Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by Resolution initiate a landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, The entrance gates of Westwood Park ("Entrance Gates"), situated within the public right-of-way at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, are historically and architecturally significant structures that are part of the unique design of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Westwood Park was established in 1916 by developers, Baldwin & Howell, to create a "modern residence park which was to be a model home community for the family of average means"; and

WHEREAS, As part of the development, landscape designers hired the renowned architect, Louis Christian Mullgardt, to design entrance gates, pillars, and 128 lampposts to enhance the neighborhood of modest homes; and

WHEREAS, Louis Mullgardt came to San Francisco in 1905 and made his mark designing bungalow homes across the Bay Area in Oakland, Berkeley, and Piedmont after the 1906 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Mullgardt's other notable contributions was the design of the 1912 Pan-Pacific International Exposition's Court of Ages in the Marina District; the redesigned former M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park in 1916; and an orphanage located at

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1 1201 Ortega Street, which was sold to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, but now
2 houses Lycee Francais La Perouse; and
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4 WHEREAS, Public landscaping amenities, such as entrance gates, pillars, or fountains,
5 were often incorporated into early twentieth-century master-planned “residence park”
6 developments like Westwood Park to designate the boundaries of the neighborhood as
7 described in the historic context statement, Gardens in the City: San Francisco Residence
8 Parks, 1906-1940; and
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10 WHEREAS, The intricate gates, pillars, and streetlights were used in the marketing of
11 Westwood Park as a beautiful neighborhood for those of moderate means; and
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13 WHEREAS, Over the last century, many original ornamental entrance gates and
14 streetlamps in the Westwood Park neighborhood are no longer in existence due to
15 modernization, but several pillars have survived throughout the neighborhood including two at
16 Ocean Avenue and Miramar Avenue, one at Flood Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way, and one at
17 Frida Kahlo and Judson Avenue; and
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19 WHEREAS, Mullgardt designed a grand entrance at the end of a major thoroughfare at
20 Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard; and
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22 WHEREAS, The entrance gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard have
23 withstood the test of time and still retain their original architectural elements with elegant
24 barrel vaulted gates and pillars with wrought iron lanterns; and
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26 WHEREAS, The Entrance Gates are within the public right-of-way, but were restored
27 by the Westwood Park Homes Association in 2003; and
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29 WHEREAS, The entrance gates and pillars act as historic monuments for Westwood
30 Park, which is a Residential Character District recognized and codified by the San Francisco
31 Planning Department; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates located at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board 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 Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation Commission review the Landmark Designation report and any other information the Planning Department may have related to the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and the Westwood Park Entrance pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether the entrance gates and pillars warrant landmark designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to respond starting from the transmittal date.
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May 15, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 16, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton

Excused: 1 - Stefani

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/16/2023 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

5/24/23