

Kurt Meinhardt
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14 May 2023

Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco

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WESTWOOD PARK



May 8, 2023

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Respectfully,

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I understand that you may be considering designating the Entrance Gates and Pillars as historic landmarks. I fully support this designation. I moved to Westwood Park 23 years ago and chose my home in large part due to its historic background. Our home in Westwood Park will turn 100 years old next year and we plan a party to celebrate its birthday. Many homes in Westwood Park already are 100 years old, as the first homes were built in 1917. I am a third generation San Franciscan, and our grandsons are 6th generation San Franciscans. We love the city and this is a very historic neighborhood. The gates deserve this designation.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mike Ahrens
Former President of Westwood Park Association
Mikeahrens5@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

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**Letter of Support: Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the
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C: Pauline Jue, President, Westwood Park Association

From: [Pauline Jue](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [mikeahrens5](#)
Subject: File No. 230297 Resolution - Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars (Introduced by Supervisor Melgar)
Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:52:18 PM

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From: [Carol Karahadian](#)
To: [Pauline Jue](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board](#)
Subject: Re: File No. 230297 Resolution - Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars (introduced by Supervisor Melgar)
Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 5:42:43 PM

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Well written!

From: Pauline Jue <pauline@westwoodpark.com>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 5:38 PM
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Board <board@westwoodpark.com>
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Cc: [Kate Favetti](#); [Pauline Jue](#)
Subject: File No. 230297 Resolution - Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars (introduced by Supervisor Melgar)
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023 3:37:06 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support to BOS Land Use WP Gates 5-8-2023.pdf](#)

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From: r and k <woloso1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Pauline Jue <pauline@westwoodpark.com>
Subject: Signed letter in Support

Hi Pauline
Please find signed letter attached. Let me know of questions or concerns.
Kate

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 230297 Resolution - Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars (introduced by Supervisor Melgar)
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2023 6:10:15 PM
Attachments: [Meinhardt \(SFBOS Letter - 51423\).pdf](#)

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From: **Kurt Meinhardt** <k.linmein@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 14, 2023, 5:12 PM
Subject: Re: Letter of support
To: Pauline Jue <pjuewpa94112@gmail.com>

Hi Pauline,

Attached is my letter supporting the SFPOS Resolution. Will you be forwarding the letter or should I forward it directly to the SFBOS as you indicated would be possible in your last email? Thanks for all your help!

Kurt

On May 11, 2023, at 4:49 AM, Pauline Jue <pjuewpa94112@gmail.com> wrote:

Here's the timeline from Supervisor Melgar's office:

If any neighbors or members of the public want to submit a formal letter of support to the Board of Supervisors, they can e-mail Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org. Please be sure to reference the file number so it can be included in the official record:

File No. 230297 Resolution - Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars (introduced by Supervisor Melgar)

After Monday's meeting, the item will be voted on by the full Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 16th (no public comment will be taken at that

time, but people can still send e-mails). The Planning Department will then have 90 days to respond.

If Sunday doesn't work for you, you can still directly submit a letter by Tuesday.

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On Wed, May 10, 2023, 11:53 PM Kurt Meinhardt <k.linmein@gmail.com>
wrote:

Hi Pauline,

We are actually out of town traveling and have a busy couple of days coming up. As a result, I probably won't be able to get to a letter until Sunday.

Please let me know whether that timing is still workable.

Kurt

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 10, 2023, at 2:10 PM, Pauline Jue <pjuewpa94112@gmail.com>
wrote:

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> Just checking back the a letter of support for the pillars and entrance gates.

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> Will you have a letter ready by tomorrow?

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> Pauline Jue

> President, Westwood Park Assn.