

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Public Works Code - Streamlining Approvals of Commemorative Public Right-of-Way and Public Place Designations and Installation of Commemorative Street Plaques]

**Ordinance amending the Public Works Code to streamline the requirements and approval processes for the commemorative designation of public right-of-way and public places and the installation of commemorative street plaques to honor sites, events, and persons of historical interest or significance to San Francisco; eliminating the requirement that Public Works hold a hearing on applications for a commemorative street plaque; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

### **Existing Law**

Currently, the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance (Article 15, Sections 789 et seq. of the Public Works Code) can be difficult to navigate; the ordinance does not distinguish clearly between the process of seeking approval of the commemorative designation of public right-of-way and public places in honor of sites, events, and persons of historical interest to San Francisco and seeking approval of the installation of commemorative street plaques on public right-of-way and public places. In addition, the commemorative street plaque application requires the Department of Public Works to hold a public hearing prior to approving a commemorative street plaque application.

### **Amendments to Current Law**

This ordinance would amend the Public Works Code to clarify and streamline the requirements and approval processes for the commemorative designation of public right-of-way and public places and the installation of commemorative street plaques to honor sites, events, and persons of historical interest or significance to San Francisco. In addition, the ordinance would eliminate the requirement that Public Works hold a hearing on applications for a commemorative street plaque.

### **Background Information**

This ordinance furthers the City's efforts under "PermitSF" to reform permitting and improve the customer experience by streamlining approval processes, promoting government accountability to provide certainty about the delivery of government services, and centralizing technology to create a single point of permitting access.

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