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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 20, 2024

To: Katharine Anderson, City and County Surveyor  
Carla Short, Director, Public Works  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management  
Jeanine Nicholson, Chief, Fire Department  
Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
William Scott, Police Chief

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Street Naming - Portions of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue (File No. 230779)

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On July 25, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 400-23, sponsored by Supervisor Melgar (File No. 230779, Street Naming - Portions of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue). The resolution was enacted on July 28, 2023.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 400-23 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

- c: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Member of the Board of Supervisors  
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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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230779 [ Street Naming - Portions of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue ]

Sponsor: Melgar

Resolution renaming a segment of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street from its new terminus at 241 Palo Alto Avenue westward to its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and renaming the remaining segment of Palo Alto Avenue between its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at Clarendon Avenue to Dellbrook Avenue.

7/25/2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

7/28/2023 Mayor - APPROVED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 14, 2024

Date

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

1 [Street Naming - Portions of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue]

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3 **Resolution renaming a segment of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street from its**  
4 **new terminus at 241 Palo Alto Avenue westward to its intersection with Dellbrook**  
5 **Avenue and renaming the remaining segment of Palo Alto Avenue between its**  
6 **intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at Clarendon Avenue to**  
7 **Dellbrook Avenue.**

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9 WHEREAS, Palo Alto Avenue, La Avanzada Street, and Dellbrook Avenue are located  
10 in the Clarendon Heights neighborhood and the immediate vicinity of Sutro Tower; and

11 WHEREAS, The street name for the segment of Palo Alto Avenue from its 250 block  
12 westward to its terminus at Clarendon Avenue has caused public confusion because maps of  
13 the area use the Palo Alto Avenue nomenclature but the City street signage does not show  
14 this name; and

15 WHEREAS, Some residents in the neighborhood refer to this portion of the officially  
16 designated Palo Alto Avenue, i.e., the area that would be the start of the 250 block, as La  
17 Avanzada Street because that is the private street name that starts at Sutro Tower and ends  
18 where it intersects with a portion of Palo Alto Avenue with no developed parcels; and

19 WHEREAS, Some residents in the neighborhood refer to the portion of the officially  
20 designated Palo Alto Avenue that is further west at the intersection of Dellbrook Avenue, i.e.,  
21 the area that might be designated as the 300 block of Palo Alto Avenue or the 600 block of  
22 Dellbrook Avenue, as Dellbrook Avenue; and

23 WHEREAS, To avoid further confusion for neighbors, emergency providers, delivery  
24 services and other address-dependent functions, the Board of Supervisors proposes to  
25 harmonize the official street names with the neighborhood's informal street references and

1 existing street signage by officially changing the name of two segments of Palo Alto Avenue to  
2 La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, and terminating Palo Alto Avenue  
3 after its last remaining address of 241 Palo Alto Avenue; and

4 WHEREAS, The location of the segments of Palo Alto Avenue to be officially renamed  
5 to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, are shown on a map on file with  
6 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230779 and incorporated herein by  
7 reference; and

8 WHEREAS, For street name changes to existing streets, the City follows the applicable  
9 practices specified in Public Works Code, Section 423, the Public Works informational bulletin  
10 entitled "Street Name Establishment/Street Name Change," California Government Code,  
11 Section 34091.1, and California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, and 5026; and

12 WHEREAS, In Public Works Order No. 208268 dated June 22, 2023, the Interim Public  
13 Works Director certified that Public Works determined that renaming segments of Palo Alto  
14 Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, does not conflict with the  
15 names of existing streets located in the City as set forth in Public Works Code, Section 423;  
16 and

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

20 WHEREAS, A copy of Public Works Order No. 208268, which includes the Public  
21 Works report, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230779 and is  
22 incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board  
24 of Supervisors hereby officially renames Palo Alto Avenue between the start of what would be  
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1 the 250 block of Palo Alto Avenue and its westward intersection with Dellbrook Avenue to La  
2 Avanzada Street; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board officially renames the remaining segment of Palo  
4 Alto Avenue between its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at  
5 Clarendon Avenue to Dellbrook Avenue; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board acknowledges that the official terminus of Palo Alto  
7 Avenue will be at its last known address of 241 Palo Alto Avenue; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that Public  
9 Works, on behalf of the City, properly posted the affected segments of Palo Alto Avenue that  
10 are the subject of the street name change for the specified time period in compliance with  
11 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 970.5; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with  
13 Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare  
14 and/or maintain street signs indicating the new official name of La Avanzada Street and  
15 Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, along the street segment identified above; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Municipal  
17 Transportation Agency to ensure that any official signage on the public portion of La  
18 Avanzada as identified in this legislation is clearly differentiated from private signage that may  
19 be posted on the private portion of La Avanzada Street leading to Sutro Tower; and, be it

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
25 to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with

1 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026 in order to enter the names on the  
2 official records of San Francisco street names.

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**File Number:** 230779

**Date Passed:** July 25, 2023

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July 24, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

July 25, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 230779

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/25/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed  
Mayor

7/28/23

Date Approved