Resolution adding the commemorative street name “Randall Kline Alley” to the 200 Block of Linden Street in recognition of Randall Kline’s retirement from SFJAZZ and in celebration of founding the organization 40 years ago, while also recognizing the construction and opening of the SFJAZZ Center 10 years ago.

WHEREAS, Randall Kline is the Founder and Executive Artistic Director of SFJAZZ and has led the organization for 40 years distinguishing him as a trailblazer in the world of jazz; and

WHEREAS, Randall Kline has built SFJAZZ from a two-night festival into one of San Francisco’s most prized cultural institutions and plans to leave his role as executive artistic director next year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kline founded the organization - originally named Jazz in the City, in 1983; in December 1999, he announced the establishment of SFJAZZ, the San Francisco Jazz Organization, a much expanded organization with year-round concert and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Randall Kline has built the organization from a small community-based organization to an internationally recognized, year-round jazz institution; and

WHEREAS, On Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2013, the award winning SFJAZZ Center had its Grand Opening in the Hayes Valley neighborhood and Civic Center performing arts district; and

WHEREAS, The SFJAZZ Center is iconic and is the country’s only stand-alone building designed and dedicated to jazz presentation; and
WHEREAS, Randall Kline supports local and international artists by presenting over
450 concerts a year to more than 200,000 people at the SFJAZZ Center; and
WHEREAS, The SFJAZZ Center provides extensive education programs for people of
all ages, including middle school students in San Francisco and Oakland, and the award­
winning SFJAZZ High School All-Stars; and
WHEREAS, Randall Kline has made significant and remarkable contributions to the
vitality of our City, and his tremendous lifework truly represents San Francisco values at their
best; and
WHEREAS, Randall Kline's leadership has earned him countless recognitions
including the 2015 Bruce Lundvall Visionary Award, Museum of the African Diaspora of San
Francisco's 2014 Patron of Culture, the 2013 Leadership Award from Western Arts Alliance,
2013 Jazz Hero Award from Jazz Journalists Association, to name a few; and
WHEREAS, Randall Kline is an indelible part of the artistic and cultural fabric of San
Francisco, and his long and dedicated history of musical presentations and community
engagement deserves a grand celebration; and
WHEREAS, On May 4, 2023 SFJAZZ will host its annual fundraiser to honor Randall
Kline with the SFJAZZ Lifetime Achievement Award for his incomparable achievements on
behalf of jazz and on his retirement; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Randall Kline,
there shall be an honorary naming of “Randall Kline Alley” on Linden Street between Gough
Street and Franklin Street; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.
Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Randall Kline Alley" to the 200 Block of Linden Street in recognition of Randall Kline’s retirement from SFJAZZ and in celebration of founding the organization 40 years ago, while also recognizing the construction and opening of the SFJAZZ Center 10 years ago.

March 20, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 04, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/4/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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 her 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