[Street Naming - Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue]

Resolution renaming Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current northern terminus to Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue and applying this new street name to the future public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue to its proposed end point near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School.

WHEREAS, Mayor Edwin M. Lee was a life-long champion of affordable housing, breaking down differences to grow coalitions in support of building housing across the City and County of San Francisco (the “City” or “San Francisco”) for low-income San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, As a child of first-generation Chinese immigrants, Mayor Lee grew up with his parents and five siblings in Seattle, Washington public housing, later attending University of California, Berkeley Law School; and

WHEREAS, Even as a young organizer, Mayor Lee was a staunch advocate of affordable housing, including supporting the Ping Yuen Resident Improvement Association to organize San Francisco's public housing rent strike due to unsafe and unsanitary conditions in housing units; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's career in public service began in the San Francisco Human Rights Commission in 1991 and he later went on to serve as Public Works Director and City Administrator before becoming the first Asian American Mayor of San Francisco in 2011; and

WHEREAS, As Mayor, Edwin M. Lee met his bold housing goals, including to build 30,000 new and rehabbed homes with at least one-third permanently affordable to low and moderate-income families; and
WHEREAS, Under Mayor Lee’s direction, the City created DAHLIA (Database of Affordable Housing Listings, Information, and Applications), a web-based portal that connects eligible residents with affordable housing, making the process easier and more transparent for applicants; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Mayor Lee’s big tent approach to leadership led to the passage of the “Housing Trust Fund,” San Francisco’s first affordable housing ballot measure since the 1996 Housing Bond championed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, Mayor Lee worked to stabilize housing for 500 educator households through down payment assistance, build educator housing apartments, and provide access to eviction services for educators experiencing evictions; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s tireless advocacy for educator housing and affordable housing on public lands led to the Balboa Reservoir Development Project, which includes more than 1,000 units of which 50% are affordable units, several acres of open public space, and a childcare facility; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee lived in Glen Park; was a champion of San Francisco’s Westside neighborhoods; often frequented Ocean Avenue, Sunnyside, and the many vibrant neighborhoods of Supervisorial District 7; and dedicated crucial City resources to Westside communities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee spent his public service career dedicated to social justice and worked tirelessly to make San Francisco more inclusive and equitable for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee will continue to be dearly missed by his family and his community, and his service to the City and County of San Francisco will never be forgotten; and
WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions of Mayor Lee to the City, the Board of Supervisors intends to change the name of existing Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its northern terminus and to establish the name of the future extension of this street from its current terminus to its end point at or near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School, to Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The 300 Block of current Lee Avenue, located between Ocean Avenue and its northern terminus adjacent to the City College of San Francisco parking lot, is a publicly dedicated street; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors intends to rename this street segment of Lee Avenue to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街” in honor of Mayor Lee; and

WHEREAS, Under the development agreement for the Balboa Reservoir Development Project, the Project sponsor will construct and dedicate a new, unnamed street to the City that extends from the current Lee Avenue at its northern terminus northward toward Archbishop Riordan High School (hereafter, this street segment is referred to as “Future Mayor Lee Avenue”); and

WHEREAS, Despite California Streets and Highways Code, Section 971, which allows the Board of Supervisors to name previously unnamed streets without any hearing or notice, the Board has elected to proceed with a Resolution and a public hearing process to name Future Mayor Lee Avenue in honor of Mayor Lee in accordance with California Government Code, Section 34091.1 and Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5 and 5026; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors anticipates dedicating Future Mayor Lee Avenue as open public right-of-way after its construction through subsequent actions and accepting this street and attendant public infrastructure for City maintenance and liability purposes subject to certain conditions; and
WHEREAS, The location of the segment of Lee Avenue to be renamed to Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue and Future Mayor Lee Avenue are shown on a map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230137 and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, In Public Works Order No. 207963 dated March 23, 2023, the Interim Public Works Director certified that Public Works determined that renaming of Lee Avenue to and establishing the proposed street name of Mayor Edwin M Lee Avenue do not conflict with the names of existing streets located in the City as set forth in Public Works Code, Section 423; and

WHEREAS, This Order also states that Public Works conducted the required notice to adjacent property owners and provided a report on its findings concerning the street renaming; and

WHEREAS, A copy of Public Works Order No. 207963, which includes the Public Works report, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230137 and is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, For establishing the name of unnamed streets and changing the name of existing streets, the City follows the applicable practices specified in Public Works Code, Section 423, the Public Works informational bulletin entitled “Street Name Establishment/Street Name Change,” California Government Code, Section 34091.1, and California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s legacy will live on in the lives of those who benefitted from his advocacy and law-making as well as the generations of San Franciscans who will call Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue home or use this street to move throughout the neighborhood; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board of Supervisors hereby renames the segment of Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current northern terminus to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the Public Works, on behalf of the City, properly posted the affected segment of existing Lee Avenue that is the subject of the street name change for the specified time period in compliance with California Streets and Highways Code, Section 970.5; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare street signs indicating both the new and former name of the street, with the new name “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街” in large letters, and the former name Lee Avenue in smaller letters beneath the new name for five years at which point new signs shall be installed bearing solely the new name; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the street name for the future northern public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue as Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街 in the location shown on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Future Mayor Lee Avenue street name will be operative at the time the Board of Supervisors accepts the public dedication of this particular street segment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City departments are authorized to use the new street name prior to their operative date should it be necessary for efficient administration of governmental functions, such as permit issuance and creation of property tax bills; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming and street name establishment are in honor of Mayor Lee's life of civic engagement and service to the government and citizens of San Francisco and its visitors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by adopting this Resolution, the Board of Supervisors does not intend to effectuate any change in City department jurisdictional control over any portion of the streets depicted on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026 in order to enter the names on the official records of San Francisco street names.
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May 01, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 09, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Ronen

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/9/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

London N. Breed
Mayor

05/19/2023
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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

[Signature]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/19/2023

Date

File No. 230137