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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 7, 2024  
To: Planning Department/Planning Commission  
From: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee  
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 240801  
Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver

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- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination  
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
  - Ordinance / Resolution
  - Ballot Measure
  
- Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:  
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
  - General Plan
  - Planning Code, Section 101.1
  - Planning Code, Section 302
  
- Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning  
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
  
- General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments  
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)  
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
  
- Historic Preservation Commission
  - Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
  - Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
  - Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
  - Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to John Carroll at [john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org).

1 [Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver]  
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 3 **Ordinance designating a portion of the sidewalk near the corner of Woodland Avenue**  
 4 **at Parnassus Avenue as the site of a future commemorative plaque in honor of the**  
 5 **former activists of Woodland Avenue (Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt**  
 6 **Jaicks, Agar Jaicks); granting the Public Works Director authority to approve the**  
 7 **installation of said plaque to be installed at said location following the Director’s review**  
 8 **of all permit application materials and the approval of the plaque design by the Design**  
 9 **Review Committee of the Arts Commission; waiving permit and inspection fees under**  
 10 **the Public Works Code for the installation of the plaque; directing official acts in**  
 11 **furtherance of this Ordinance, as defined herein; and affirming the Planning**  
 12 **Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

13 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
 14 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
 15 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
 16 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
 17 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
 18 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
 19 subsections or parts of tables.

20 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

21 Section 1. CEQA Findings.

22 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
 23 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
 24 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
 25 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this  
 determination.

1 Section 2. Commemoration of Woodland Avenue Activists.

2 (a) The civic and social justice activism of two couples, Jane Morrison and Jack  
3 Morrison and Diana Roosevelt Jaicks and Agar Jaicks, former residents of Woodland Avenue  
4 who were and remain known as the Woodland Avenue Activists, reaches back to the 1950s  
5 and has contributed to San Francisco's transformation into the progressive city it is today.

6 (b) Jack Morrison served two terms as a San Francisco Supervisor and joined with  
7 others to found San Francisco Tomorrow in response to the zoning battles of the 1960s. He  
8 was a pioneer in urban environmentalism, leading successful fights to protect the San  
9 Francisco waterfront from overdevelopment, to increase accessibility to Golden Gate Park, to  
10 oppose downtown development, and to tear down the Embarcadero Freeway.

11 (c) Jane Morrison served on numerous advisory bodies and in numerous roles related  
12 to social justice and the environment, including as Women's Chair of the California  
13 Democratic Party, President of San Francisco Tomorrow, and Chair of the San Francisco  
14 Democratic County Central Committee. She also served on the San Francisco Human  
15 Services Commission for over a decade.

16 (d) Agar Jaicks served on the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee  
17 for three decades, including 16 years as Chair, organizing voter registration drives and  
18 supporting the advancement of women, LGBTQ members, and candidates of color who were  
19 beginning to run for offices predominantly held before then by straight white males. He also  
20 served on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the Democratic National  
21 Committee, eventually serving as a member of the Democratic National Committee's  
22 Executive Committee.

23 (e) In the 1950s, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks served as Co-Chair of the Urban Renewal  
24 Committee of the San Francisco Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of  
25 Colored People ("NAACP"), which attempted to halt the San Francisco Redevelopment

1 Agency’s demolition of low-income homes in the Western Addition. In the early 1960s, she  
2 picketed car dealerships on Van Ness Avenue that would not hire African Americans. As a  
3 part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty, Diana became a child care teacher in  
4 the Head Start program for underserved children and later volunteered at the Haight Ashbury  
5 Food Program to serve the working poor and the homeless.

6 (f) Both Agar and Diana Roosevelt Jaicks marched and were arrested to protest the  
7 Vietnam War and the Iraq War. They routinely walked Local 2 picket lines and were arrested  
8 for civil disobedience in support of striking Local 2 hotel and restaurant workers.

9 (g) Beginning in the 1960s the Morrisons’ and Jaicks’ respective homes on Woodland  
10 Avenue, and Woodland Avenue itself, became legendary grassroots fundraising venues for  
11 generations of Democratic Party candidates such as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi,  
12 Congressman Phillip Burton, Congressman John Burton, State Senator Carole Migden, State  
13 Assembly Speaker and Mayor Willie Brown, State Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Mayor  
14 George Moscone, Mayor Art Agnos, and Supervisor Sophie Maxell, among others. For nearly  
15 60 years their living rooms were well-known meeting places for advancing the twin causes of  
16 economic and social equality.

17 (h) These couples strove – successfully – to make San Francisco a better place for all  
18 of its residents. They are deserving of a sidewalk plaque commemorating their contributions  
19 and honoring their legacies.

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21 Section 3. Designation of Portion of Sidewalk Near Corner of Woodland Avenue and  
22 Parnassus Avenue in Commemoration of the Activists of Woodland Avenue.

