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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works
Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

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

DATE: September 8, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Dorsey on September 5, 2023.

File No. 230941

Resolution authorizing the placement of the Lodginghouse District of San Francisco's Cultural Heritage District plaques, to be installed on the sidewalks at various historic location markers along the 6th Street corridor between Market Street and Howard Street, and initiating the process set forth in Public Works Code, Sections 789 et seq., to provide for the creation of a program for and installation of commemorative plaques in the Lodginghouse District.

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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1 [Commemorative Street Plaques - Lodginghouse District Historical Markers]

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4 **Cultural Heritage District plaques, to be installed on the sidewalks at various historic**
5 **location markers along the 6th Street corridor between Market Street and Howard**
6 **Street, and initiating the process set forth in Public Works Code, Sections 789 et seq.,**
7 **to provide for the creation of a program for and installation of commemorative plaques**
8 **in the Lodginghouse District.**

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10 WHEREAS, The 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, a streetscape project located
11 on 6th Street between Market Street and Howard Street and within the Lodginghouse
12 District, aims to create a safe and inviting place for people to walk by transforming 6th
13 Street with wider sidewalks, new traffic signals, and other streetscape improvements; and

14 WHEREAS, Municipal Transportation Agency, Public Works and the Lodginghouse
15 District have worked collaboratively to promote the history of this district by working with
16 community stakeholders to develop a design and identify suitable locations for the 6th
17 Street Community Identity Plaques project, which consists of the installation of
18 commemorative plaques within the Lodginghouse District area that honor and
19 commemorate historical buildings significant to the community; and

20 WHEREAS, The SoMa Historic Resources Survey (SoMa Survey) consists of several
21 elements including:

- 22 • 1,239 new Department of Parks and Recreation Primary Records (DPR
23 523A forms);
- 24 • 128 Building, Structure and Object - DPR 523B forms;
- 25 • 5 District Records, DPR 523D forms;

- 1 • Survey Inventory documenting 2,141 individual buildings (including
2 photography, year built, district if applicable, assessments of architectural
3 integrity, and evaluations; and

4 WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was prepared by a qualified historian in accordance
5 with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and State Office of Historic Preservation
6 Recordation Manual as outlined in Resolution No. 527 of June 7, 2000, adopted in 2009 by
7 the previous San Francisco Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board; and

8 WHEREAS, The Historic Context Statement South of Market Area, adopted as
9 amended by the former Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, served as the basis for
10 the evaluations of the SoMa Survey; and

11 WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was reviewed by the Historic Preservation
12 Commission for accuracy and adequacy and was adopted by the Historic Preservation
13 Commission at a public meeting agendized for this purpose; and

14 WHEREAS, The SoMa survey identified “The Sixth Street Lodginghouse District is a
15 group of 33 low-budget residential hotels, or lodginghouses, built from 1906 through 1913,
16 and a few low-rise commercial buildings”; and

17 WHEREAS, The SoMa Survey was reviewed and adopted by the Historic
18 Preservation Commission on February 16, 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, The following site markers for the 6th Street Community Identity
20 Plaques represent the historical identity of the Lodginghouse District:

- 21 • 6th Street between Market Street and Stevenson Street - Recognition of
22 the Lodginghouse District as a whole as the last surviving sizable group of
23 low-budget Single Room Occupancy residential hotels built after the 1906
24 earthquake;
25 • 6th Street between Stevenson Street and Jessie Street - Recognition of

- 1 the Hillsdale Hotel at 51 Sixth Street focusing on its architectural details;
- 2 • 6th Street between Jessie Street and Mission Street - Recognition of a
 - 3 group of lodginghouse locations located at 6th Street and Market Street
 - 4 that housed single male season workers, and are the last surviving group
 - 5 of densely packed residential hotels built in this area after the 1906
 - 6 earthquake;
 - 7 • 6th Street between Mission Street and Minna Street - Recognition of The
 - 8 Rose at 125 Sixth Street, first constructed in 1912, which now provides
 - 9 permanent housing and supportive services;
 - 10 • 6th Street between Minna Street and Natoma Street - Recognition of
 - 11 Society for Individual Rights (SIR) at 83 Sixth Street, an organization
 - 12 founded in 1964 with goals of public affirmation of gay and lesbian identity;
 - 13 • 6th Street between Natoma Street and Howard Street - Recognition of the
 - 14 Howard Hotel at 184 Sixth Street; and

15 WHEREAS, The businesses and organizations identified and recognized by these
16 plaques represent a part of the extensive history of the Lodginghouse District in the South of
17 Market area of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Public Works Code,
19 Section 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, authorizes the placement
20 of the aforementioned historical marker commemorative street plaques on the sidewalk at the
21 named locations; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Arts
23 Commission to approve the design and the placement of the named commemorative plaques;
24 and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the San Francisco
2 Public Works to take all actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution, including
3 approval of the installation of the aforementioned plaques and performing installation of the
4 plaques as part of the 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, provided, however, that the City
5 shall not be required to replace plaques that are removed and/or are no longer available for
6 safe usage; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs San Francisco Public
8 Works to add the aforementioned plaques at the aforementioned locations on the City's
9 official list of commemorative sites effective immediately from the date of passage of this
10 Resolution.

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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):

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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

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