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Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. XXXX

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Record No.	2020-006641DES
Project:	"History of Medicine in California" frescoes 533 Parnassus Avenue (UCSF Parnassus Heights) Recommendation to Board of Supervisors
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE "HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN CALIFORNIA" FRESCOES, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 2634A, LOT NO. 011, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, Supervisor Peskin introduced a proposed Resolution under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File No. 200677 to initiate the Landmark designation process for the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes (aka Zakheim's History of Medicine in California Frescoes) in Toland Hall auditorium in UC Hall, 533 Parnassus Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2634A, Lot No. 011; and

2. WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, the Board of Supervisors at its Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting recommended unanimously to Recommend to the full Board approval of the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation (Board File No. 200677); and

3. WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, and on July 31, 2020, Resolution No. 355-20 became effective (Board File No. 200677); and

4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet for the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes, which was reviewed for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and

5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of August 19, 2020, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes historical significance pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary dated August 11, 2020, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and

6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes as a Landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and

7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes are eligible for local designation for association with the history of the Works Project Administration's Federal Art Project; and

8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of "History of Medicine in California" frescoes is also proper given their significance as an excellent example of the work of master artist and muralist, Bernard Zakheim, that displays the distinctive characteristics of New Deal-era progressive mural artwork; and

9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes meet one of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priority areas for designation: property types that are underrepresented among the City's designated landmarks.; and

10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes meet the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and

11. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the frescoes' historical significance and retain historical integrity; and

12. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code, Section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that landmarks and historic buildings be preserved, and will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302; and

13. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical); and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of the "History of Medicine in California" frescoes, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2634A, Lot No. 011 consistent with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on August 19, 2020.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

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NOES:

ADOPTED: August 19, 2020