

1 [Protecting the Long-Term Future for a Center for Latino Arts and Culture at 2868 Mission
2 Street]

3 **Resolution declaring a commitment by the Board of Supervisors and the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco to protect and preserve the long-term future for a center for**
5 **Latino arts and culture in the Mission, at 2868 Mission Street.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the historical significance of the
8 building, programming, and historical arts archives reflecting nearly 50-years of Latino arts
9 and culture in the Mission that have taken place at 2868 Mission Street; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, the Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance
11 amending the San Francisco Planning Code to designate 2868 Mission Street ("Mission
12 Cultural Center for Latino Arts"), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6516, Lot No.007, as a San
13 Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code, precisely because of the historical
14 significance, "special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and
15 value," and need for future protection of a cultural center for and by the Latino community; and

16 WHEREAS, This building has been the home of the beloved institution since 1977,
17 where artists and community have celebrated and represented the vital contributions of the
18 Latino community to culture, art, music, dance, poetry, printmaking, graphic arts, mural arts,
19 theater, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco's revitalization is not effective without the essential and
21 successful pillar of neighborhood-based community arts and culture; and

22 WHEREAS, Community-based arts are linked to an ever-changing future, reflected by
23 contemporary actions, activities, and artistic expression throughout San Francisco, of which
24 the Latino community is of utmost importance, and its retention paramount to any successful
25 urban arts ecosystem; and

1 WHEREAS, The Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA) has been the non-
2 profit operator of the programming at the building since the mid 1970's, incubating many
3 successful poets, printmakers, dancers, musicians, painters, sculptors, muralists, and more;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The recent uncertainty of MCCLA's organizational integrity has led to
6 insecurity and distress in the Mission community, with fears of losing a central and historical
7 legacy that has been at the center of iconic and world-renowned annual celebrations in San
8 Francisco, including Latine Heritage Community Celebration, el Día de los Muertos/The Day
9 of the Dead Community Celebration in the fall, "Solo Mujeres" annual art exhibition and
10 Carnaval in the Spring, along with daily programming and expositions featuring local legends
11 and Latine artists from the community; and

12 WHEREAS, The building where MCCLA has operated, at 2868 Mission Street, is
13 owned by the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) with the express intent and chartered
14 mandate to provide a neighborhood site-based space for a cultural arts institution to safely
15 operate and offer a broad array of classes and workshops for adults and kids, art exhibits,
16 events, and more for established artists, budding artists and students, to practice and share
17 their craft with the public; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite the uncertainties of the status of any single non-profit, this building
19 should remain as a hub for arts and culture, representing the vibrant contributions of Latino
20 artists and cultural workers; and

21 WHEREAS, SFAC has long supported Latino arts and culture, with annual
22 programming grants that have provided accessible arts opportunities to all San Franciscans
23 and visitors, alongside three other site-based cultural centers on city-owned properties, and
24 two virtual cultural centers, all operated by non-profit arts organizations; and
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1 WHEREAS, The 2868 Mission Street building is scheduled for a much-needed
2 earthquake retrofit and other identified renovations within the scope of the retrofit project, for
3 which SFAC has procured funding to conduct extensive construction, that is expected to begin
4 in 2027 and will last for up to three years; and

5 WHEREAS, The intention and commitment by the City and San Francisco is to conduct
6 this retrofit and resume programming for Latino arts and culture at this location for the ongoing
7 future enjoyment of the public, with programming grants to a suitable non-profit that meets the
8 criteria to run a center for Latino arts and culture; and

9 WHEREAS, Not only is the historical legacy of this building and organization a central
10 thread in the cultural fabric of San Francisco, but the guarantee of its future is equally
11 important to the identity, vibrancy and artistic expression of San Francisco city-wide; now
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors declares a commitment on behalf of the City
14 and County of San Francisco, to protect and preserve the long-term future for a center for
15 Latino arts and culture in the Mission, at 2868 Mission Street; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the historical archives and community arts assets in the building
17 should be preserved and protected by and for the community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Arts Commission
19 and the Mayor's office to protect the legacy and future of this building that is rooted in the
20 community, that preserves arts and cultural programming, access to arts education, and
21 community celebrations that are unique and central to the Mission District.
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February 10, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/10/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

2/20/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

2/20/2026

Date