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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department
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FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: February 2, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Mar on January 26, 2021:

File No. 210087

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove located at 2750-19th Avenue; and extending the prescribed time within which the Historic Preservation Commission may render its decision by 90 days, for a total of 180 days.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: erica.major@sfgov.org.

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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - 2750-19th Avenue - Trocadero Clubhouse - Approval of 90-
2 Day Extension for Historic Preservation Commission Review]

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4 **the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove located at 2750-19th**
5 **Avenue; and extending the prescribed time within which the Historic Preservation**
6 **Commission may render it’s decision by 90 days, for a total of 180 days.**
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8 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
9 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Grove is the earliest building
11 in the Parkside District and one of the last surviving nineteenth-century structures in
12 southwestern San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, Constructed circa 1892, the Trocadero is a distinctive example of Stick-
14 Eastlake architectural style with high integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was built by George Green Jr. as the “Trocadero Inn,” a
16 roadhouse and resort; and

17 WHEREAS, The Trocadero building survives as the city’s last intact example of a
18 nineteenth century roadhouse that once lined the roads of western and southern San
19 Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was the site of the arrest of Abe Ruef, a key figure in the
21 government corruption trials after the 1906 earthquake and fire; and

22 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was the site of early twentieth century women’s and girls’
23 clubs, women’s job training classes, and suffragette meetings; and
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1 WHEREAS, In 1931, the Trocadero was preserved by the City of San Francisco with a
2 gift from Rosalie Stern to serve as a site of recreation; and

3 WHEREAS, The Trocadero's renovation was overseen by renowned master-architect
4 Bernard Maybeck in 1931-1932; and

5 WHEREAS, The Trocadero has hosted hundreds of community meetings, weddings,
6 birthday parties, and other celebrations for more than seventy years as a public site; and

7 WHEREAS, The Trocadero is integral to the landscaping and plan of Stern Grove as a
8 public park where an annual series of free music concerts has been held since 1932; and

9 WHEREAS, The Trocadero is recognized by the City of San Francisco as locally
10 significant for the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on its
11 inclusion in Here Today: San Francisco's Architectural Heritage by Roger Olmsted and W. H.
12 Watkins (1968); now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board hereby initiates landmark designation of the Trocadero
14 Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove built in 1892 and located at 2750-19th
15 Avenue; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department
17 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission
18 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of
19 the Clubhouse; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation
21 Commission consider whether the Clubhouse warrants landmark designation and submit its
22 recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic
24 Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within
25 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, extend the time within which

1 the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the
2 Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this
3 Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to
4 respond starting from the transmittal date.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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