

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Naming the Permanent Supportive Housing Development at 1321 Mission Street for Margot Antonetty]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to name the permanent supportive housing development located at 1321 Mission Street in memory of public health advocate Margot Antonetty.**

### Existing Law

There is no law that regulates the name of the building located at 1321 Mission Street.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would name the permanent supportive housing development located at 1321 Mission Street “the Margot,” in memory of public health advocate Margot Antonetty, and would require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to post signage reflecting the name of the building and noting Margot Antonetty’s accomplishments.

### Background Information

Margot Antonetty devoted her 30-year career as a respected public health leader and advocate, helping those who have experienced mental illness, HIV, and homelessness. From the late 1980s through the early 1990s, Antonetty was an AIDS activist and worked at Baker Places, a nonprofit treatment center that has since merged with PRC. She later began a decades-long career with the City and County of San Francisco, joining the Department of Public Health (DPH) in 1998 as Director of Programs, overseeing funding received under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program.

From 2007 to 2012, Antonetty served as the Deputy Director of Housing and Urban Health, and in that role, she is credited with creating permanent supportive housing as it is known in San Francisco. Antonetty helped to establish the Direct Access to Housing Program (DAH) -- the City’s nationally recognized permanent supportive housing program for people experiencing homelessness who have complex medical, mental health, and/or substance use diagnoses. Today, DAH houses over 1,700 individuals across 38 sites in the City. In her role, Antonetty served as the community liaison for DPH’s permanent supportive housing program, building the Department’s most trusted relationships with providers and clients.

Antonetty was a champion for housing with as few barriers to entry and as many supports as possible, and was firmly committed to ensuring that people thrived in supportive housing. She was committed to welcoming into such housing the most vulnerable among us, who often fell

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through the many cracks in the safety net of City services, and providing stability, care, and dignity to as many people as possible.

In 2022, the City purchased the property at 1321 Mission Street for use as permanent supportive housing for adults and families exiting homelessness. The 1321 Mission Street development includes services, programs, and amenities inspired by the work of the late Margot Antonetty.

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