23 (a) In accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789.2(a), the Board of  
24 Supervisors, in recognition of the civic contributions of Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana  
25 Roosevelt Jaicks, and Agar Jaicks (the “Activists of Woodland Avenue”), hereby designates

1 the portion of sidewalk on the easterly side of Woodland Avenue near Parnassus Avenue,  
2 adjoining the residence at 8 Woodland Avenue (the “Woodland Avenue Sidewalk”), as the site  
3 of a future commemorative plaque in honor of the Activists of Woodland Avenue.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of  
5 Supervisors hereby waives the Public Works hearing on the application for the Woodland  
6 Avenue Activists commemorative plaque.

7 (c) The Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to add the Woodland Avenue  
8 Sidewalk to the Official City Map of commemorative sites. Moreover, the Board of  
9 Supervisors directs Public Works to add the Woodland Avenue Activists commemorative  
10 plaque to the Official City Map of commemorative sites following the Public Works Director’s  
11 acceptance of the plaque on the City’s behalf pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.

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13 Section 4. Delegation of Authority to Public Works Director to Approve Plaque  
14 Installation.

15 In accordance with Public Works Code Section 789.4(c), the Board of Supervisors  
16 approves the commemoration of Woodland Avenue Activists on the Woodland Avenue  
17 Sidewalk, and authorizes the Public Works Director to approve the installation of one  
18 commemorative plaque on or about the Woodland Avenue Sidewalk, which approval is  
19 conditioned upon the approval of the plaque design by the Arts Commission’s Civic Design  
20 Review Committee and the Director’s review of all applicable permit application materials and  
21 determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all applicable engineering,  
22 installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of Public Works Code  
23 Sections 789 through 789.7.

1 Section 5. Fee Waiver.

2 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Public Works Code, the Board of  
3 Supervisors hereby waives all permit and inspection fees associated with the installation of  
4 the commemorative plaque in honor of the Woodland Avenue Activists in accordance with this  
5 ordinance.

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7 Section 6. Official Actions Directed.

8 The Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to take all actions necessary to  
9 implement the intent of this ordinance, including approval of the installation of the  
10 aforementioned plaque, which shall be conditioned upon approval of the Civic Design Review  
11 Committee of the Arts Commission, and the Director’s review of all applicable permit  
12 application materials and determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all  
13 applicable engineering, installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of  
14 Public Works Code Sections 789 through 789.7.

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16 Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
17 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
18 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
19 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
22 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

23 By: /s/ Christopher T. Tom  
24 CHRISTOPHER T. TOM  
25 Deputy City Attorney

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## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver]

**Ordinance designating a portion of the sidewalk near the corner of Woodland Avenue at Parnassus Avenue as the site of a future commemorative plaque in honor of the former activists of Woodland Avenue (Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks, Agar Jaicks); granting the Public Works Director authority to approve the installation of said plaque to be installed at said location following the Director's review of all permit application materials and the approval of the plaque design by the Design Review Committee of the Arts Commission; waiving permit and inspection fees under the Public Works Code for the installation of the plaque; directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance, as defined herein; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

### Existing Law

The Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance (Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq.) sets forth the procedures for commemoration of historical sites, events, and persons in locations upon a public street or place. Pursuant to Public Works Code Section 789.4, the Board of Supervisors may elect to hold a hearing on a proposal to commemorate a site, event, or person of historical interest to San Francisco prior to the submittal of a complete application to the Department of Public Works; in addition, the Board may approve the commemoration of a site, event, or person and authorize the Public Works Director to approve the installation of commemorative plaques at precise locations, following the Arts Commission's approval of the plaque design and the Director's review of all application materials.

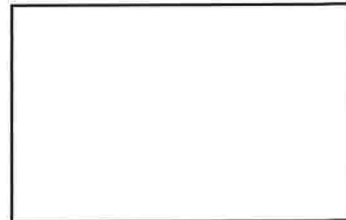
### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would designate a portion of the sidewalk near the corner of Woodland Avenue at Parnassus Avenue as the site of a future commemorative plaque in honor of Jane Morrison, Jack Morrison, Diana Roosevelt Jaicks, and Agar Jaicks, the former activists of Woodland Avenue. In addition, the ordinance would authorize the Public Works Director to approve the installation of one commemorative plaque on Woodland Avenue, which approval would be conditioned upon the approval of the plaque design by the Arts Commission's Civic Design Review Committee and the Director's review of all applicable permit application materials and determination that the proposed plaque installation complies with all applicable engineering, installation, safety, and siting criteria, and all other requirements of the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance. This ordinance would waive all permit and inspection fees associated with the installation of the commemorative plaque.

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## Introduction Form

*(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)*



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
*(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)*
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission     Youth Commission     Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission     Building Inspection Commission     Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes                       No

*(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)*

Sponsor(s):

Mandelman; Chan

Subject:

[Public Works Code - Commemorative Plaque - Activists of Woodland Avenue; Fee Waiver]

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 