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1 2	[Recognizing the Decommissioning and Deconsecration of the Site of the Congregation B'nai Emunah]
3	Resolution recognizing the decommissioning and deconsecration of the current site of
4	Congregation B'nai Emunah in order to form and relocate the new Congregation Am
5	Tikvah.
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7	WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been the home of Congregation B'nai Emunah since
8	1976 and has served as a cherished synagogue and community center for generations of
9	congregants; and
10	WHEREAS, Congregation B'nai Emunah began holding services on December 16,
11	1949, at the Golden Gate Commandery Hall on Sutter Street with 23 Jewish Holocaust
12	refugees who had come to San Francisco from Shanghai, China, including founding Rabbi
13	George Kantorowski; and
14	WHEREAS, The synagogue moved around for several years, holding High Holy Day
15	services in the Druid Temple, and the Scottish Rite Auditorium before finding a permanent
16	home in 1975 on Taraval Street, two blocks from Ocean Beach; and
17	WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been a place of worship, celebration, learning,
18	mourning, and community building for its congregants; and
19	WHEREAS, The merger between Congregation B'nai Emunah and Congregation Beth
20	Israel Judea to form the new Congregation Am Tikvah requires the decommissioning of the
21	Taraval site; and
22	WHEREAS, The decommissioning of 3595 Taraval marks the end of an era for
23	Congregation B'nai Emunah and its congregants; and
24	WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the decommissioning
25	of 3595 Taraval, the beloved home of Congregation B'nai Emunah, and recognizes the

1 important role that this site has played in the lives of generations of congregants; now,

2 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby extends
our gratitude to the leadership, members, and volunteers of Congregation B'nai Emunah for
creating and maintaining such a special and meaningful space for worship, community, and
celebration, and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board also acknowledge the grief and sadness that may
come with the decommissioning of this site, and we offer our support and solidarity to all those

9 affected, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors looks forward to
the future of Congregation Am Tikvah and the continued growth and vitality of the Jewish
community in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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MYRNA MELGAR

DATE: April 26, 2023

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, May 2, 2023, as a Committee Report:

230324 Recognizing the Decommissioning and Deconsecration of the Site of the Congregation B'nai Emunah Sponsor: Melgar, Peskin, and Dorsey

Resolution recognizing the decommissioning and deconsecration of the current site of Congregation B'nai Emunah in order to form and relocate the new Congregation Am Tikvah

This matter will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (*Routine*, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): \Box Yes \square No (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Supervisors Melgar, Peskin, Dorsey Subject: Recognizing the decommissioning and de-consecration of the site of the Congregation B'nai Emunah. Long Title or text listed: Resolution recognizing the decommissioning and de-consecration of the site of the Congregation B'nai Emunah at 3595 Taraval Street to relocate and become the Congregation Am Tikvah.