

1 [Street Renaming]

2 **Resolution changing the name of Jasper Alley in North Beach to “Dante Benedetti**
3 **Alley”, in recognition of Dante Benedetti’s many contributions to the community of**
4 **North Beach and the City of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Dante Benedetti was born in 1919 behind the New Pisa Restaurant in
7 Jasper Alley; and,

8 WHEREAS, In addition to owning and operating a popular North Beach restaurant,
9 Dante Benedetti’s true love was baseball, both playing the sport and coaching neighborhood
10 youth; and,

11 WHEREAS, Dante began playing baseball as a young man with Joe DiMaggio and his
12 brothers in the Del Monte Creamery horse lot on Bay Street, a location long ago developed
13 into housing but at the time providing an ideal location for impromptu games while the horses
14 were out on milk rounds; and,

15 WHEREAS, While helping his siblings keep the New Pisa Restaurant in business,
16 Dante Benedetti pursued a career in education, teaching foreign languages and sports at St.
17 Ignatius High School; and,

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Benedetti also volunteered to coach baseball at the University of San
19 Francisco after the program was threatened with elimination, agreeing to be paid a dollar a
20 year for his service over twenty nine years as a coaching legend there; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Dante Benedetti positively impacted the lives of
22 generations of North Beach natives as a baseball coach, restaurateur, host and mentor;
23 therefore, be it,

24 RESOLVED, That, consistent with San Francisco Public Works Code Section 701, the
25 Board of Supervisors hereby changes the name of Jasper Alley in North Beach to “Dante

1 Benedetti Alley,” in recognition of his valued contributions to the City of San Francisco and
2 the community of North Beach; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Director of the
4 Department of Parking and Traffic to erect street signs indicating both the new and the former
5 names of the street, with the new name "Dante Benedetti Alley" in large letters, and the old
6 name "Jasper Alley" in smaller letters above or beneath the new name; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names shall remain posted on street
8 signs for five years, and then the street signs shall be replaced with signs indicating only the
9 new street name, "Dante Benedetti Alley".

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