

1 [Mills Act Historical Property Contract - 1401 Howard Street]

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3 **Resolution approving an historical property contract between 1401 Howard LLC, the**
4 **owner of 1401 Howard Street, and the City and County of San Francisco, under**
5 **Administrative Code, Chapter 71; and authorizing the Planning Director and the**
6 **Assessor-Recorder to execute and record the historical property contract.**

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8 WHEREAS, The California Mills Act (Government Code, Sections 50280 et seq.)
9 authorizes local governments to enter into a contract with the owners of a qualified historical
10 property who agree to rehabilitate, restore, preserve, and maintain the property in return for
11 property tax reductions under the California Revenue and Taxation Code; and

12 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
13 this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
14 Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.), and

15 WHEREAS, Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
16 File No. 191065, is incorporated herein by reference, and the Board herein affirms it; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco contains many historic buildings that add to its character
18 and international reputation and that have not been adequately maintained, may be
19 structurally deficient, or may need rehabilitation, and the costs of properly rehabilitating,
20 restoring, and preserving these historic buildings may be prohibitive for property owners; and

21 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Chapter 71, was adopted to implement the
22 provisions of the Mills Act and to preserve these historic buildings; and

23 WHEREAS, 1401 Howard Street is designated as Article 10 individual Landmark
24 Number 120 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and thus qualifies as an
25 historical property as defined in Administrative Code, Section 71.2; and

1 WHEREAS, A Mills Act application for an historical property contract has been
2 submitted by 1401 Howard LLC, the owner of 1401 Howard Street, detailing rehabilitation
3 work and proposing a maintenance plan for the property; and

4 WHEREAS, As required by Administrative Code, Section 71.4(a), the application for
5 the historical property contract for 1401 Howard Street was reviewed by the Assessor's Office
6 and the Historic Preservation Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, The Assessor-Recorder has reviewed the historical property contract and
8 has provided the Board of Supervisors with an estimate of the property tax calculations and
9 the difference in property tax assessments under the different valuation methods permitted by
10 the Mills Act in its report transmitted to the Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2019, which
11 report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 191065 and is hereby
12 declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

13 WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the
14 historical property contract in its Resolution No. 1091, including approval of the Rehabilitation
15 Program and Maintenance Plan, attached to said Resolution, which is on file with the Clerk of
16 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 191065 and is hereby declared to be a part of this
17 Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

18 WHEREAS, The draft historical property contract between 1401 Howard LLC, the
19 owner of 1401 Howard Street, and the City and County of San Francisco is on file with the
20 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 191065 and is hereby declared to be a part of
21 this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has conducted a public hearing pursuant to
23 Administrative Code, Section 71.4(d), to review the Historic Preservation Commission's
24 recommendation and the information provided by the Assessor's Office in order to determine
25 whether the City should execute the historical property contract for 1401 Howard Street; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has balanced the benefits of the Mills Act to the
2 owner of 1401 Howard Street with the cost to the City of providing the property tax reductions
3 authorized by the Mills Act, as well as the historical value of 1401 Howard Street and the
4 resultant property tax reductions, and has determined that it is in the public interest to enter
5 into a historical property contract with the applicants; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the historical property
7 contract between 1401 Howard LLC, the owner of 1401 Howard Street, and the City and
8 County of San Francisco; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Planning
10 Director and the Assessor-Recorder to execute the historical property contract and record the
11 historical property contract.

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