

1 [Naming a Portion of the Carolina Street Stairway as Jack Balestreri Way - Carolina and 20th
2 Streets]

3 **Ordinance establishing the name for a portion of the Carolina Street stairway, at**
4 **Carolina and 20th Streets, that connects the Carolina Street cul-de-sac, as “Jack**
5 **Balestreri Way;” commemorating this location under Public Works Code, Sections 789,**
6 **et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, in honor of Mr. Balestreri;**
7 **accepting a plaque in honor of Jack Balestreri as a gift to the City and County of San**
8 **Francisco; waiving fees for the street naming process and plaque installation; and**
9 **directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.**

10 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
11 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
12 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
13 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
14 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
15 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
16 subsections or parts of tables.

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

18 Section 1. Findings.

19 (a) In 1916, Jack Balestreri, born to Sicilian immigrants, started life on “Goat Hill,” also
20 known as Potrero Hill. He started his first job at 7 years old in a machine shop. In 1933, when
21 he was only 17 years old, Mr. Balestreri was hired to do concrete work on the south tower of
22 the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco anchorage, a job he held for 3 years. The
23 Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most internationally recognized symbols of San Francisco,
24 California, and the United States. The American Society of Civil Engineers has declared the
25 Golden Gate Bridge one of the Wonders of the Modern World. With the earnings from his
days on the Bridge, Mr. Balestreri paid for and built the stairs that sat alongside his house on
Carolina and 20th Street.

1 (b) Jack Balestreri grew up playing baseball with the likes of Dominic and Joe
2 DiMaggio. He played professionally for the Ponca City Angels in Oklahoma and the
3 Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League.

4 (c) Jack Balestreri learned the sheet metal trade and was a member of Sheet Metal
5 Workers Union Local 104 for 70 years. During World War II, he worked at the Bethlehem
6 Steel shipyard at the foot of Potrero Hill. It was there that he met his sweetheart Marina, and
7 married her in 1943. After the War, Mr. Balestreri worked as a draftsman at Scott Mechanical
8 Contractors in San Francisco for nearly 40 years.

9 (d) In 1987, Mayor Dianne Feinstein honored Jack Balestreri with a key to the City at
10 the 50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge's opening. In 2012, nearly a month before the
11 75th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge, Jack Balestreri passed away at
12 age 95. He was the last surviving member of the original workforce that built the Bridge.

13 (e) Jack Balestreri was one of the quiet people who helped to build San Francisco. He
14 was born and raised in the City, and was a wonderful neighbor to all on Carolina Street for 95
15 years.

16 (f) Mr. Balestreri built the stairs for which this proposed legislation seeks to honor him.
17 Local residents already know these stairs today as "Jack's stairs," and fondly remember his
18 stories about growing up on "Goat Hill."

19 (g) The unnamed pedestrian stairway on the northern portion of Carolina Street at
20 Carolina and 20th Streets that connects to Carolina Street would be a relevant, meaningful,
21 and appropriate stairway to name in honor Jack Balestreri and his contribution to building San
22 Francisco.

23 (h) The Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City, has complied with the
24 California Streets and Highway Code Section 970.5, and properly posted the public right-of-
25 way area subject to this street name establishment for the specified time period. Evidence of

1 this posting is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 130673 and is
2 incorporated herein by reference.

3 Section 2. Naming the Stairway on the Northern Portion of Carolina Street as Jack
4 Balestreri Way.

5 (a) Consistent with the San Francisco Public Works Code, California Streets and
6 Highways Code Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026, and California Government Code Section
7 34091.1, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the name of the
8 unnamed stairway on the northern portion of Carolina Street at Carolina and 20th Streets that
9 connects the Carolina Street cul-de-sac as “Jack Balestreri Way.”

10 (b) The Board’s action is done in recognition of Jack Balestreri and his enormous
11 contribution to the City and County of San Francisco and the local community, including his
12 building of the stairs that now officially will bare his name.

13 Section 3. Commemoration of Jack Balestreri Way and Gift Acceptance.

14 (a) The Board of Supervisors declares its intent to commemorate the abovementioned
15 stairway in accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative
16 Street Plaque Ordinance, in honor of Jack Balestreri and authorizes installation of a plaque at
17 this location.

18 (b) The Board of Supervisors accepts a commemorative plaque in honor of Mr.
19 Balestreri as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco.

20 Section 4. Fee Waiver.

21 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of
22 Supervisors hereby waives all fees associated with: (a) establishing the name for this
23 unnamed portion of the public right-of-way and (b) permitting and inspection related to the
24 installation of the commemorative plaque .

25 Section 5. Requested Official Actions.

1 (a) The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Department of Public Works,
2 in conjunction with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, if feasible, to install a
3 sign(s) identifying this stairway as "Jack Balestreri Way."

4 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to add this
5 stairway to the Official City Map of commemorative sites and take all other actions necessary
6 to implement the intent of this Ordinance, including issuance of a permit for installation of the
7 plaque, which shall be conditioned upon approval of the Civic Design Review Committee of
8 the Arts Commission.

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

12 Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
13 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
14 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
15 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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