

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - California Masonic Memorial Temple]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **the California Masonic Memorial Temple, located at 1111-1171 California Street,**
5 **Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0253, Lot No. 020.**
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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 Resolution initiate landmark designations; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation
10 Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the
11 Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the
12 time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Masonic Memorial Temple, located at 1111-1171 California
14 Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0253, Lot No. 020, was constructed in 1958 in the Nob
15 Hill neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, The property is an excellent example of "Miesian" International Style
17 architecture designed by San Francisco architect of merit Albert F. Roller with artwork created
18 by Emile Norman; and

19 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant "Miesian" International Style features,
20 including its horizontal box shaped form with a rounded partial third story, and gradations of
21 façade components from heavy to light, curtain walls of Vermont marble slabs in a repeating
22 pattern on the same plane, for a taut, seamless façade that appears sleek and slippery,
23 floating stair slabs accessing a plaza sheltered by a horizontal overhang supported by pilotis,
24 absence of historically derived applied ornament, and endomosaic interior window and bas-
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1 relief frieze at the facade created by gay artists Emile Norman and partner Brooks Clement;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
4 San Francisco Modern Architecture and Landscape Design 1935-1970 Historic Context
5 Statement, which includes a framework for consistent, informed evaluations of San
6 Francisco's Modern design buildings and landscapes; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
8 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic
9 Context Statement, which includes an evaluative framework to provide standards for
10 consistent, informed evaluations of the city's various architecture professionals, including
11 architect of merit Albert F. Roller; and

12 WHEREAS, Through its extant character defining features and applying the
13 documentation presented in Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A
14 Collection of Biographies, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic
15 resource based on its year built, extant character-defining features, architect of merit, and
16 sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the
18 California Masonic Memorial Temple under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
20 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
21 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
22 the California Masonic Memorial Temple; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
2 Preservation Commission consider whether the California Masonic Memorial Temple warrants
3 landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of
4 the Planning Code.



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April 20, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 28, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill,
Walton and Wong
Excused: 1 - Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/28/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

MAY 8, 2026

Date Approved