

1 [Resolution to Initiate the Designation of a Landmark of the Colombo Building at 1-21
2 Columbus Avenue and 612-624 Washington Street, Block 195, Lot 4, as a Landmark.]

3 **Resolution initiating the ~~D~~esignation of a Landmark of the Colombo Building, 1-21**
4 **Columbus Street Avenue and 612-624 Washington Street, located at the Northwest**
5 **corner of Columbus Avenue and Washington Street at its intersection with**
6 **Montgomery Street, encompassing all of, Block 195, Lot 4 in Block 195, as a Landmark**
7 **pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Colombo Building, a classical revival structure constructed in 1913,
10 forms the gateway between North Beach and the financial District of the City constructed in
11 1913 as part of the post-1906 rebuilding of North Beach, was designed by the Reid Brothers,
12 one of the best-know and most well-respected architectural firms in San Francisco around the
13 turn of the last century; and

14 WHEREAS, Elsie A. Drexler, an owner-developer and financier, and significant figure
15 San Francisco women's history, commissioned the Reid Brothers to design the Columbo
16 Building The design and construction of the Colombo Building was commissioned by Elise
17 Abigail Drexler, who is significant in women's history as a financier and an early Twentieth
18 Century owner-developer in the downtown area, contributing significantly to the architectural
19 character of San Francisco's post-1906-fire-downtown; and

20 WHEREAS, the Columbo Building is the only building in the North Beach area of the
21 City know to have been designed by the Reid Brothers, one of the best-known and most well
22 respected architecture firms in San Francisco at the turn of the last century The Classical
23 Revival style and columned rotunda of the Colombo Building reflect the design of the 1907
24 Fugazi Bank/Old Transamerica Building (Landmark No. 52 and a strong contributor to the
25 Jackson Square Historic District) located across the street along Columbus Avenue on the

1 opposing gore; and

2 WHEREAS, ~~the Columbo Building has been determined eligible for listing on the~~
3 National Register of Historic of Places The Colombo Building and the Old Transamerica
4 Building serve as the “gateway” to North Beach from downtown, and by their scale and
5 articulation bind North Beach to the Jackson Square Historic District; and

6 WHEREAS, The Colombo Building was recommended by the Landmarks Preservation
7 Advisory Board for designation as a Landmark in 1984 and 1996, and has been determined
8 eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by a consensus determination in
9 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, ~~the Board of Supervisors desires that the Columbo Building be~~
11 ~~rehabilitated and reused in a manner that protects and preserves the property consistent with~~
12 ~~its value as a historic resource~~ The current owner of Colombo Building, the San Francisco
13 Community College District, has agreed to support the designation of the Colombo Building as
14 a Landmark, and has agreed to preserve, restore and rehabilitate the Colombo Building as a
15 part of its proposed new Chinatown/North Beach Campus in such a way that the Colombo
16 Building shall remain qualified for the National Register of Historic Places, the California
17 Register of Historic Places and for designation as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning
18 Code; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby initiate the
20 designation of the real property at 1-21 Columbus Street and 612-624 Washington Street,
21 located at the Northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and Washington Street at its
22 intersection with Montgomery Street, encompassing all of , Block 195, Lot 4 in Block 195,
23 including the building located thereon, commonly known as the Colombo Building, as a
24 Landmark, and so directs refers this resolution to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board
25 ~~to place the property in consideration as a Landmark~~ for review pursuant to Article 10 of the

1 Planning Code and other appropriate applicable provisions of law.

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Date Passed:

Resolution initiating the designation of the Colombo Building, 1-21 Columbus Avenue and 612-624 Washington Street, located at the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and Washington Street at its intersection with Montgomery Street, encompassing all of Lot 4 in Block 195, as a landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

February 4, 2002 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE
BEARING NEW TITLE

February 4, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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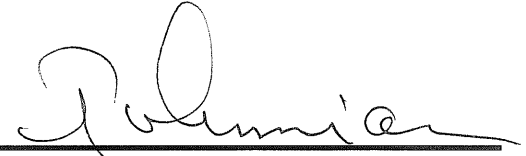
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on February 4, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.