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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alaric Degrafinried, Interim Director, Public Works

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: June 28, 2021

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 Preston on June 22, 2021:

**File No. 210744**

**Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Polytechnic Way" to the 700 block of Frederick Street in recognition of San Francisco's first public high school and its contribution to the education of thousands of San Franciscans from 1894 to 1972.**

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: [erica.major@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org).

cc: David Steinberg, Public Works  
Jeremy Spitz, Public Works  
John Thomas, Public Works  
Lena Liu, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Polytechnic Way" - 700 Block of Frederick  
2 Street]

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4 **of Frederick Street in recognition of San Francisco's first public high school and its**  
5 **contribution to the education of thousands of San Franciscans from 1894 to 1972.**

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7 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School (Poly) was the first public high school in San  
8 Francisco, California from 1884 until 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School was located with entrances at 701 Frederick  
10 Street and exits at 372 Carl Street, and was bordered by Willard and Arguello Streets in San  
11 Francisco, California; and

12 WHEREAS, Kezar Stadium was originally a part of Poly's athletic facilities, and over  
13 50,000 people attended Poly's football games against Lowell High School in both 1928 and  
14 1947; and

15 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School notable alumni includes former 49ers head coach  
16 George Seifert, former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, pro footballer Bob St. Clair,  
17 musician Paul Desmond, actress Janet Gaynor, lead singer Victor Willis of Village People,  
18 Nobel Prize in Physics recipient Luis Walter Alvarez, artist Louis Macouillard, cartoonist Tad  
19 Dorgan, physicist Edward Ginzton, athlete Alice Marble – International Tennis Hall of Fame,  
20 musician Merl Saunders, announcer George Fenneman, and Rudy Rintala, a four-sport star  
21 athlete at Stanford University during the 1930's; and

22 WHEREAS, Thousands of Polytechnic High School graduates went on to live and work  
23 in the San Francisco Bay Area, collectively making a positive difference throughout the years;  
24 now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Polytechnic  
2 High School, the San Francisco Public Works is directed to add the honorary street name to  
3 its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with 17 Public Works Code,  
4 Section 789 et seq.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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