Resolution establishing the Compton's Transgender Cultural District with the intent of commemorating historical sites, preserving existing spaces, and planning for vibrant communities that are Transgender, Gender-variant, Intersex, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual affirming.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors intends to establish the Compton’s Transgender Cultural District (“District”), whose boundaries are defined as the north side of Market Street between Taylor Street and Jones Street, to the south side of Ellis Street between Mason Street and Taylor Street, and the north side of Ellis Street between Taylor Street and Jones Street as well as the 6th Street corridor (on both sides) between Market Street and Howard Street; and

WHEREAS, The National Park Service LGBTQ Initiative recognized multiple sites in the Compton’s Transgender Cultural District as having significant historical value including 101 Taylor, the site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riots in August 1966, “one of the earliest examples of Transgender push back against police repression,” and marking the beginning of a nationwide Transgender, Gender-variant, Intersex, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (TGILGB) civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, At its November 18, 2015 hearing, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the Citywide LGBTQ Historic Context Statement (“Statement”) describing and uncovering the rich and multi-layered TGILGB history of the Tenderloin and Mid-Market area; and

WHEREAS, The Statement described the first Gay affirming march in San Francisco, known as Gay Freedom Day Parade, walked down Polk Street, in 1970, and
the latest incarnation, the San Francisco Pride Celebration, currently marches down
Market Street, through parts of the District; and

WHEREAS, The Statement outlined the rich history of the Tenderloin and Mid-
Market area including having been the site of some of the first lectures on
homosexuality by anarchist Emma Goldman in 1899 at 117 Turk Street; the first and
largest public gathering of lesbians at the Hotel Whitcomb at 1231 Market Street; and
the first public discussion on parenting for both gay men and lesbians at Glide Memorial
Church at 441 Ellis Street in 1966; and

WHEREAS, The TGILGB community has frequently relied on night-life spaces as
centers of community-building and the Tenderloin and Mid-Market area have been the
hub of gay nightlife from the 1920s to the present, and the Statement and local
historians have identified several past and present theaters, bars, cafes, and clubs,
including: The Old Crow at 962 Market Street; Silver Rail at 974 Market Street;
Gangway at 841 Larkin Street; Aunt Charlie’s at 133 Turk Street; Tait’s Café at 44 Ellis
Street; Why Not at 517 Ellis Street; Gilded Cage at 126 Ellis Street; Peter Pan at 30
Mason Street; Rocket Club at 230 Turk Street; Blue and Gold at 136 Turk Street; Club
Turkish Baths at 132 Turk Street; Streets of Paris at 54 Mason Street; Frolic Room at
141 Mason Street; Donut Palace at 1019 Market Street; Deco Lounge at 510 Larkin
Street; Tea Room Theatre at 154 Eddy Street; Queen Mary’s Pub at 133 Turk Street;
Strand Theater at 1051 Market Street; Jackson’s Bar and Grill at 118 Jones street;
Crystal Bowl at 1032 Market Street; 1228 Club at 1228 Sutter Street; Kip’s Bar at 70
Eddy Street; Tay-Bush Inn at 900 Bush Street; 585 Club at 585 Post Street; and the
Rocket Club at 236 Leavenworth Street, as well as The Doggie Diner; The Hillard; The
Sound of Music; Rossi’s and The Chukker Club which were central meeting spaces for
the Transgender community; and
WHEREAS, The Tenderloin and Mid-Market area was the site of literary inspiration and freedom, and also hosted the Adonis bookstore at 348 Ellis Street as one of the first gay bookstores in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Tenderloin and Mid-Market area became a nucleus of social services directed at TGILGB people including the Tenderloin Clinic at 251 Hyde Street, which provided services to gay San Franciscans in the 1980s, the Tenderloin AIDS Network at 200 Golden Gate Avenue, and the Janus Information Facility at 681 Ellis Street, which supported Female to Male ("FTM") medical transitions; the National Transsexual Counseling Unit on Golden Gate between Leavenworth and Jones, which operated the first peer-run drop in trans counseling service in the world, funded by Transgender industrialist and philanthropist Reed Erickson; the Helping Hands Center, home to Gay Activist Alliance, Lavender Panthers, and various trans centered social services for neighborhood residents; Glide Memorial Methodist Church, who ministered to LGBT people, particularly youth, and where many important organizations were founded and efforts established, including: the queer street youth organization Vanguard; the first Transgender support group called Conversion Our Goal; the organization that became the Central City Anti-Poverty District; the first Christian ecumenical organization to address LGBT issues called The Council on the Religion and the Homosexual; Citizen’s Watch, a queer-led police-monitoring group; as well as the offices of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon; and

WHEREAS, Many TGILGB persons, specifically Transgender and Gender-variant individuals, faced and continue to face discrimination in accessing housing, and the Tenderloin was and is a refuge, specifically SRO (Residential Hotels) housing stock such as the El Rosa Hotel at 166 Turk Street; The Camelot Hotel on Turk; The Hyland Hotel at 101 Taylor; The Bijou at Turk and Mason and The Ambassador Hotel, that in
the 1960s rented to Transgender women; and

WHEREAS, Today there is a vibrant TGILGB community, in the Tenderloin and
Mid-Market area, and in specific Transgender women, who consider the Tenderloin the
last place of refuge; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2015 San Francisco Homeless Point-In-Time Count
Report and Survey, 29% of all homeless people are TGILGB, many of whom are on the
streets in and around the District and transition into low-income hotels in the District;
and

WHEREAS, The Trump administration has a complete disregard for the lives and
safety of the TGILGB community, and in particular Transgender women, and has
recently instructed the Department of Justice and the Department of Education to
withdraw guidance to schools receiving federal funds to interpret Title IX as a protection
against discrimination based on gender identity and expression; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to memorialize the whole history of the Tenderloin
and Mid-Market area, acknowledging the District within the aforementioned boundaries
seeks to create a vibrant, safe, and supportive neighborhood for the Transgender
community particularly trans women of color; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning
Department and the Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development are
currently engaged in the development of a Citywide LGBTQ Cultural Heritage Strategy
with members of the LGBTQ community, including the TGILGB community; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
Francisco establishes the District to preserve and further develop the Tenderloin and
Mid-Market area’s past, present, and future manifestation of TGILGB communities and
resources, recognize the historical and present contributions of the community and
neighborhood, and to specifically stabilize TGILGB residents and their housing, artists
and performing arts institutions, businesses and community-serving institutions; and, be
it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Planning
Department to establish a Compton's Transgender Cultural District working group
consisting of members in the community representing in the following sectors: residents,
historical preservationists, arts and cultural workers, small business owners and
employees, club promoters and nightlife experts, housing and tenant advocates,
TGILGB advocates, land use, social and health services, and City department and other
local agency staff, to develop a strategic implementation plan to set policies that
promote community development and stabilization, and increase the presence and
visibility of the District; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution does not mandate the creation of a
working group, but strongly urges the creation if the Departments choose to create the
working group, and the Board of Supervisors will not appoint its members and the
working group will not be subject to the requirements set forth in Board of Supervisors
Rules of Order 2.21; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the Departments create a working group, as
described in this Resolution, the Board of Supervisors anticipates that the working
group will be an advisory body subject to the requirements of the Sunshine Ordinance
and the Brown Act; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That other City departments and other bodies may be
requested to be part of the strategic planning of the District, including but not limited to:
the Historic Preservation Commission; the Office of Economic Workforce Development;

Supervisors Kim; Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; Department of Public Health; Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing; Small Business Commission; Arts Commission; Department of Human Services; Department of Aging and Adult Services; Department of Children, Youth and their Families; Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure; Department of Building Inspection, Department of Public Works; Entertainment Commission, and Recreation and Park Department, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges that the strategic plan for the Compton's Transgender Cultural District be developed by the Compton’s Transgender Cultural District Working Group, and also included in the citywide LGBTQ Cultural Heritage Strategy, in conjunction from the above listed government bodies and be submitted to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors by the Spring of 2018; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commends the effort of the TGILGB community in working towards the creation of the Compton’s Cultural District that will contribute to the well-being of the TGILGB community in the City and County of San Francisco.
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   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

June 13, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

File No. 170131 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 6/13/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

6/12/17
Date Approved