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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 20, 2023

To: Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director, San Francisco Municipal  
Transportation Agency

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

Subject: Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Panos Place" - 100-200 Block  
of Corbett Avenue (File No. 230948)

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On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 582-23, sponsored by Supervisor Mandelman (File No. 230948, Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Panos Place" - 100-200 Block of Corbett Avenue). The resolution was enacted on December 15, 2023.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 582-23 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: Tom Paulino, Office of the Mayor  
Kate Breen, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Janet Martinsen, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Joel Ramos, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Ricardo Olea, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Panos Place" - 100-200 Block of Corbett  
2 Avenue]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Panos Place" to Corbin Place**  
4 **between the 100 and 200 block of Corbett Avenue in recognition of San Francisco**  
5 **resident Panagiotis Koutsoyannis.**

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7 WHEREAS, Corbett Heights Neighbors, a Corona Heights neighborhood association  
8 formed in 2004, has formally requested that San Francisco rename Corbin Place, a short  
9 stairway with gardens located perpendicular to, and between, Corbett Avenue and 17th Street  
10 in the Corona Heights neighborhood of the City, to honor long time San Francisco resident  
11 Panagiotis Koutoyannis, aka "Panos"; and

12 WHEREAS, Corbin Place is not a street; rather, it is a 60 foot stairway of 40 concrete  
13 steps perpendicular to and linking the 100-200 block of Corbett Avenue to the 4000th block of  
14 17th Street; with two gardens, each 21 feet wide on both sides of the stairway; located on  
15 Department of Public Works property without any houses or structures accessible from Corbin  
16 Place; and is generally identified on internet- accessible maps as the "Corbin Stairs;" and

17 WHEREAS, From the "S.F. Board of Supervisors Proceedings N.S 4" from 1909,  
18 Corbin Place was dedicated and so named on 8 December 1909 (San Francisco Bill 1117,  
19 Ordinance No. 988); and

20 WHEREAS, Diligent research has not conclusively confirmed the identity of the person,  
21 if any, for which Corbin Place was named, speculation is that it may be for a Major General  
22 Corbin who was born in Ohio but visited San Francisco for ten days, arriving on October 6 of  
23 1904, while en route to the U.S. colony of the Philippines where he was to assume a position  
24 as a Commander, this according to the San Francisco Chronicle in its edition of October 6,  
25 1904; and

1           WHEREAS, Diligent research has failed to unearth any other indicia of San Francisco  
2 related civic accomplishments of said Major Corbin or any contributions he might have made  
3 to the betterment or history of the City; and

4           WHEREAS, Panagiotis Koutoyannis has lived in a residence that abuts the west side  
5 garden of Corbin Place since 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, The stairway and the two gardens of Corbin Place were not regularly  
7 maintained by the City until Mr. Koutoyannis commenced to do so in 2011, and thereafter he  
8 continuously replanted and maintained the gardens; installed lights, seasonal decorations,  
9 and an irrigation system; and added notable historical and San Francisco-specific artwork to  
10 the gardens; and

11           WHEREAS, Thanks to the past and continuing work of Mr. Koutoyannis, all at his own  
12 expense, the two gardens at Corbin Place are stunning and beautiful islands of green, light,  
13 and delight to adults and children alike, as well as to the many Muni riders who regularly use  
14 the stairs to access the 37 bus on Corbett Avenue; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2019 Corbett Heights Neighbors honored Mr. Koutoyannis for his  
16 extraordinary work and generous contribution to the neighborhood by hosting an event in his  
17 honor there, an event attended by scores of neighbors; and

18           WHEREAS, In view of the generous contribution of Mr. Koutoyannis, in both money  
19 and time, in gifting the neighborhood this exceptional, peaceful, and beautiful island of green  
20 and whimsy between two well-travelled traffic arteries, Corbett Avenue and 17th Street; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal Transportation  
23 Agency to erect street signs at Corbin Place, located between the 100 and 200 block of  
24 Corbett Avenue, indicating both the honorary and the existing names of the street, either on a  
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single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary name "Panos Place" in smaller letters above or beneath the existing name.



# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 230948

**Date Passed:** December 05, 2023

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Panos Place" to Corbin Place between the 100 and 200 block of Corbett Avenue in recognition of San Francisco resident Panagiotis Koutsoyannis.

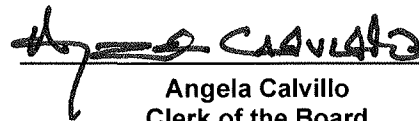
December 04, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

December 05, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 230948

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/5/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed  
Mayor

12/15/23

Date Approved