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**FROM:** John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Mahmood on May 13, 2025.

**File No. 250524**

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" to the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, in recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights and community-building in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as Senior Pastor of Third Baptist Church.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org).

**cc:**

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1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate  
2 Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"]

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4 **800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, in**  
5 **recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights and community-building**  
6 **in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as Senior Pastor of Third**  
7 **Baptist Church.**

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9 WHEREAS, The activist career of Reverend (Rev.) Dr. Amos C. Brown began with his  
10 youth involvement in the NAACP in segregated Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown took part in the Freedom Rides and was one of eight students  
12 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Morehouse College; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led Third Baptist Church at the corner of Pierce Street and  
14 McAllister Street since 1976 and has been a steadfast leader in the Western Addition  
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Brown's leadership, Third Baptist Church stabilized the F.D  
17 Haynes Gardens housing complex, established Friday Night Live and Back on Track youth  
18 programs, and continues to serve seniors through community building and food for the needy;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's impact on the community and commitment to social justice  
21 extended well beyond the walls of the church; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led the San Francisco chapter of the National Association  
23 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leading the fight for social justice and Black  
24 empowerment in San Francisco; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown led fundraising and resettlement efforts for over 3,000 refugees  
2 from Ethiopia and Eritrea, including hosting refugees in his own home that would go on to  
3 become integral parts of the Western Addition and San Francisco community; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has served his city on the Board of Supervisors and the City  
5 College Board of Trustees, his state as vice-chair of the California Reparations Task Force,  
6 and the world as a delegate to the United Nations Conference on Race and Intolerance; and

7           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works and the office of District 5 Supervisor  
8 Bilal Mahmood is in receipt of a request from Third Baptist Church to rename two blocks of  
9 Pierce Street between Fulton Street and Golden Gate Avenue in honor of Rev. Brown's  
10 distinguished career; now, therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, That in order to honor the historic contributions of Dr. Brown, there shall  
12 be an honorary naming of "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" on Pierce Street between Fulton Street  
13 and Golden Gate Avenue; and, be it

14          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the  
15 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with  
16 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.

## Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☒ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor [ ] inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. [ ]
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on [ ]

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission    ☐ Youth Commission    ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission    ☐ Building Inspection Commission    ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes    ☒ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Mahmood; Walton

Subject:

Commemorative Street Name Designation – "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" – 800 and 900 Blocks of Pierce Street

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: [s/ Bilal Mahmood]