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**MEMORANDUM**

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Date: June 18, 2025

To: Carla Short, Director, Public Works  
Paul Yep, Acting Police Chief, Police Department  
Julie Kirschbaum, Acting 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: Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to  
Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" (File No. 250523)

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On June 3, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 275-25, sponsored by Supervisors Mahmood, Walton, and Mandelman (File No. 250523, Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"), which was enacted on June 6, 2025.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 275-25 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: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Bilal Mahmood, Shamann Walton, and Rafael Mandelman  
David Steinberg, Public Works  
Ian Schneider, Public Works  
Olivia Scanlon, Department of Emergency Management  
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1 [Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden  
2 Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"]

3 **Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the 800**  
4 **and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, to "Dr.**  
5 **Amos C. Brown Way" in recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights**  
6 **and community-building in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as**  
7 **Senior Pastor of Third Baptist Church.**

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9 WHEREAS, Pierce Street runs alongside Third Baptist Church, which has been led by  
10 Reverend (Rev.) Dr. Amos C. Brown since 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, The activist career of Rev. Brown began with his youth involvement in the  
12 NAACP in segregated Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown took part in the Freedom Rides and was one of eight students  
14 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Morehouse College; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led Third Baptist Church at the corner of Pierce Street and  
16 McAllister Street since 1976 and has been a steadfast leader in the Western Addition  
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's leadership, Third Baptist Church stabilized the F.D Haynes  
19 Gardens housing complex, established Friday Night Live and Back on Track youth programs,  
20 and continues to serve seniors through community building and food for the needy; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's impact on the community and commitment to social justice  
22 extended well beyond the walls of the church; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led the San Francisco chapter of the National Association  
24 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leading the fight for social justice and Black  
25 empowerment in San Francisco; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown led fundraising and resettlement efforts for over 3,000 refugees  
2 from Ethiopia and Eritrea, including hosting refugees in his own home that would go on to  
3 become integral parts of the Western Addition and San Francisco community; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has served his city on the Board of Supervisors and the City  
5 College Board of Trustees, his state as vice-chair of the California Reparations Task Force,  
6 and the world as a delegate to the United Nations Conference on Race and Intolerance; and

7           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works and the office of District 5 Supervisor  
8 Bilal Mahmood is in receipt of a request from Third Baptist Church to rename two blocks of  
9 Pierce Street between Fulton Street and Golden Gate Avenue in honor of Rev. Brown's  
10 distinguished career; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, In order to honor the historic contributions of Rev. Brown, the Board of  
12 Supervisors intends to rename Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue "Dr.  
13 Amos. C. Brown Way," pending the Department of Public Works' street naming procedures,  
14 so that Rev. Brown's legacy is not forgotten; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to initiate  
16 the City's street renaming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions related to  
17 street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office regarding  
18 posted and published notice for the street renaming; and report to the Board on its findings so  
19 that the Board may officially rename the street.



# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 250523

**Date Passed:** June 03, 2025

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, to "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" in recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights and community-building in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as Senior Pastor of Third Baptist Church.

June 02, 2025 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

June 03, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250523

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/3/2025 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

6.6.25

Date Approved