[Initiating Landmark Designation - Fernando Nelson House]

Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Fernando Nelson House, located at 701 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3603, Lot No. 075.

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 Fernando Nelson House, located at 701 Castro Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3603, Lot No. 075, was constructed in 1897 in the Eureka Valley neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The property is an example of a Queen Anne style building, with intact features of the style including wooden siding, angled bay windows, machine-made wooden ornamentation, and a rounded corner tower; and

WHEREAS, The property was built by Fernando Nelson, one of San Francisco's most prolific housing developers who constructed more than 4,000 houses during his 70 plus year career in homebuilding in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The property was Nelson's private residence, and he ran portions of his business from his home, keeping a workshop, lumber, and other building material storage on the lot behind his home, with work horses stabled in the basement; 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 2017 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Eureka Valley Historic Context Statement which identified the property as being eligible for listing as a City Landmark; 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 Eureka Valley Historic Context Statement and 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 Fernando Nelson 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 Fernando Nelson House; and, be it

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

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January 27, 2026 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

February 23, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

March 03, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/3/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

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Date Approved