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

DATE: May 20, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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. 250523

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, to "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" 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.

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1 [Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden
2 Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"]

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

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9 WHEREAS, Pierce Street runs alongside Third Baptist Church, which has been led by
10 Reverend (Rev.) Dr. Amos C. Brown since 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, The activist career of Rev. Brown began with his youth involvement in the
12 NAACP in segregated Mississippi; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led the San Francisco chapter of the National Association
24 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leading the fight for social justice and Black
25 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, In order to honor the historic contributions of Rev. Brown, the Board of
12 Supervisors intends to rename Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue "Dr.
13 Amos. C. Brown Way," pending the Department of Public Works' street naming procedures,
14 so that Rev. Brown's legacy is not forgotten; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to initiate
16 the City's street renaming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions related to
17 street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office regarding
18 posted and published notice for the street renaming; and report to the Board on its findings so
19 that the Board may officially rename the street.

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:

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" to the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street 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.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Bilal Mahmood