Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename Gilbert Street, which runs parallel to 6th and 7th Streets and perpendicular to Bryant and Brannan Streets, to Jeff Adachi Way.

WHEREAS, Gilbert Street is the name of the public right-of-way between Bryant and Brannan Streets, and parallel to 6th and 7th Streets; and
WHEREAS, The building that houses the Office of the Public Defender, for the City and County of San Francisco, was built on 7th Street in 1987, and the back of building faces Gilbert Street; and
WHEREAS, The Public Defender hired Jeff Adachi in 1987, as a Deputy Public Defender assigned; and
WHEREAS, Beginning in 1987 until February 22, 2019, Jeff Adachi walked from the Public Defender's Office back entrance door, out to Gilbert Street to get to the criminal courthouse located at 850 Bryant Street; and
WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi used Gilbert Street as his thoroughfare to get to the criminal courthouse but also as a place to chat with lawyers who were coming back from court that day; and
WHEREAS, In 1999, because of his legendary reputation as an amazing trial lawyer, Jeff Adachi became Chief Attorney of the Public Defender's Office; and
WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi became the elected Public Defender in January 2003 when he took office; and
WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was elected Public Defender of San Francisco five times, often running unopposed; and
WHEREAS, During his 16 year tenure as Public Defender, Jeff Adachi transformed the Office of the Public Defender into the national model for public defender work; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi became the voice not only in San Francisco but across the country, for racial justice on behalf of the criminally accused; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi, a true believer who spearheaded a rebirth of the fight for racial and social equality, and built a nationwide army to carry the battle forward; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi led by example, trying and winning difficult cases for indigent clients; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi inspired multiple generations of lawyers to follow his example, to be fearless, to never waiver in the struggle for equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was a beloved warrior for justice in San Francisco and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi loved the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Plaques in honor of Jeff Adachi are being placed in his hometown of Sacramento and Tokyo; and

WHEREAS In the weeks after his death, memorials to him have not ceased; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was more than just a Public Defender, he was a community organizer that championed the fight to protect the vulnerable and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi had widespread support throughout San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, A candlelight vigil and march organized by the community just days after his passing was attended by over 1200 people; and

WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed hosted a public memorial for Jeff Adachi at City Hall and hundreds of community members and leaders attended to celebrate his life, now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends to rename Gilbert Street to Jeff Adachi Way to enshrine his legacy, and to mark his permanent transformation of the fight for justice on behalf of immigrants and the criminally accused; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to initiate the City’s street renaming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions related to street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors’ Office regarding posted and published notice for the street renaming, report to the Board on its findings so that the Board may officially rename the street.
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April 29, 2019 Land Use and Transportation Committee - CONTINUED

May 06, 2019 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 14, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Safai, Stefani and Yee

Excused: 2 - Ronen and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/14/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved
5/24/19