Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Colombo Market Arch constructed in 1894 and located at Sydney Walton Park on Front Street between Jackson Street and Pacific Avenue.

WHEREAS, The Colombo Market Arch (the arch) is the sole surviving element of the Colombo Market building constructed in 1894, and designed by architect Clinton Day; and

WHEREAS, The Colombo Market building was the catalyst and epicenter of San Francisco's produce district of the state's fruit, vegetable, and other agricultural products and incubator for many Italian businesses that grew to become regional and national leaders including A.P. Giannini of the Bank of Italy, later Bank of America, the Del Monte Corporation; and many specialty-food and import-export firms; and

WHEREAS, When the Redevelopment Agency under Justin Herman demolished the building and the produce district for building the Golden Gateway Center in the early 1960s, the arch was deliberately saved and incorporated as an entrance to the private Sydney Walton Park; it is a visual landmark, although there is no plaque or interpretive display; and

WHEREAS, While the area was called the produce district, the building at 626 Front Street, known as the Colombo Market, contained the market’s headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Originally founded in 1874 as a wood building, the Colombo Market is associated with immigrants from northern Italy who created a wholesale market for vegetables and related agricultural products, serving as a catalyst for the development of the state's well-known fruit, vegetable, and other agricultural product deliveries; and
WHEREAS, The Colombo Market Arch is a property of significance as a survivor of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, a significant event in the history of San Francisco, as well as the only remaining fragment from the produce district after it was demolished by the Redevelopment Agency in order to build the Golden Gateway; and

WHEREAS, The Colombo Market Arch fulfills the requirement for landmark designation as a property of significance with a person or group as it is associated with Italian immigrants during the 19th century who created a wholesale market for vegetables and related agricultural products serving San Francisco, the Bay Area and northern California; and

WHEREAS, The Colombo Market Arch is a property of significance for the notable work of the master architect, Clinton Day; and

WHEREAS, The Colombo Market Arch is a property of significance that is valued as a visual landmark and adds special character to San Francisco and its residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby initiates a separate landmark designation for the Colombo Arch, created in 1894, at its sole and current location at Sydney Walton Park on Front Street; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco requests that the Planning Department prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of the arch; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether the arch warrants landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code.
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March 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/7/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved
3-17-23