

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(10/7/2013, Amended in Committee)

[Naming a Portion of the Carolina Street Stairway as Jack Balestreri Way - Carolina and 20th Streets]

**Ordinance establishing the name for a portion of the Carolina Street stairway, at Carolina and 20th Streets, that connects the Carolina Street cul-de-sac, as “Jack Balestreri Way;” commemorating this location under Public Works Code, Sections 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, in honor of Mr. Balestreri; accepting a plaque in honor of Jack Balestreri as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco; waiving fees for the street naming process and plaque installation; and directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.**

Existing Law

The Department of Public Works (DPW) regulates specified activities on the dedicated public right-of-way in accordance with the Public Works Code and other Municipal Codes. The public right-of-way consists of streets, sidewalks, ways and other public places as further defined in Public Works Code Sections 2.4.4(t) and 244. DPW administers the process under local and State law to name or change the name of public right-of-way, including stairways. DPW administers the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance program, Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., that authorizes the City to designate portions of the public right-of-way in honor of individuals, organizations, or events and to permit the install of commemorative plaques.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would establish the name for the unnamed portion of the Carolina Street stairway at Carolina and 20th Streets that connects the Carolina Street cul-de-sac as “Jack Balestreri Way”. The legislation also would commemorate this location under Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, in honor of Mr. Balestreri, local resident who paid for and built the subject stairs with his earnings from his days working on the Golden Gate Bridge. The Ordinance would accept a commemorative plaque as a gift to the City and waive fees for the street naming process and installation of the plaque. The legislation also would direct official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance, including the addition of this stairway to the official City Map of commemorative sites and forwarding of copy of the Ordinance to the County Surveyor in accordance with State law.

Background Information

The purpose of this legislation is to recognize Jack Balestreri, the last surviving member of the original workforce that built the Golden Gate Bridge and one of the quiet people who helped to build San Francisco, including the stairs that the Ordinance names in his honor.