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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 9, 2026

To: Carla Short, Director, Public Works  
Ralph Remington, Arts Commission  
Derrick Lew Police Chief, Police Department  
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation, San Francisco Municipal  
Transportation Agency  
Dean Crispin, Fire Chief, Fire Department  
Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" - Oak Street between  
Van Ness and Franklin Street (File No. 260125)

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On March 24, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 159-26, sponsored by President Rafael Mandelman (File No. 260125, Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" - Oak Street between Van Ness and Franklin Street), which was enacted on March 26, 2026.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 159-26 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Board of Supervisors  
David Steinberg, Public Works  
Ian Schneider, Public Works  
Veronica Limcaco, Arts Commission  
Mary Chou, Arts Commission  
Steve Lopez, Police Department  
Carl Nicita, Police Department  
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Janet Martinsen, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
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Ricardo Olea, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Viktoriya Wise, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Theresa Ludwig, Fire Department

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" - Oak Street between Van  
2 Ness and Franklin Street]

3 **Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street**  
4 **between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street, in recognition of Ed Decker's retirement**  
5 **from the New Conservatory Theatre Center and in celebration of his founding of the**  
6 **organization 45 years ago.**

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8 WHEREAS, Ed Decker is the Founder and Artistic Director of the New Conservatory  
9 Theatre Center (NCTC) and has led the organization for 45 years, having grown it into San  
10 Francisco's premiere LGBTQ+ theatre center and a leader in arts education and queer and  
11 allied theatre production; and

12 WHEREAS, The New Conservatory Theatre Center, located at the intersection  
13 between Van Ness and Oak St, has produced more than 50 world premieres by established  
14 and emerging queer playwrights, employed thousands of Bay Area theatre professionals and  
15 teaching artists, and launched the careers of nationally recognized theatre artists; and

16 WHEREAS, Decker has been a Bay Area theatre maker, activist, and arts educator  
17 since 1974, working with a broad swath of artists, political leaders, audiences, community  
18 organizers, local businesses, and volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1986, as a response to the AIDS epidemic sweeping the nation, Ed  
20 created the landmark YouthAware Touring Educational Theatre program to educate and raise  
21 awareness among young audiences about the impact of HIV/AIDS, which has gone on to  
22 reach more than 800,000 students throughout the Bay Area and Northern California; and

23 WHEREAS, Decker originated NCTC's Conservatory and after school Satellite  
24 programs with scholarships and low to no-cost programming, ensuring that every child can  
25 participate regardless of ability to pay; and

1           WHEREAS, He is also a nationally recognized playwright; and

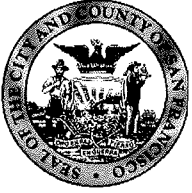
2           WHEREAS, His leadership has earned him numerous awards and recognition  
3 including KQED's Local Hero Award, Stop AIDS Project Chuck Frutchey Award, an Endeavor  
4 Foundation Award and two San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Arts Excellence Awards;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, He has made significant and remarkable contributions to the artistic and  
7 cultural fabric of San Francisco, and his long and dedicated history of theatre production, arts  
8 education, and community engagement truly represents San Francisco values at their best;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, In order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Ed Decker, there  
11 shall be a commemorative street naming of "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street between Van  
12 Ness Avenue and Franklin Street; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the San  
14 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") fabricate and install a street sign to be  
15 hung under the existing "Oak St" sign at the intersections of Van Ness Avenue and Oak  
16 Street; and, be it

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



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Resolution

File Number: 260125

Date Passed: March 24, 2026

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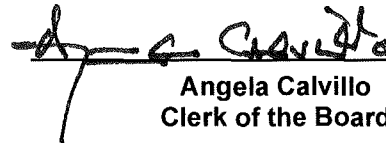
March 16, 2026 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED


March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong  
Excused: 1 - Fielder

File No. 260125

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/24/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

3/26/26  
Date Approved