[Initiating Landmark Designation - Alexander Adams Home]

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Alexander Adams Home, located at 1450 Masonic Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2603, Lot No. 009.

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

WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Adams Home, located at 1450 Masonic Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2603, Lot No. 009, was constructed in 1891 in the Haight Ashbury neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Alexander P. Adams, of coffee roasting company A.P. Adams and Company, was the original resident of the property; and

WHEREAS, The property is an example of the Queen Anne architectural style, which dominated San Francisco residential architecture by 1890; and

WHEREAS, The property includes intact features of the Queen Anne style including a complex roof shape with rounded tower, angled bay windows, scroll-sawn brackets and machine made wooden ornamentation, spindle work at the porch, stained glass windows, wood siding, shingles, and red brick chimney; and

WHEREAS, The 1968 book "Here Today, San Francisco's Architectural Heritage", by the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. discusses the property; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Queen Anne and other Victorian-era buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the Alexander Adams Home under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 the Alexander Adams Home and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether the Alexander Adams Home warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.