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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: February 5, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Sauter on January 27, 2026.

File No. 260096

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Tien Fuh Wu Way" on Joice Street between Clay Street and Sacramento Street, in recognition of Tien Fuh Wu's contributions to the women's rights and anti-trafficking movements in San Francisco's Chinatown.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

cc:
Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Sauter
David Steinberg, Public Works
Ian Schneider, Public Works
Jason Wong, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - Joice Street from Clay Street to Sacramento
2 Street - "Tien Fuh Wu Way"]

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5 **contributions to the women's rights and anti-trafficking movements in San Francisco's**
6 **Chinatown.**

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8 WHEREAS, Tien Fuh Wu courageously worked with Donaldina Cameron, after whom
9 Cameron House is named, to rescue hundreds of Asian women and girls from sex and human
10 trafficking in the late 1800s and early 1900s; and

11 WHEREAS, Without Tien Fuh Wu's intellect, courage, lived experience, and cultural
12 fluency, the movement that shaped Cameron House - and helped define anti-trafficking work
13 in the United States - would not have been possible; and

14 WHEREAS, The heroic efforts of Tien Fuh Wu have too often been overlooked, despite
15 her central role in this work; and

16 WHEREAS, Instead of leaving the trauma of her own experience behind, she chose to
17 dedicate her life to ensuring that other girls would never again face such exploitation; and

18 WHEREAS, Fluent in Cantonese and deeply trusted by the women who arrived at the
19 doors of Cameron House (then known as the Mission Home), she worked tirelessly day and
20 night teaching, accompanying survivors to court, advocating publicly for their rights, and
21 offering reassurance at the very moment they sought refuge; and

22 WHEREAS, In historical accounts of Cameron House residents, including those of Tien
23 Fuh Wu herself, the alleyway of Joice Street between Clay Street and Sacramento Street was
24 where the girls would play, laugh, and reclaim moments of childhood that had been taken
25 from them; and

1 WHEREAS, To honor Tien Fuh Wu on this very street is to restore memory to the
2 landscape of Chinatown and give visibility to a woman whose legacy deserves public
3 recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That to honor the legacy and contributions of Tien Fuh Wu, there shall be
5 a commemorative street naming of "Tien Fuh Wu Way" on Joice Street between Clay Street
6 and Sacramento Street; and, be it

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

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☒ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Sauter

Subject:

Commemorative Street Name Designation - Joice Street from Clay Street to Sacramento Street -
"Tien Fuh Wu Way"

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: _____

