

**From:** [Jordan DeAngelo](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Rename Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:59:46 PM

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Hello!

I support the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way." I believe we should rename it to commemorate Vicha Ratanapakdee and acknowledge the anti-Asian hate crime committed against him. What happened to him was a great injustice and he should be remembered like Vincent Chin so we as a community can ensure a tragedy like this never happens again.

Best,  
Jordan

**From:** [Nancy Tung](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Renaming Item on Agenda for Grandpa Vicha  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:33:05 PM

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Dear Erica Major,

I support the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way." Grandpa Vicha was an innocent victim of violence on his morning walk in the Anza Vista neighborhood. While the assault on him is unfortunately not unusual in an urban city, his murder has become emblematic of the violence against Asian elders in San Francisco and has been a rallying point for the broader AAPI community and its allies. Renaming Sonora Lane in his memory would help to heal the community and let everyone know that he should and will never be forgotten.

Many thanks,  
Nancy Tung  
District 9 Resident  
San Francisco

**From:** [Spencer Lam](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Renaming of Sonora Lane Stairwell  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:32:39 PM

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Hi Erica:

I wanted to pass along a note stating my support for the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.

I think it will be a small but important way to acknowledge the wrongs that came to the AAPI community this last year and that will let people know we care and that we stand together.

Thanks.

-Spencer Lam

**From:** [Justice for Vicha](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Renaming Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:28:47 PM

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Erica,

We, the activists who represent this email account and provide support to the Ratanapakdee family in their efforts to get justice for Grandpa Vicha all support the renaming of Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.

**From:** [amy lee](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Renaming of Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:44:11 PM

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Hi,

ReviveSFChinatown is a youth-powered movement to bring people back to Chinatown to eat, drink and hangout as a way to combat this year's asian hate and the death of Grandpa Vicha was a huge impetus behind the movement.

Our team unanimously supports the renaming of Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.

**Amy Lee**

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**From:** [Forrest Liu](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:47:15 PM

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Hi Erica,

I support the renaming of Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.

The death of Grandpa Vicha inspired me to leave my finance career and become a community organizer in San Francisco's Asian community. I live and breathe the stop asian hate movement as a result of this tragedy. Grandpa Vicha changed my life, please change the name of the street.

It would mean so much to our community and would be a huge step in the right direction towards healing and progress.

Thank you.

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**From:** [Ajchariya Taveevirat](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:19:59 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for giving the AAPI community the opportunity to recognize an outstanding member of their community.

I fully support the petition to rename Sonora Street to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way. I am blessed to have had met Mr. Vicha Ratanapakdee prior to his premature death. He was a loving and kind grandfather, ever present and supportive father, loyal friend, and upstanding, highly regarded citizen.

His tragic senseless death has awaken our nation and highlighted the ongoing hate and violent crimes against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Since his death, many protests against violence in AAPI communities have been organized nationwide and has brought awareness to this issue. In addition to this, Mr. Vicha Ratanapakdee has become an icon of the Stop Asian Hate movement. Though the death of Mr. Vicha Ratanapakdee was the catalyst for change and awareness, we hope this public acknowledgement and support from the city will help end the violent and unprovoked attacks that target members of the AAPI community. This is a rare opportunity to change the stance on racial hate and violence to one of support and improvement for all.

I hope this positive change can uplift all communities and serve as a historical reminder to all, but especially to heal the pain we feel now and in time, the rift in existing communities will fade, and hope for future generations to not have this divide. It is my earnest wish to see Vicha Ratanapakdee honored as the catalyst for change and the end of AAPI hate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Ajchariya Taveevirat

**From:** [Caryl Ito](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: LAND USE COMMITTEE HEARING 10/4/21: RENAMING SONORA WAY IN MEMORY OF VICHA RATANAPAKDEE  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 7:53:25 AM

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sorry, misspelling---see my original email for today's meeting, Land Use

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-----Original Message-----

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Cc: erica.majjor@sfgov.org <erica.majjor@sfgov.org>  
Sent: Mon, Oct 4, 2021 7:50 am  
Subject: LAND USE COMMITTEE HEARING 10/4/21: RENAMING SONORA WAY IN MEMORY OF VICHA RATANAPAKDEE

Good morning, Chair Melgard and members of the Land Use Committee,

I am writing to you to show full support of this request to rename SONORA WAY/STAIRWAY in memory for "Grandpa" Vicha who was killed in a senseless attack against an Asian elderly man who was simply taking his usual walk in his own neighborhood.

