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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

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

DATE: February 6, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Mandelman on February 3, 2026.

**File No. 260125**

Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street, in recognition of Ed Decker's retirement from the New Conservatory Theatre Center and in celebration of his founding of the organization 45 years ago.

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](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org).

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

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" - Oak Street between Van  
2 Ness and Franklin Street]

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4 **between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street, in recognition of Ed Decker's retirement**  
5 **from the New Conservatory Theatre Center and in celebration of his founding of the**  
6 **organization 45 years ago.**

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8 WHEREAS, Ed Decker is the Founder and Artistic Director of the New Conservatory  
9 Theatre Center (NCTC) and has led the organization for 45 years, having grown it into San  
10 Francisco's premiere LGBTQ+ theatre center and a leader in arts education and queer and  
11 allied theatre production; and

12 WHEREAS, The New Conservatory Theatre Center, located at the intersection  
13 between Van Ness and Oak St, has produced more than 50 world premieres by established  
14 and emerging queer playwrights, employed thousands of Bay Area theatre professionals and  
15 teaching artists, and launched the careers of nationally recognized theatre artists; and

16 WHEREAS, Decker has been a Bay Area theatre maker, activist, and arts educator  
17 since 1974, working with a broad swath of artists, political leaders, audiences, community  
18 organizers, local businesses, and volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1986, as a response to the AIDS epidemic sweeping the nation, Ed  
20 created the landmark YouthAware Touring Educational Theatre program to educate and raise  
21 awareness among young audiences about the impact of HIV/AIDS, which has gone on to  
22 reach more than 800,000 students throughout the Bay Area and Northern California; and

23 WHEREAS, Decker originated NCTC's Conservatory and after school Satellite  
24 programs with scholarships and low to no-cost programming, ensuring that every child can  
25 participate regardless of ability to pay; and

1           WHEREAS, He is also a nationally recognized playwright; and

2           WHEREAS, His leadership has earned him numerous awards and recognition  
3 including KQED's Local Hero Award, Stop AIDS Project Chuck Frutchev Award, an Endeavor  
4 Foundation Award and two San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Arts Excellence Awards;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, He has made significant and remarkable contributions to the artistic and  
7 cultural fabric of San Francisco, and his long and dedicated history of theatre production, arts  
8 education, and community engagement truly represents San Francisco values at their best;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, In order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Ed Decker, there  
11 shall be a commemorative street naming of "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street between Van  
12 Ness Avenue and Franklin Street; and, be it

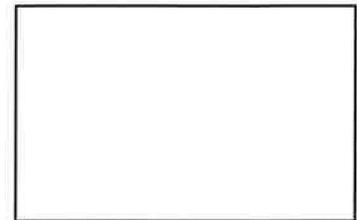
13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the San  
14 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") fabricate and install a street sign to be  
15 hung under the existing "Oak St" sign at the intersections of Van Ness Avenue and Oak  
16 Street; and, be it

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

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**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

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Sponsor(s):

Mandelman; Dorsey

Subject:

Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" – Oak Street between Van Ness and Franklin Street

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: