

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and**
5 **Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the**
6 **intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.**

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8 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
9 Resolution initiate a landmark designation; and

10 WHEREAS, The entrance gates of Westwood Park (“Entrance Gates”), situated within
11 the public right-of-way at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, are
12 historically and architecturally significant structures that are part of the unique design of the
13 neighborhood; and

14 WHEREAS, Westwood Park was established in 1916 by developers, Baldwin & Howell,
15 to create a “modern residence park which was to be a model home community for the family
16 of average means”; and

17 WHEREAS, As part of the development, landscape designers hired the renowned
18 architect, Louis Christian Mullgardt, to design entrance gates, pillars, and 128 lampposts to
19 enhance the neighborhood of modest homes; and

20 WHEREAS, Louis Mullgardt came to San Francisco in 1905 and made his mark
21 designing bungalow homes across the Bay Area in Oakland, Berkeley, and Piedmont after the
22 1906 earthquake; and

23 WHEREAS, Mullgardt’s other notable contributions was the design of the 1912 Pan-
24 Pacific International Exposition’s Court of Ages in the Marina District; the redesigned former
25 M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park in 1916; and an orphanage located at

1 1201 Ortega Street, which was sold to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, but now
2 houses Lycee Francais La Perouse; and

3 WHEREAS, Public landscaping amenities, such as entrance gates, pillars, or fountains,
4 were often incorporated into early twentieth-century master-planned “residence park”
5 developments like Westwood Park to designate the boundaries of the neighborhood as
6 described in the historic context statement, Gardens in the City: San Francisco Residence
7 Parks, 1906-1940; and

8 WHEREAS, The intricate gates, pillars, and streetlights were used in the marketing of
9 Westwood Park as a beautiful neighborhood for those of moderate means; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the last century, many original ornamental entrance gates and
11 streetlamps in the Westwood Park neighborhood are no longer in existence due to
12 modernization, but several pillars have survived throughout the neighborhood including two at
13 Ocean Avenue and Miramar Avenue, one at Flood Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way, and one at
14 Frida Kahlo and Judson Avenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Mullgardt designed a grand entrance at the end of a major thoroughfare at
16 Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard; and

17 WHEREAS, The entrance gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard have
18 withstood the test of time and still retain their original architectural elements with elegant
19 barrel vaulted gates and pillars with wrought iron lanterns; and

20 WHEREAS, The Entrance Gates are within the public right-of-way, but were restored
21 by the Westwood Park Homes Association in 2003; and

22 WHEREAS, The entrance gates and pillars act as historic monuments for Westwood
23 Park, which is a Residential Character District recognized and codified by the San Francisco
24 Planning Department; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of
2 the Westwood Park Entrance Gates located at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and
3 the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean
4 Avenue under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department
6 prepare a Landmark Designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for
7 its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of the
8 Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
10 Commission review the Landmark Designation report and any other information the Planning
11 Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
12 value of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard,
13 and the Westwood Park Entrance pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and
14 Ocean Avenue ; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
16 Preservation Commission consider whether the entrance gates and pillars warrant landmark
17 designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the
18 Planning Code; and, be it,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic
20 Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within
21 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which
22 the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the
23 Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this
24 Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to
25 respond starting from the transmittal date.