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6/4/2012

FILE NO. 111338 ORDINANCE NO.

[Naming the Waller Street Stairway as Adah's Stairway]

Ordinance: 1) establishing the name of the stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street ~~stairway~~ at Waller and Broderick Streets ~~and connecting~~ that connects to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East as "Adah's Stairway," in recognition of Adah Bakalinsky, author of the book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*; 2) commemorating this location under Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance; 3) accepting a plaque and its installation in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky as a gift to the City; 4) waiving permit and inspection fees for plaque installation; and 5) directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings.

(a) In 1984, Adah Bakalinsky published the first edition of her book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*, bringing attention to the more than 350 public stairways in San Francisco that are listed in the first book, each with its own unique personality. Adah has walked all of them. The *New York Times* said of her book: " . . . a fascinating trek through the sidewalk staircases hidden around the city." Paul McHugh, a Bay Area novelist and former *San Francisco Chronicle* journalist, wrote: "Bakalinsky . . . is the Ferdinand Magellan, the Sir Francis Drake, the Vasco da Gama of San Francisco stairways". There are now 670 public stairways that have been created in the City and are available for exploration and learning about the unique neighborhoods of San Francisco.

(b) In May 2004, in celebration of the 5th edition and 20th anniversary of Ms. Bakalinsky's book, former Mayor Newsom recognized Adah Bakalinsky, whose book has turned her into a City institution and officially dedicated a day to San Francisco's stairways. This day encompassed six free guided stairway walks that took place simultaneously throughout San Francisco neighborhoods.

(c) According to the non-profit organization, San Francisco Beautiful: "Since the 1980s, Adah has played a pivotal role in stairway improvement projects. Her contagious enthusiasm and heartfelt encouragement have aided volunteers in formulating plans for stairway creation and accompanying garden improvements. Adah has done much to make stairway gardens a focal point for neighborhood activities. With her 'can do' spirit, whole neighborhoods have come out of their secluded homes and formed work parties to beautify these public right of ways."

(d) Local residents and tourists continue to use this book, now in its 7th revised edition and almost 30 years old. Adah's book serves as an inspiration to others to work together to beautify their neighborhood stairways and to write similar books in other cities.

(e) *Stairway Walks in San Francisco* continues to promote tourism of San Francisco's unique neighborhoods and encourages healthy communities by inspiring people to experience these outdoor open spaces, walk, and explore City neighborhoods.

(f) The stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street ~~stairway~~ at Waller and Broderick Streets that connects to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East would be an appropriate stairway to name in honor Ms. Bakalinsky and her contribution to San Francisco. The stairway on the southern portion of this Waller Street public right-of-way segment consists of a pedestrian stairway and lighting.

(g) The Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City, has complied with the California Streets and Highway Code Section 970.5 and properly posted the street area subject to this street name establishment for the specified time period.

Section 2. Naming the Stairway on the Southern Portion of Waller Street ~~Stairway~~ as Adah's Stairway.

Consistent with the San Francisco Public Works Code, California Streets and Highways Code Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026, and California Government Code Section 34091.1, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the name of the stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street ~~stairway~~ at Waller and Broderick Streets that connects ~~connecting~~ to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East as "Adah's Stairway" in recognition of Ms. Bakalinsky, her curiosity and exploration of San Francisco through its neighborhoods and connecting stairways, and her ability to share the adventure and exploration of stairways with all who come to San Francisco.

Section 3. Commemoration of Adah's Stairway.

The Board of Supervisors declares its intent to commemorate the abovementioned stairway in accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, in honor of Adah Bakalinsky.

Section 4. Gift Acceptance.

The Board of Supervisors accepts a commemorative plaque in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky and its installation as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco.

Section 5. Fee Waiver.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives all permit and inspection fees associated with the installation of the commemorative plaque.

Section 6. Requested Official Actions.

(a) The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Department of Public Works, if feasible, to install a sign(s) identifying this stairway as "Adah's Stairway."

(b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to add this stairway to the Official City Map of commemorative sites.

(c) The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to promptly forward a copy of this Ordinance to the County Surveyor in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Section 5026.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: _____
John D. Malamut
Deputy City Attorney

FILE NO. 111338

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(6/4/12 Amended in Committee)

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Existing Law

The Department of Public Works (DPW) regulates specified activities on the dedicated public right-of-way in accordance with the Public Works Code and other Municipal Codes. The public right-of-way consists of streets, sidewalks, ways and other public places as further defined in Public Works Code Sections 2.4.4(t) and 244. DPW administers the process under local and State law to name or change the name of public right-of-way, including stairways. DPW administers the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance program, Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., that authorizes the City to designate portions of the public right-of-way in honor of individuals, organizations, or events and to permit the install of commemorative plaques.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would name the stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street at Waller and Broderick Streets that connects to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East as "Adah's Stairway" in recognition of Adah Bakalinsky, author of the book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*. The legislation also would commemorate this location under the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, accept a plaque and its installation in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky as a gift to the City, waive permit and inspection fees for the plaque installation, and direct official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.

Background Information

The purpose of this legislation is to recognize Adah Bakalinsky, author of *Stairway Walks in San Francisco* and her contribution to the City and County of San Francisco.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Land Use and Economic Development Committee will a hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

Date: **Monday, June 4, 2012**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Location: **Committee Room 263 located at City Hall**
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA

Subject: **File No. 111338.** Ordinance: 1) establishing the name of the Waller Street stairway at Waller and Broderick Streets and connecting to Buena Vista Park as "Adah's Stairway," in recognition of Adah Bakalinsky, author of the book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*; 2) commemorating this location under Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance; 3) accepting a plaque and its installation in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky as a gift to the City; 4) waiving permit and inspection fees for plaque installation; and 5) directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.

In accordance with Section 67.7-1 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments to the City prior to the time the hearing begins. These comments will be made a part of the official public records in these matters, and shall be brought to the attention of the Members of the Committee. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Room 244, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee at (415) 554-4447.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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