This incident sent fearful chills throughout our communities as it only reminded me, personally, as a senior that no place is really safe in our City. I live in a very different way, yes, during this pandemic, BUT now with so much more caution and anxiety to just take my usual neighborhood walks daily or shop in my local commercial areas. I also greatly worry for my dear friends who live very close to the location of this incident. Hate crimes against Asians is nothing new but the overt, blatant attacks have been on the increase and need to stop. Meanwhile, this community request to rename Sonora Way in Grandpa Vicha's memory seems like a simple thing to approve since it doesn't impact any address changes and given that this area has a history of being a cemetery, it seems fitting to symbolically acknowledge a man who hurt no one, died nearby and has raised our consciousness about the need for heightened safety and well being for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** [Maika Pinkston](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support Vincha!!!! FROM THE HEART  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 7:44:09 AM

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I would like to join in today.

Maika Pinkston Founder Of  
FROM THE HEART

**From:** [Jasmine Cheung](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Bucha Ratanapakdee St.  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:59:51 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of changing Sonora Street to Vicha Ratanapakdee Street.

Thank you  
SF Anza Vista Resident

**From:** [Bilal Mahmood](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:05:47 AM

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Hi Erica,

I am emailing in to express support for the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.

Vicha's passing has hit our community hard, while also galvanizing a movement for justice. While his passing has not seen complete justice yet, a significant way we can honor his memory in another way is via this renaming.

It would mean a lot to the community, to his family, and to our fight against Anti-Asian Hate.

**Bilal Mahmood 馬百樂**

**From:** [Juliette G Chan](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Viha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 9:05:09 AM

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Hi Erica -

I support the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way."

Renaming Sonora Lane in honor of Vicha is more than just respecting Vicha's memory, it's a symbolic way to demonstrate to the community that we will not stand for any violence against Asians in our community.

I urge you to consider the renaming.

Best,  
Juliette

**From:** [Ruby Tsang](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for street name change  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 8:50:34 AM

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Dear Erica Major,

I am a SF Anza Vista resident and fully support the change from Sonora Street to Vicha Rapanapaktee Way.

This will help heal the community with a show of good will. It has been a very painful time. Many of us are so fearful of going out at all.

Sincerely yours,  
Ruby Tsang

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tam Ngô](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 8:39:32 AM

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To whom it may concern;

I support the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to “Vicha Ratanapakdee Way”. This change would be a positive impact on the Asian American community that have been so hurt by the violence we live in fear of everyday. We need this to know that we are seen, heard, and truly a part of the San Francisco community.

Best Regards,  
Tam Ngo

**From:** [joe mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vicha Ratanapakdee Way  
**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021 9:55:21 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane in San Francisco to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way". I believe this will be a meaningful contribution to the effort to raise awareness of these outrageous attacks as well as an important tribute to Vicha and his family.

Thank you,  
Joe Mitchell  
San Francisco, CA

**From:** [Josephine Zhao](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Rename after Vichar  
**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021 9:27:15 PM

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Hi Erica,

I support the renaming of the stairwell at Sonora Lane to “Vicha Ratanapakdee Way”.

At a time of rampant AAPI Hate, how Vichar died marked cruelty exercised in Anti-Asian sentiments. Vichar was an incredible man, and his wonderful life was cut short by hatred.

We need to remember Vichar and tell the world that Anti-Asian Hate is not tolerated. There isn't a better way to do so than renaming the stairwell near where he died after Vichar.

Thank you!

Josephine