

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Carmen Johnson Way" - Pierce Street between
2 Turk Street and Eddy Street]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Carmen Johnson Way" to the 1100**
4 **block of Pierce Street between Turk Street and Eddy Street in recognition of her**
5 **lifetime of service to the families of the Fillmore neighborhood.**

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7 WHEREAS, Evangelist Carmen Johnson was born on March 29, 1946, in Texas and
8 came to California in her youth; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson worked as a pediatric nurse and was an ordained preacher
10 and an active member of her church community; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson, an only child herself, had six kids and fostered over 60
12 others; and

13 WHEREAS, In her decades in the community, she supported women leaders in the
14 Western Addition and advocated around domestic violence issues; an

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson supported the Fillmore District's historic Juneteenth
16 celebration for several decades, including as co-chair; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson served on the board of the Martin Luther King-Marcus
18 Garvey Square Cooperative Apartments, and in that capacity helped bring the community
19 from the brink of losing affordable housing support; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson served a Thanksgiving meal to bring the Western Addition
21 community together, a tradition continued by her son Victor Jones and those who knew her in
22 the Fillmore community; and

23 WHEREAS, Those who knew her and loved her said she was a mother not just to her
24 own children but to everyone in the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, She saw her neighbors as family and was selfless in her work to lift up her
2 family and her entire community; and

3 WHEREAS, The office of District 5, Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, is in receipt of a
4 request from Victor Jones to dedicate Pierce Street in honor of her mother; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That there shall be an honorary naming of “Carmen Johnson Way” on
7 Pierce Street, between Turk Street and Eddy Street; and, be it

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

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