[Initiating Landmark Designation - Tietz/Beneke House]

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Tietz/Beneke house, located at 657 Chenery Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6742, Lot No. 030.

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, The Tietz/Beneke House, located at 657 Chenery Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No.6742, Lot No. 030, was constructed circa 1886 in the Glen Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Tietz/Beneke House, is associated with the earliest period of settlement of Glen Park and considered the oldest property in Glen Park; and

WHEREAS, Historic photographical evidence from circa 1909 indicates past residents with surnames of Tietz and Beneke; and

WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is an extremely rare example of Folk Victorian architecture in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Folk Victorian architecture was a more affordable, vernacular alternative to other styles associated with the Victorian movement, which were popular in San Francsico circa 1870-1910; and

WHEREAS, The property retains it simple form and appearance, modest size, and steeply pitched side gabled roof; and

WHEREAS, Folk Victorian properties were more common in rural or quasi-rural settings, and thus uncommon in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Folk Victorian and other early settlement era style buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Early Settlement Era Styles (1848-1906) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural significance, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the Tietz/Beneke House 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 Tietz/Beneke House; and, be it

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