

1 [Street Name Change - From the 600 Block of Stevenson Street to "Odd Fellows Way"]

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3 **Resolution to rename the 600 block of Stevenson Street to “Odd Fellows Way,” in**
4 **recognition to the historical significance of the architectural and cultural contributions**
5 **the Odd Fellows have made to the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) is a significant
8 organization in San Francisco since its establishment on September 9, 1849, and has had
9 significant members such as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Charlie Chaplin; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1850, Samuel Brannan donated 26 acres for the first San Francisco
11 Odd Fellows Cemetery which was established in 1865 in the Richmond District on Point
12 Lobos Road and in 1898, the Odd Fellows Columbarium was built; and

13 WHEREAS, The IOOF gave to its members, as well as non-members of San
14 Francisco, a library, cemetery, literary club and bank, while also participating in city-wide
15 events, welcoming dignitaries, and aiding the community during times of disaster; and

16 WHEREAS, The IOOF has been and is devoted to the encouragement of literacy and
17 in 1854, founded the Odd Fellows Library, which contained over 27,000 volumes including
18 the world’s most historically significant books about the Pacific Coast; and

19 WHEREAS, The IOOF was and is an active contributor to the community; the
20 members of IOOF contributed greatly with relief and support for the victims of the 1906
21 quake; and

22 WHEREAS, THE IOOF sacrificed the original building on 7th and Market Streets in
23 order to create a fire line that helped save the city from being completely engulfed in the
24 post-earthquake fire in 1906; and

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1 WHEREAS, The 1909 building was designed by G.A. Dodge, is considered a historic
2 resourced under the Market Street Theatre and Loft District; and

3 WHEREAS, The IOOF maintains a continually expanding Odd Fellows museum in the
4 current location at 26-7th Street, containing wondrous artifacts of antiquity and paraphernalia
5 used over the centuries by the Odd Fellows; and

6 WHEREAS, The Odd Fellows Building currently houses many renowned artists and
7 cultural workers including Alonzo King and his renowned Lines Ballet and SF Dance
8 Company, and Fine Artist Richard Louis Perri, and also permits the Community Court to use
9 the 6th floor to hold hearings monthly free of charge; and

10 WHEREAS, The Odd Fellows have taken a direct and personal responsibility towards
11 the 600 block of Stevenson Street by participating in the City Adopt-A-Street program and
12 addresses the cleanliness of the area by sweeping, washing, and clearing the sidewalk and
13 streets of discarded needles and other items which are harmful to the health and safety of
14 residents and visitors; and

15 WHEREAS, The Odd Fellows continue to be a positive force in the neighborhood
16 improving its building and the block constantly, contributing the economic success of the
17 neighborhood, promoting artistic shows and performances in the lower level of the building
18 and doing good things in line with the principals of the order; and

19 WHEREAS, To this day, the Odd Fellows has moved into the 21st century, and is an
20 inclusive space as it pertains to sexual identity and/or preference, gender, culture, age, race,
21 nationality, and spirituality, the Odd Fellows participates in civic activities as the Chinese New
22 Years Parade, Gay Pride Day Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, displaying historic artifacts
23 at the annual Old Mint History Event, the Snow Flakes Display in December, Friday Nights in
24 Civic Center, and by contributing to the Mid-Market Association; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Transportation Code,
2 Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare street signs indicating
3 both the new and the former names of the street, with the new name "Old Fellows Way" in
4 large letters, and the old name "Stevenson St." in smaller letters above or beneath the new
5 name; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names shall remain posted on street
7 signs for five years, and then the street signs shall be replaced with signs indicating only the
8 new street name, "Old Fellows Way"; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in adopting this legislation, the Board of Supervisors
10 does not intend to effectuate any change in the City department jurisdictional control over the
11 subject portion of the 600 block of "Stevenson St" to be known as "Old Fellows Way;" and, be
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13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
14 to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with
15 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026.

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