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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

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

DATE: August 7, 2024

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Mandelman on July 30, 2024.

File No. 240801

Ordinance designating a portion of the sidewalk near the corner of Woodland Avenue at Parnassus Avenue as the site of a future commemorative plaque in honor of the former activists of Woodland Avenue (Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks, Agar Jaicks); granting the Public Works Director authority to approve the installation of said plaque to be installed at said location following the Director's review of all permit application materials and the approval of the plaque design by the Design Review Committee of the Arts Commission; waiving permit and inspection fees under the Public Works Code for the installation of the plaque; directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance, as defined herein; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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.

cc:
Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Mandelman
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1 [Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver]
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 5 **former activists of Woodland Avenue (Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt**
 6 **Jaicks, Agar Jaicks); granting the Public Works Director authority to approve the**
 7 **installation of said plaque to be installed at said location following the Director’s review**
 8 **of all permit application materials and the approval of the plaque design by the Design**
 9 **Review Committee of the Arts Commission; waiving permit and inspection fees under**
 10 **the Public Works Code for the installation of the plaque; directing official acts in**
 11 **furtherance of this Ordinance, as defined herein; and affirming the Planning**
 12 **Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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

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

21 Section 1. CEQA Findings.

22 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
 23 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
 24 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
 25 Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this
 determination.

1 Section 2. Commemoration of Woodland Avenue Activists.

2 (a) The civic and social justice activism of two couples, Jane Morrison and Jack
3 Morrison and Diana Roosevelt Jaicks and Agar Jaicks, former residents of Woodland Avenue
4 who were and remain known as the Woodland Avenue Activists, reaches back to the 1950s
5 and has contributed to San Francisco's transformation into the progressive city it is today.

6 (b) Jack Morrison served two terms as a San Francisco Supervisor and joined with
7 others to found San Francisco Tomorrow in response to the zoning battles of the 1960s. He
8 was a pioneer in urban environmentalism, leading successful fights to protect the San
9 Francisco waterfront from overdevelopment, to increase accessibility to Golden Gate Park, to
10 oppose downtown development, and to tear down the Embarcadero Freeway.

11 (c) Jane Morrison served on numerous advisory bodies and in numerous roles related
12 to social justice and the environment, including as Women's Chair of the California
13 Democratic Party, President of San Francisco Tomorrow, and Chair of the San Francisco
14 Democratic County Central Committee. She also served on the San Francisco Human
15 Services Commission for over a decade.

16 (d) Agar Jaicks served on the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee
17 for three decades, including 16 years as Chair, organizing voter registration drives and
18 supporting the advancement of women, LGBTQ members, and candidates of color who were
19 beginning to run for offices predominantly held before then by straight white males. He also
20 served on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the Democratic National
21 Committee, eventually serving as a member of the Democratic National Committee's
22 Executive Committee.

23 (e) In the 1950s, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks served as Co-Chair of the Urban Renewal
24 Committee of the San Francisco Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of
25 Colored People ("NAACP"), which attempted to halt the San Francisco Redevelopment

1 Agency's demolition of low-income homes in the Western Addition. In the early 1960s, she
2 picketed car dealerships on Van Ness Avenue that would not hire African Americans. As a
3 part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, Diana became a child care teacher in
4 the Head Start program for underserved children and later volunteered at the Haight Ashbury
5 Food Program to serve the working poor and the homeless.

6 (f) Both Agar and Diana Roosevelt Jaicks marched and were arrested to protest the
7 Vietnam War and the Iraq War. They routinely walked Local 2 picket lines and were arrested
8 for civil disobedience in support of striking Local 2 hotel and restaurant workers.

9 (g) Beginning in the 1960s the Morrisons' and Jaicks' respective homes on Woodland
10 Avenue, and Woodland Avenue itself, became legendary grassroots fundraising venues for
11 generations of Democratic Party candidates such as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi,
12 Congressman Phillip Burton, Congressman John Burton, State Senator Carole Migden, State
13 Assembly Speaker and Mayor Willie Brown, State Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Mayor
14 George Moscone, Mayor Art Agnos, and Supervisor Sophie Maxell, among others. For nearly
15 60 years their living rooms were well-known meeting places for advancing the twin causes of
16 economic and social equality.

