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LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

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

DATE: May 1, 2023

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023. This item was acted upon at the Committee Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

Item No. 36 **File No. 230324**

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.

RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote:

Supervisor Myrna Melgar - Aye
Supervisor Dean Preston - Aye
Supervisor Aaron Peskin - Aye

cc: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 230324 **Committee Item No.** 1
Board Item No. 36

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Completed by: Erica Major **Date** April 27, 2023
Completed by: Erica Major **Date** May 1, 2023

[Recognizing the Decommissioning and Deconsecration of the Site of the Congregation B’nai Emunah]

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.

WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been the home of Congregation B'nai Emunah since 1976 and has served as a cherished synagogue and community center for generations of congregants; and

WHEREAS, Congregation B’nai Emunah began holding services on December 16, 1949, at the Golden Gate Commandery Hall on Sutter Street with 23 Jewish Holocaust refugees who had come to San Francisco from Shanghai, China, including founding Rabbi George Kantorowski; and

WHEREAS, The synagogue moved around for several years, holding High Holy Day services in the Druid Temple, and the Scottish Rite Auditorium before finding a permanent home in 1975 on Taraval Street, two blocks from Ocean Beach; and

WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been a place of worship, celebration, learning, mourning, and community building for its congregants; and

WHEREAS, The merger between Congregation B'nai Emunah and Congregation Beth Israel Judea to form the new Congregation Am Tikvah requires the decommissioning of the Taraval site; and

WHEREAS, The decommissioning of 3595 Taraval marks the end of an era for Congregation B'nai Emunah and its congregants; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the decommissioning of 3595 Taraval, the beloved home of Congregation B'nai Emunah, and recognizes the

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

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 7

City and County of San Francisco

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.

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Introduction Form

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

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

- [x] 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)
- [ ] 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- [ ] 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires…"
- [ ] 5. City Attorney Request
- [ ] 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- [ ] 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- [ ] 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- [ ] 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- [ ] 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

☐ Yes ☐ 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.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/Myrna Melgar