Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street situated within The Transgender Cultural District.

WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 100.4.1, the Board of Supervisors may by resolution initiate landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, The intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Street (Turk & Taylor), [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078], is situated in Supervisorial District 5 within San Francisco’s Transgender Cultural District in the Tenderloin neighborhood and is listed as a historic site by the cultural district; and

WHEREAS, The Transgender District is the world’s first legally-recognized cultural district dedicated to the transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex community and became a legally recognized cultural district in San Francisco in 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection witnessed the first documented uprising of trans and queer people in August of 1966 known as the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot due to the fact that it started as a confrontation between a police officer and a drag queen at Compton’s Cafeteria at the intersection of Turk & Taylor and spilled out into the streets; and

WHEREAS, The corner of Turk & Taylor continues to be a valuable asset tethered to the history of transgender and queer individuals in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood and is a key monument for The Transgender Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection is the site of the Black Trans Lives Matter Mural, a visual demonstration calling for awareness of the alarming violence...
perpetrated against transgender women, and disproportionately impacting Black transgender
women; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to recognize the month of
August as Transgender History Month in 2021 as part of an effort to formally recognize the
contributions of the transgender community including critical historical events, figures, and
places; and

WHEREAS, The Compton’s Cafeteria Riots of 1966 transpired three years before the
Stonewall Inn Riots, which is regarded as the quintessential event for the gay liberation
movement, eclipsing other trailblazing events; and

WHEREAS, The revolutionary event that took place at the intersection of Turk & Taylor
Streets deserves recognition as a seminal event in the history of transgender liberation; and

WHEREAS, Even now, in 2022, the transgender community continues to face
persecution through unprecedented anti-trans legislation produced by conservative state
legislatures across the United States targeting transgender youth and access to gender-
affirming medical services under the threat of legal persecution; and

WHEREAS, The Biden-Harris Administration advanced a resolution acknowledging
Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) and condemning the proliferation of detrimental anti-
trans legislation, signaling a breakthrough in solidarity on behalf of the President of the United
States in regard to the continued marginalization and violence committed against the
transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing symbols and monuments tethered to transgender liberation
and activism support and empower an embattled community that struggles for equitable
representation in documented history; and

WHEREAS, The Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection represent a sacred site for the
transgender community capable of furthering social and historical awareness, educational

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opportunities, and economic investment in a neighborhood that has memorialized a prominent transgender presence; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has taken substantial strides to preserve and support the transgender community by recognizing The Transgender Cultural District; launching the Office of Transgender Initiatives (OTI), the first and only trans-led city government office in the nation tasked with advancing policies, programs, and equity for transgender people; and allocating funding for a guaranteed income pilot program for transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS, as decades have passed San Francisco-based publications such as the San Francisco Chronicle and zines used by Tenderloin-based organization like Vanguard, continue to uphold the prominence and impact of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riots and regard the intersection of Turk & Taylor Streets as a historically important space; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections [LATITUDE: 37.78323 LONGITUDE: -122.41078] 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 site; 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 Turk & Taylor Streets Intersections; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation Commission consider whether the Turk & Taylor Streets Intersection warrant landmark
designation, and submit its recommendation to the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.
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May 23, 2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

May 23, 2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

June 07, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/7/2022 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
6/17/22