

[Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Veterans Alley" - 0 Block of Shannon Street]

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Veterans Alley" to the 0 Block of Shannon Street in recognition of The San Francisco Veterans Mural Project (known colloquially as "Veterans Alley"), a community-based mural project located in the Tenderloin.

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley was founded in October 2011 by two U.S military veterans, Navy Veteran Amos Gregory (aka LowKeyRider1) and USMC Veteran Gilbert Lovato (aka Gabriel, Archangel of the Bay) as a grassroots community project; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley consists of murals covering an entire block of public-facing alley walls, where U.S. military veterans, their supporters and the community-at-large paint their own stories about the true reality of war and the military experience; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley was created to give voice to the veteran population, which has long been neglected and suffers due to inadequate care and support; and

WHEREAS, The objective of the project is to create awareness, understanding and transformation within society centered around the universal concept of peace and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley has become a place where veterans gather around the creation of the art of healing; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley has become a place for non-veteran Tenderloin residents, both housed and unhoused, to gather around art and healing and to seek and connect with services; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Alley has become a destination that inspires and educates both tourists and San Franciscans on the experience of veterans and calls for peace; and

1 WHEREAS, Veterans Alley recognizes that the first victims of war are children and
2 through its Syrian Refugee Children's Mural Project has worked directly with Syrian children
3 affected by the Syrian Civil War to create art in schools and community centers in Antakya,
4 and Istanbul Turkey; and

5 WHEREAS, Veterans Alley artists have created artwork with San Francisco school-
6 aged children and young adults, both housed and unhoused, in school and after school
7 settings; and

8 WHEREAS, Veterans Alley has created a sister city mural project, The Deported
9 Veterans Mural Project, located in Tijuana, Mexico on the U.S.-Mexico border fence, which
10 works directly with deported U.S. military veterans advocating for their repatriation to the
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Veterans Alley represents the first instance where veterans, through public
13 artwork, have created a constant dialogue with the community by highlighting the realities of
14 war and the military experience to teach society how to never use violence to resolve conflicts
15 ever again; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of The San
17 Francisco Veterans Mural Project, there shall be an honorary naming of "Veterans Alley" on
18 Shannon Street between Geary Street and O'Farrell Street; and, be it

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



City and County of San Francisco
Tails
Resolution

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

File Number: 231176

Date Passed: February 13, 2024

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Veterans Alley" to the 0 Block of Shannon Street in recognition of The San Francisco Veterans Mural Project (known colloquially as "Veterans Alley"), a community-based mural project located in the Tenderloin.

February 05, 2024 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

February 13, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 231176

**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/13/2024 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed
Mayor

2/21/24

Date Approved