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Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's Legislation to Establish Historic Landmark Districts in Mission Dolores Neighborhood Passes Unanimously

Preserving San Francisco's Architectural Heritage and Neighborhood Character

San Francisco, CA — This week, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed legislation authored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to establish the Chula-Abbey and Alert Alley Early Residential Historic Districts in the Mission Dolores neighborhood. The resolutions, introduced on March 25 and advancing out of the Land Use and Transportation Committee on April 28, mark a major step toward preserving the unique architectural and historical character of one of San Francisco's oldest neighborhoods. "As our city continues to grow and evolve, it's important that we protect buildings and districts that embody our history and architectural legacy," said **Board President Rafael Mandelman**. "By designating these historic districts, we ensure that future developments respect and reflect the unique character of Mission Dolores."

The proposed historic districts includes 53 properties that showcase two significant periods in the neighborhood's development:

- **Early Neighborhood Development Era (1864-1906):** This period features smaller single-family homes that housed working-class families, showcasing architectural styles such as vernacular, Italianate, Stick-Eastlake, Classical Revival, and Queen Anne.
- **1906 Earthquake and Reconstruction Era (1906-1915):** Following the earthquake and fires, the neighborhood saw an increase in multi-family housing, including apartment buildings and flats that contributed to the area's distinctive Victorian architecture.

The foundation for this legislation is the Mission Dolores Neighborhood Historic Context Statement & Survey, completed in 2022 by the San Francisco Planning Department and the Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association (MDNA). This comprehensive document details the history, development patterns, and architectural features of the Mission Dolores neighborhood, providing a framework for evaluating the significance of properties in the area. "Mission Dolores

Neighborhood Association is looking forward to working with Supervisor Mandelman, Planning Staff, HPC and the community in finalizing these two important historic districts.” said **MDNA President Aaron Phillips**.

The Mission Dolores Historic Preservation is the latest of many successful efforts by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to preserve San Francisco’s historic landmarks, cultural districts, and neighborhood character. Through targeted legislation, Supervisor Mandelman continues to ensure that San Francisco’s rich history remains an enduring part of its future.

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