

1 [Intent to change the name of Avery Street between Post Street and Geary Boulevard to
2 Boswell Way]

3 **Resolution declaring the Board of Supervisors' intention to change the name of Avery**
4 **Street between Geary Boulevard and Post Street to Boswell Way in recognition of**
5 **Reverend Hamilton T. Boswell, the longtime pastor of the Jones Memorial United**
6 **Methodist Church and advocate for San Francisco's African American community.**
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9 WHEREAS, Reverend Hamilton T. Boswell moved to San Francisco in 1947 to
10 assume the pastorship of Jones Methodist Church, where he served as senior minister for
11 twenty-nine years; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Boswell quickly became a leader who helped organize the
13 community, advocate for civil rights, and build diverse coalitions to establish a power base for
14 San Francisco's African American community to fight institutional racism in the workplace,
15 government, public spaces, and criminal justice system; and

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17 WHEREAS, Reverend Boswell helped establish essential civic institutions for the
18 Western Addition and Fillmore communities such as the Jones Methodist Credit Union and
19 the Jones Memorial Homes, which was the first federally financed senior citizen housing in
20 San Francisco; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Boswell's commitment to public service led him to serve on the
22 City's Juvenile Justice Commission from 1953 to 1962 and as a San Francisco Housing
23 Authority Commissioner from 1964 to 1974; and
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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco Police Chief Thomas J. Cahill appointed Reverend Boswell
2 to be the first African American police chaplain in the City's history; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of his lifetime of work, Reverend Boswell received such
4 awards as the NAACP's Freedom Award and the Human Rights Award from both the
5 California State Senate and Assembly; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That consistent with San Francisco Public Works Code Section 701, the
7 San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares its intent to change the name of Avery Street
8 between Post Street and Geary Boulevard to "Boswell Way," in recognition of Reverend
9 Boswell's contributions to San Francisco's African American community; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
11 Works to initiate the process for a street name change in accordance with City law and
12 declares its intent to request street signs indicating both the new and former name of the
13 street, with the new name "Boswell Way" in large letters, and the old name "Avery Street" in
14 smaller letters above or beneath the new name; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
16 Works to expeditiously process these requests and return to the Board for final action.



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December 16, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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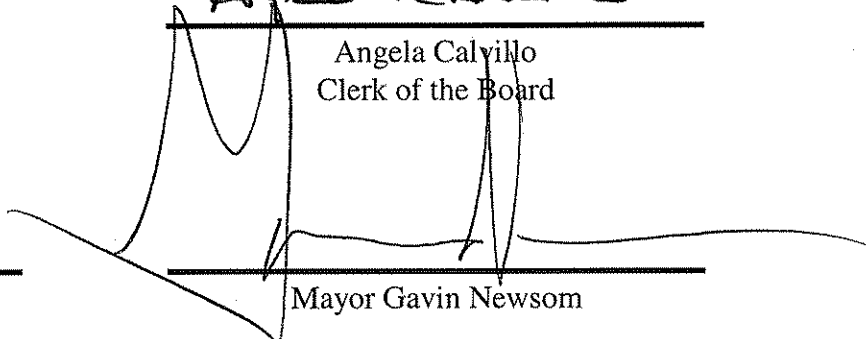
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 16, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

12/19/2008

Date Approved



Angela Calyillo
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom