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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works

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

DATE: August 8, 2023

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 Safai on July 25, 2023.

**File No. 230877**

**Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "Elsie Tonelli Street" to Mission Street between Santa Rosa Avenue and Excelsior Avenue in recognition of her contribution to San Francisco as a local figure.**

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.

cc: David Steinberg, Public Works  
Ian Schneider, Public Works  
John Thomas, Public Works  
Lena Liu, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Elsie Tonelli Street" - Mission Street between  
2 Santa Rosa Avenue and Excelsior Avenue]

3 **Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "Elsie Tonelli Street" to Mission**  
4 **Street between Santa Rosa Avenue and Excelsior Avenue in recognition of her**  
5 **contribution to San Francisco as a local figure.**

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7 WHEREAS, Elsie Tonelli was a longtime leader in the City and County of San  
8 Francisco and the Excelsior District, and is a person worthy of recognition for her  
9 accomplishments through a commemorative street name; and

10 WHEREAS, Elsie Tonelli, in her capacity as a local businesswoman, has significantly  
11 contributed to the economic growth and development of the Excelsior District, pioneering  
12 innovative strategies, and creating job opportunities for residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Elsie Tonelli consistently demonstrated a deep dedication to her  
14 community, investing countless hours in volunteering, social services, and the betterment of  
15 this locale through 73 years of operations at Central Drug Store; and

16 WHEREAS, Elsie Tonelli passed away on January 17, 2023, at the age of 96 and was,  
17 at the time of her death, survived by six children, 18 grandchildren and 23 great-  
18 grandchildren, who leave behind a legacy for decades to come; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a policy of naming at least 30% of public places after  
20 women, and a June 22, 2023, report from the Department of the Status of Women shows that  
21 only 7% of streets out of 600 are named after women; and

22 WHEREAS, This commemorative street name would further the goals of Ordinance  
23 243-18; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Elsie Tonelli, there shall  
2 be a commemorative naming of Mission Street between Santa Rosa Avenue and Excelsior  
3 Avenue; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the  
5 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with  
6 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.

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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

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