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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works
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FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: April 11, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Melgar on February 7, 2023:

File No. 230137

Resolution renaming Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current northern terminus to "Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue" and applying this new street name to the future public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue to its proposed end point near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School.

The proposed legislation officially names an unnamed street, pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code, Section 423, California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and California Government Code, Section 34091.1.

Pursuant to the Code mandates, your department's response to this street naming is required. A hearing for this matter will be scheduled upon receipt of all required department responses.

Please forward your response 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: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

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1 [Street Naming - Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue]

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3 **Resolution renaming Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current**
4 **northern terminus to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue” and applying this new street name**
5 **to the future public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue to its proposed end point**
6 **near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School.**

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8 WHEREAS, Mayor Edwin M. Lee was a life-long champion of affordable housing,
9 breaking down differences to grow coalitions in support of building housing across the City
10 and County of San Francisco (the “City” or “San Francisco”) for low-income San Franciscans;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, As a child of first-generation Chinese immigrants, Mayor Lee grew up with
13 his parents and five siblings in Seattle, Washington public housing, later attending University
14 of California, Berkeley Law School; and

15 WHEREAS, Even as a young organizer, Mayor Lee was a staunch advocate of
16 affordable housing, including supporting the Ping Yuen Resident Improvement Association to
17 organize San Francisco’s public housing rent strike due to unsafe and unsanitary conditions in
18 housing units; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s career in public service began in the San Francisco Human
20 Rights Commission in 1991 and he later went on to serve as Public Works Director and City
21 Administrator before becoming the first Asian American Mayor of San Francisco in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, As Mayor, Edwin M. Lee met his bold housing goals, including to build
23 30,000 new and rehabbed homes with at least one-third permanently affordable to low and
24 moderate-income families; and

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1 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Lee’s direction, the City created DAHLIA (Database of
2 Affordable Housing Listings, Information, and Applications), a web-based portal that connects
3 eligible residents with affordable housing, making the process easier and more transparent for
4 applicants; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2012, Mayor Lee’s big tent approach to leadership led to the passage of
6 the “Housing Trust Fund,” San Francisco’s first affordable housing ballot measure since the
7 1996 Housing Bond championed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, In partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, Mayor Lee
9 worked to stabilize housing for 500 educator households through down payment assistance,
10 build educator housing apartments, and provide access to eviction services for educators
11 experiencing evictions; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s tireless advocacy for educator housing and affordable
13 housing on public lands led to the Balboa Reservoir Development Project, which includes
14 more than 1,000 units of which 50% are affordable units, several acres of open public space,
15 and a childcare facility; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee lived in Glen Park; was a champion of San Francisco’s
17 Westside neighborhoods; often frequented Ocean Avenue, Sunnyside, and the many vibrant
18 neighborhoods of Supervisorial District 7; and dedicated crucial City resources to Westside
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee spent his public service career dedicated to social justice and
21 worked tirelessly to make San Francisco more inclusive and equitable for all residents; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee will continue to be dearly missed by his family and his
23 community, and his service to the City and County of San Francisco will never be forgotten;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions of Mayor Lee to the City, the Board of
2 Supervisors intends to change the name of existing Lee Avenue from its intersection with
3 Ocean Avenue to its northern terminus and to establish the name of the future extension of
4 this street from its current terminus to its end point at or near the southern boundary of
5 Archbishop Riordan High School, to Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue; and

6 WHEREAS, The 300 Block of current Lee Avenue, located between Ocean Avenue
7 and its northern terminus adjacent to the City College of San Francisco parking lot, is a
8 publicly dedicated street; and

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors intends to rename this street segment of Lee
10 Avenue to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街” in honor of Mayor Lee; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the development agreement for the Balboa Reservoir Development
12 Project, the Project sponsor will construct and dedicate a new, unnamed street to the City that
13 extends from the current Lee Avenue at its northern terminus northward toward Archbishop
14 Riordan High School (hereafter, this street segment is referred to as “Future Mayor Lee
15 Avenue”); and

16 WHEREAS, Despite California Streets and Highways Code, Section 971, which allows
17 the Board of Supervisors to name previously unnamed streets without any hearing or notice,
18 the Board has elected to proceed with a Resolution and a public hearing process to name
19 Future Mayor Lee Avenue in honor of Mayor Lee in accordance with California Government
20 Code, Section 34091.1 and Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5 and 5026; and

21 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors anticipates dedicating Future Mayor Lee
22 Avenue as open public right-of-way after its construction through subsequent actions and
23 accepting this street and attendant public infrastructure for City maintenance and liability
24 purposes subject to certain conditions; and

1 WHEREAS, The location of the segment of Lee Avenue to be renamed to Mayor
2 Edwin M. Lee Avenue and Future Mayor Lee Avenue are shown on a map on file with the
3 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and incorporated herein by
4 reference; and

5 WHEREAS, In Public Works Order No. _____ dated _____, 2023, the
6 Interim Public Works Director certified that Public Works determined that renaming of Lee
7 Avenue to and establishing the proposed street name of Mayor Edwin M Lee Avenue do not
8 conflict with the names of existing streets located in the City as set forth in Public Works
9 Code, Section 423; and

10 WHEREAS, This Order also states that Public Works conducted the required notice to
11 adjacent property owners and provided a report on its findings concerning the street
12 renaming; and

13 WHEREAS, A copy of Public Works Order No. _____, which includes the Public
14 Works report, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and
15 is incorporated herein by reference; and

16 WHEREAS, For establishing the name of unnamed streets and changing the name of
17 existing streets, the City follows the applicable practices specified in Public Works Code,
18 Section 423, the Public Works informational bulletin entitled "Street Name
19 Establishment/Street Name Change," California Government Code, Section 34091.1, and
20 California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026; and

21 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's legacy will live on in the lives of those who benefitted from his
22 advocacy and law-making as well as the generations of San Franciscans who will call Mayor
23 Edwin M. Lee Avenue home or use this street to move throughout the neighborhood; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board
2 of Supervisors hereby renames the segment of Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean
3 Avenue to its current northern terminus to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街”; and,
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the Public
6 Works, on behalf of the City, properly posted the affected segment of existing Lee Avenue
7 that is the subject of the street name change for the specified time period in compliance with
8 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 970.5; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with
10 Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare
11 street signs indicating both the new and former name of the street, with the new name “Mayor
12 Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街” in large letters, and the former name Lee Avenue in
13 smaller letters beneath the new name for five years at which point new signs shall be installed
14 bearing solely the new name; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above,
16 the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the street name for the future northern public
17 right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue as Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街 in the
18 location shown on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Future Mayor Lee Avenue street name will be
20 operative at the time the Board of Supervisors accepts the public dedication of this particular
21 street segment; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That City departments are authorized to use the new street
23 name prior to their operative date should it be necessary for efficient administration of
24 governmental functions, such as permit issuance and creation of property tax bills; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming and street name establishment are
2 in honor of Mayor Lee's life of civic engagement and service to the government and citizens of
3 San Francisco and its visitors; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That by adopting this Resolution, the Board of Supervisors
5 does not intend to effectuate any change in City department jurisdictional control over any
6 portion of the streets depicted on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors;
7 and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
9 to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with
10 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026 in order to enter the names on the
11 official records of San Francisco street names.