17 (h) These couples strove – successfully – to make San Francisco a better place for all
18 of its residents. They are deserving of a sidewalk plaque commemorating their contributions
19 and honoring their legacies.

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21 Section 3. Designation of Portion of Sidewalk Near Corner of Woodland Avenue and
22 Parnassus Avenue in Commemoration of the Activists of Woodland Avenue.

23 (a) In accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789.2(a), the Board of
24 Supervisors, in recognition of the civic contributions of Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana
25 Roosevelt Jaicks, and Agar Jaicks (the "Activists of Woodland Avenue"), hereby designates

1 the portion of sidewalk on the easterly side of Woodland Avenue near Parnassus Avenue,
2 adjoining the residence at 8 Woodland Avenue (the “Woodland Avenue Sidewalk”), as the site
3 of a future commemorative plaque in honor of the Activists of Woodland Avenue.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of
5 Supervisors hereby waives the Public Works hearing on the application for the Woodland
6 Avenue Activists commemorative plaque.

7 (c) The Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to add the Woodland Avenue
8 Sidewalk to the Official City Map of commemorative sites. Moreover, the Board of
9 Supervisors directs Public Works to add the Woodland Avenue Activists commemorative
10 plaque to the Official City Map of commemorative sites following the Public Works Director’s
11 acceptance of the plaque on the City’s behalf pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.

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13 Section 4. Delegation of Authority to Public Works Director to Approve Plaque
14 Installation.

15 In accordance with Public Works Code Section 789.4(c), the Board of Supervisors
16 approves the commemoration of Woodland Avenue Activists on the Woodland Avenue
17 Sidewalk, and authorizes the Public Works Director to approve the installation of one
18 commemorative plaque on or about the Woodland Avenue Sidewalk, which approval is
19 conditioned upon the approval of the plaque design by the Arts Commission’s Civic Design
20 Review Committee and the Director’s review of all applicable permit application materials and
21 determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all applicable engineering,
22 installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of Public Works Code
23 Sections 789 through 789.7.

1 Section 5. Fee Waiver.

2 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of
3 Supervisors hereby waives all permit and inspection fees associated with the installation of
4 the commemorative plaque in honor of the Woodland Avenue Activists in accordance with this
5 ordinance.

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7 Section 6. Official Actions Directed.

8 The Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to take all actions necessary to
9 implement the intent of this ordinance, including approval of the installation of the
10 aforementioned plaque, which shall be conditioned upon approval of the Civic Design Review
11 Committee of the Arts Commission, and the Director’s review of all applicable permit
12 application materials and determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all
13 applicable engineering, installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of
14 Public Works Code Sections 789 through 789.7.

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16 Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
17 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
18 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
19 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
22 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

23 By: /s/ Christopher T. Tom
24 CHRISTOPHER T. TOM
25 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver]

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Existing Law

The Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance (Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq.) sets forth the procedures for commemoration of historical sites, events, and persons in locations upon a public street or place. Pursuant to Public Works Code Section 789.4, the Board of Supervisors may elect to hold a hearing on a proposal to commemorate a site, event, or person of historical interest to San Francisco prior to the submittal of a complete application to the Department of Public Works; in addition, the Board may approve the commemoration of a site, event, or person and authorize the Public Works Director to approve the installation of commemorative plaques at precise locations, following the Arts Commission's approval of the plaque design and the Director's review of all application materials.

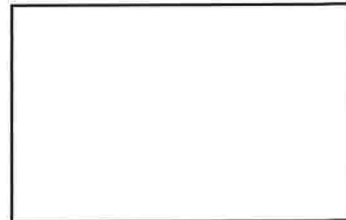
Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would designate a portion of the sidewalk near the corner of Woodland Avenue at Parnassus Avenue as the site of a future commemorative plaque in honor of Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks, and Agar Jaicks, the former activists of Woodland Avenue. In addition, the ordinance would authorize the Public Works Director to approve the installation of one commemorative plaque on Woodland Avenue, which approval would be conditioned upon the approval of the plaque design by the Arts Commission's Civic Design Review Committee and the Director's review of all applicable permit application materials and determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all applicable engineering, installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance. This ordinance would waive all permit and inspection fees associated with the installation of the commemorative plaque.

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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):

Mandelman; Chan

Subject:

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Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 