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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee City Hall, Room 250 San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr. Street" - 1500 Block of Grove Street

Dear Supervisors Melgar, Preston, and Peskin,

I am writing in support of renaming the 1500 Block of Grove Street to Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr. Street in honor of his life and legacy, and to bring attention to his tragic death and the need for action against gun violence.

On August 14, 2006, Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr. was killed in a drive-by shooting, near his family home on Grove Street at just 17-years of age. A student and athlete, he was on his way to work at the Bernal Heights Recreation Center, and died warning others of the gunmen. This case remains under investigation by the San Francisco Police Department.

Far too many lives have been lost in our City due to senseless gun violence. I stand with Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr.'s mother, Ms. Paulette Brown, who continues to seek justice and fights every day to keep her son's memory alive.

I urge you to support the renaming of this street in commemoration of Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr., to bring attention to Ms. Paulette's son's tragic death, and to address the need for action against gun violence.

Sincerely,

Brooke Jenkins

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