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**Subject:** RE: BOS Referral: File No. 191302 - Street Name Change - Steuart Street to Steuart Lane  
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Hello. I was following up on this request on behalf of the SFMTA. While we have no concerns with the name change in terms of costs to the SFMTA (it would involve changing one city sign, which would be less than \$500 dollars) we do have some reservations on the legislation as a concept. Typically in San Francisco it is unprecedented for a street to change street name suffix (Avenue, Street, Boulevard, Terrace, etc) for just one block. Thus this type of address change is not intuitive to the public. Given the street name is not changing the resolution is not honoring anyone new, only changing a street to a "lane" (which itself is unusual suffix to employ in the downtown area, typically reserved for alleys). The street block in question is also devoid of many frontages except local access. While this means the change doesn't affect that many addresses, if any, it is also then not clear who it is benefiting. And the transportation wayfinding rationale for the change is also not clear. The legislation states that:

*Renaming the street for that block would benefit the neighborhood by creating further clarity as to which portion of the street is a thoroughfare from that which dead-ends and cannot be used for passage;*

Dead end streets are not determined in San Francisco by street name signs but by things such as DEAD END warning signs and other physical queues that indicate to the public the nature and circulation of the street. There are many streets in San Francisco that at some point dead end and none of these streets change street name suffix at the end and I am not aware of any past suggestion or examples that a street name change like this would be useful in this manner. Even in this same area there are streets like 1<sup>st</sup>, Beale and Spear Streets that dead end without a street name change suffix. Given the city is likely not going to propose these other street blocks becomes "lanes," this proposal if approved would become an anomaly.

Without understanding better what the city is trying to accomplish with this legislation we would recommend leaving the 200 block of Steuart Street with its present street name.

Thanks,  
Ricardo Olea  
City Traffic Engineer

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**Subject:** RE: BOS Referral: File No. 191302 - Street Name Change - Steuart Street to Steuart Lane

Greetings Jeffrey,

I'm putting you in touch with the contact for this legislation, Abigail Rivamonte Mesa.

**ERICA MAJOR**

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Hi Erica,

Would the addressing of Steuart Lane begin at 200, in order to reduce confusion, or start at 001, which may confuse visitors and emergency services with the same numbering as the first block of Steuart Street?

Best regards

Jeff

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**From:** Lew, Lisa (BOS) <[lisa.lew@sfgov.org](mailto:lisa.lew@sfgov.org)>

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Hello,

The following proposed legislation is being transmitted to your department, pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code, Section 423, California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, 1806, and 5026, and California Government Code, Section 34091.1.

**File No. 191302**

**Resolution renaming the 200 block of Steuart Street to “Steuart Lane,” to honor William M. Steuart, and to further continue his legacy and contributions he has made to the City and County of San Francisco.**

Sent on behalf of Erica Major, Land Use and Transportation Committee. Please respond directly to Erica Major.

Regards,

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