use and Transportation Committee COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, December 13, as a Committee Report:

221110 Initiating Landmark Designation - 1200 Taraval Street (aka Parkside Library)

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of 1200 Taraval Street (aka Parkside Library) in the Sunset District, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2351, Lot No. 001.

This matter will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission
- FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee
- DATE: October 28, 2022

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Mar on October 25, 2022.

File No. 221110

Ordinance accepting irrevocable offers of public infrastructure and real property associated ("Public Infrastructure") with the 5M Project, a mixed use development located generally between Mission, Fifth, and Howard Streets, including the improvements described and depicted in Public Works Permit Nos. 18IE-0725 ("Phase 1") and 18IE-0726 ("Phase 2") and subsequent Instructional Bulletins; declaring City property and additional property as shown on official Public Works maps as open public right-ofway; dedicating the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public Infrastructure to public use: designating said Public Infrastructure for street and roadway purposes; accepting the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public Infrastructure for City maintenance and liability purposes, subject to specified limitations; accepting a Public Works Order recommending various actions in regard to the public infrastructure improvements; establishing official public right-ofway widths; amending Ordinance No. 1061, entitled "Regulating the Width of Sidewalks," to establish official sidewalk widths on the abovementioned street areas; authorizing official acts, as defined herein, in connection with this Ordinance; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

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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.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mavor

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 Building Inspection Commission Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Mar; Chan, Melgar, Peskin Subject: Parkside Library Landmark Designation The text is listed: Resolution approving the landmark designation of the Parkside Library in the Sunset District. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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