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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: *el*  
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Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: February 6, 2018

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 Cohen on January 23, 2018.

**File No. 180096**

**Resolution changing the street name of the 1600 block of Galvez Avenue, between Third Street and Phelps Street, to "Sam Jordan's Way," to honor Sam Jordan's legacy and impact on the Bayview Community.**

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, 1806, and 5026, 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: [alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org).

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1 [Street Name Change - 1600 Block of Galvez Avenue - "Sam Jordan's Way"]  
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4 **Third Street and Phelps Street, to "Sam Jordan's Way," to honor Sam Jordan's legacy**  
5 **and impact on the Bayview Community.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Economic Development on Third, a nonprofit organization based in the  
8 Bayview neighborhood, has formally requested the City to rename the 1600 block of Galvez  
9 Avenue, between 3rd Street and Phelps Street to honor Sam Jordan; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Jordan was an African-American Navy veteran who arrived in San  
11 Francisco directly after World War II, and Mr. Jordan purchased a property at 4004-4006 Third  
12 Street and opened Sam Jordan's Tavern in 1959; and

13 WHEREAS, The tavern, known as "Sam's," has served and fostered activities that  
14 strengthened the community fabric of the Bayview neighborhood, ranging from scholarship  
15 fundraisers and evenings highlighting local musicians, to African-American businessmen's  
16 luncheons and political brainstorming sessions; and

17 WHEREAS, Sam's is a Legacy Business with lasting impact on the Bayview  
18 Community, is the heart of San Francisco's African-American community, and has a history  
19 rich in fighting for equal rights and social justice; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that Public Works, on behalf of the  
21 City, has taken all necessary actions to effect this street name change, including complying  
22 with regulations regarding street name changes under California Government Code,  
23 Section 34091.1, California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026, and  
24 Public Works Code, Section 423; now, therefore, be it  
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1 RESOLVED, Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 34091.1, and California  
2 Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026, and Public Works Code, Section  
3 423, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby changes the name of the 1600 block of  
4 Galvez Avenue, between 3rd Street and Phelps Street, to "Sam Jordan's Way" to honor Sam  
5 Jordan, a long-time supporter of civil rights in San Francisco; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with  
7 Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare  
8 street signs indicating both the new and former name of the street, with the new name "Sam  
9 Jordan's Way" in large letters, and the old name "Galvez Avenue" in smaller letters above or  
10 beneath the new name; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names shall remain posted on street  
12 signs for five years, and then the street signs shall be replaced with signs indicating only the  
13 new street name, "Sam Jordan's Way"; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in adopting this legislation, the Board of Supervisors  
15 does not intend to effectuate any change in City department jurisdictional control over the  
16 subject portion of Galvez Avenue to be known as "Sam Jordan's Way"; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
18 to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with  
19 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to add  
21 "Sam Jordan's Way" to the City's official list of street names.  
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