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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 20, 2023

To: Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission
Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department

From: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board

Subject: Initiating Landmark Designation - Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment - 225 San Leandro Way (File No. 231091)

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 583-23, sponsored by Supervisor Melgar and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on December 15, 2023.

A copy of the Resolution is being transmitted to you for informational purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4445 or by email at: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

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FILE NO. 231091 RESOLUTION NO. 583-23

[Initiating Landmark Designation - Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment - 225 San Leandro Way]

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment, located at 225 San Leandro Way, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3253, Lot No. 015.

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

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment has been an invaluable neighborhood asset in District 7 for over 30 years and contributes to the unique arts and culture of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, this address, now known as The Gregangelo Museum, is the home and studios of Gregangelo Herrera, a queer artist of half Lebanese and Mexican descent, born and raised in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment is a cultural hub of the Westside, bringing creativity and curiosity to countless San Franciscans and visitors alike, and serves as a shining example of the alternative lifestyle quintessential to San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment has welcomed people from all walks of life to a warm meal and a warm welcome, embodying San Francisco's values of inclusivity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment is headquartered in a completely restored Mediterranean-style home that was originally constructed in 1920, and to this day, the home maintains the original footprint, all of the original oak floors, plaster, old-growth redwood structure, and gardens unique to San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Within this historic structure are countless art installations, projects, and structures that create a new world of discovery for all who visit. These art exhibits are unlike anything found across San Francisco and the Bay Area and add to the historic and irreplaceable quality of 225 San Leandro; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment has partnered with other arts institutions across the City, including the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, San Francisco Asian Art Museum, the Moscone Center, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Arts & Entertainment offers enriching internships to young artists, welcomes creators from across the globe, and has been featured in many media outlets, including TEDx, Netflix, HGTV, and Univision; and

WHEREAS, Gregangelo & Velocity Arts & Entertainment has served as an alternative place of healing, acceptance, and creativity during times of crisis, such as the AIDS epidemic, earthquakes, economic downturns, global disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic for more than 40 years and has been able to support creative individuals in surviving against formidable odds; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3253, Lot No. 015, under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether Gregangelo & Velocity Art & Entertainment

warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

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File Number: 231091 **Date Passed:** December 05, 2023

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December 04, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

December 05, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 231091

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/5/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

12/15/23

Date Approved