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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Walton on May 5, 2026.

File No. 260502

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Art Agnos Way" to the 500 and 600 blocks of Connecticut Street, in recognition of former Mayor Art Agnos for his decades of dedicated public service and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them 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: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

cc:
Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Walton
David Steinberg, Public Works
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Jason Wong, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Art Agnos Way" - 500 and 600 Blocks of
2 Connecticut Street]

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4 **and 600 blocks of Connecticut Street, in recognition of former Mayor Art Agnos for his**
5 **decades of dedicated public service and commitment to the people of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Art Agnos, born Arthouros Agnos in Springfield, Massachusetts, is the son
8 of Greek immigrants and has dedicated his life to public service, equity, and the advancement
9 of underserved communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to holding public office, he served as a social worker at the San
11 Francisco Housing Authority, advocating on behalf of low-income residents and families; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1974, Art Agnos served as Chief of Staff to Speaker of the California
13 State Assembly Leo T. McCarthy, where he helped secure early state funding for community-
14 based mental health services, including services supporting LGBTQ+ communities, supported
15 legislation advancing nursing home reform, and contributed to efforts to preserve agricultural
16 land; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1976, he was elected to the California State Assembly representing
18 the 16th District, where he contributed to welfare reform efforts, including programs such as
19 the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program and worked to advance protections
20 against discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

21 WHEREAS, Art Agnos served as the 39th Mayor of the City and County of San
22 Francisco from 1988 to 1992; and

23 WHEREAS, Mayor Agnos' tenure was marked by a deep commitment to civil rights,
24 social justice, and neighborhood revitalization, including championing policies that expanded
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1 access to healthcare, supported working families, and strengthened the cultural fabric of the
2 City; and

3 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, San Francisco made transformative investments in
4 public infrastructure, including the removal of the Embarcadero Freeway following the Loma
5 Prieta Earthquake, helping to reconnect neighborhoods to the waterfront and reshape the
6 City’s future; and

7 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the City and County of San Francisco honor his enduring
8 legacy, leadership, and contributions by designating a commemorative street naming for
9 the 500 and 600 blocks of Connecticut Street, a location reflective of the diverse and resilient
10 communities he served; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby honor former Mayor
12 Art Agnos for his decades of dedicated public service and commitment to the people of San
13 Francisco; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 500 and 600 blocks of Connecticut Street shall be
15 commemoratively named in his honor as “Art Agnos Way,” serving as a lasting tribute to his
16 legacy and impact on the City; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is hereby directed to
18 add the honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names, in
19 accordance with Public Works Code, Sections 789 et seq.

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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):

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- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
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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

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