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## MEMORANDUM

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk

DATE: March 9, 2026

SUBJECT **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

The subject resolution should be presented as a COMMITTEE REPORT during the Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The Land Use and Transportation committee recommended this resolution as amended as a committee report during the regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026., by the votes indicated.

**BOS Item No. 20**

**File No. 260098**

**[Commemorative Street Name Designation - Oakdale Avenue between of Third Street and Newhall - "James Richards Way"]**

Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "James Richards Way" on Oakdale Avenue between Third Street to Newhall Street.

RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Myrna Melgar – Aye  
Supervisor Chyanne Chen – Aye  
Supervisor Bilal Mahmood – Aye

Cc: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy  
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 260098

Committee Item No. 1

Board Item No. 20

## COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Date: March 9, 2026

Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Date: March 10, 2026

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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: March 5, 2026

Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: March 9, 2026

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - Oakdale Avenue between of Third Street and  
2 Newhall - "James Richards Way"]

3 **Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "James Richards Way" on**  
4 **Oakdale Avenue between Third Street to Newhall Street.**

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6 WHEREAS, As a young man, James Richards was mentored by the legendary Big  
7 Five of Hunters Point, women who led efforts to deliver positive change for  
8 disadvantaged youth and families of Southeast San Francisco, including Ms. Elouise  
9 Westbrook; and

10 WHEREAS, James formed the organization Young Men for Action as a way to bring  
11 together youth to fight for change; through his work with the San Francisco Housing Authority  
12 in the 1970's James not only advocated for improving housing conditions, but for employment  
13 opportunities for young people; and

14 WHEREAS, James formed close relationships with building trade unions and  
15 established his own union electrical contracting company, Southeast Electrical, in 1984.  
16 James was able to partner with the IBEW Local 6 and Laborers Local 261 to hire local  
17 residents on local construction projects; and

18 WHEREAS, By the early 1990's however, James seized upon the opportunity to put  
19 hundreds of local residents to work breaking down old naval ships at the Hunters Point  
20 Shipyard. To maximize jobs for neighborhood residents, particularly Black jobseekers, James  
21 formed a new organization: Aboriginal Blackman United, or ABU; and

22 WHEREAS, During the peak of the Great Recession in 2010, James organized  
23 hundreds of unemployment Hunters Point residents, in coalition with community partners from  
24 around the City and non-profit civil rights attorneys, to support the 2010 San Francisco Local  
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1 Hiring Policy for Construction, which made local hiring a requirement on all city-funded public  
2 works; and

3 WHEREAS, Not only was James the driving force on the ground to push local hiring  
4 over the line, but he and ABU have been critical to the policy's success over the past 14  
5 years. ABU now works with City Build, community-based organizations, and building trade  
6 unions to recruit, train, and support the next generation of local hires. James also founded  
7 ABU's GED Training and Scholarship Programs to make sure that high school completion is  
8 not a barrier to economic opportunity; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, James has been a lifelong advocate for violence prevention  
10 and ABU's efforts to provide employment opportunities for the community is linked to James's  
11 vision that "there's nothing that stops a bullet like a job."; and

12 WHEREAS, Every Thanksgiving, James and ABU distribute hundreds of turkeys to  
13 disadvantaged families. During the holidays, ABU hosts a coat drive to help keep children of  
14 low-income families warm throughout the winter; and

15 RESOLVED, In recognition of the very same location of the tragic shooting of his friend  
16 outside the Bayview Opera House, as well as the longtime headquarters of ABU for many  
17 years, it is proposed to commemoratively rename one block of Oakdale Avenue west of Third  
18 Street to "James Richards Way"; and, be it,

19 FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is hereby directed to add  
20 the honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names, in accordance  
21 with Public Works Code, Sections 789 et seq.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

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

DATE: February 6, 2026

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 Walton on January 27, 2026.

**File No. 260098**

Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "James Richard Way" on Oakdale Avenue between Third Street to Newhall Street.

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](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org).

cc:  
Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Walton  
David Steinberg, Public Works  
Ian Schneider, Public Works  
Jason Wong, Public Works



**MYRNA MELGAR**

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DATE: March 5, 2026

TO: Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT

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Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, March 10, 2026:

**File No. 260098**

**Commemorative Street Name Designation - Oakdale Avenue  
between of Third Street and Newhall - "James Richard Way"**  
Sponsor: Walton

This matter will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026.

## 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):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: