[Initiating Landmark Designation - Engine Company No. 33]

Resolution initiating the landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for Engine Company No. 33, located at 117 Broad Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7113, Lot No. 041.

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, Engine Company No. 33, located at 117 Broad Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7113, Lot No. 041, in the Ocean View neighborhood, was constructed in 1896, and remained an active firehouse until 1974; and

WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is amongst the oldest standing firehouses in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The building is located in the Ocean View neighborhood, which was then considered an outlying neighborhood at the time of construction, because Ocean View didn't develop as a residential neighborhood until after the Great 1906 Earthquake and Fire; and

WHEREAS, In 1896, Engine Company No. 33 was dispatched to assist with a fire in nearby Colma, which was the first San Francisco act of mutual aid to assist a neighboring fire department; and

WHEREAS, Engine Company No. 33 was the last horse drawn unit in the San Francisco Fire Department, not converting to using motorized apparatus until 1921; and

WHEREAS, The building is an intact example of Classical Revival architecture, designed by architect Charles R. Wilson; and

WHEREAS, The property includes intact features, including its denticulated cornice, central molded panel with intact lettering ("Engine Co. No. 33"), Classical-inspired moldings, wood siding, wood windows with ogee lugs, transoms, carriage doors, and alarm tower with semi-circle openings; 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 2010, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) Historic Context Statement, which identified the building as historically significant, given its pre-1906 construction date which was early for the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, which provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Classical Revival and other Progressive Era buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) 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 Engine Company No.33 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 Engine Company No. 33; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether Engine Company No. 33 warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.