

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/4/12 Amended in Committee)

[Naming the Waller Street Stairway as Adah's Stairway]

Ordinance: 1) establishing the name of the stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street stairway at Waller and Broderick Streets and connecting that connects to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East as "Adah's Stairway," in recognition of Adah Bakalinsky, author of the book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*; 2) commemorating this location under Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance; 3) accepting a plaque and its installation in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky as a gift to the City; 4) waiving permit and inspection fees for plaque installation; and 5) directing official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.

Existing Law

The Department of Public Works (DPW) regulates specified activities on the dedicated public right-of-way in accordance with the Public Works Code and other Municipal Codes. The public right-of-way consists of streets, sidewalks, ways and other public places as further defined in Public Works Code Sections 2.4.4(t) and 244. DPW administers the process under local and State law to name or change the name of public right-of-way, including stairways. DPW administers the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance program, Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., that authorizes the City to designate portions of the public right-of-way in honor of individuals, organizations, or events and to permit the install of commemorative plaques.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would name the stairway on the southern portion of Waller Street at Waller and Broderick Streets that connects to Buena Vista Park at Buena Vista East as "Adah's Stairway" in recognition of Adah Bakalinsky, author of the book *Stairway Walks in San Francisco*. The legislation also would commemorate this location under the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, accept a plaque and its installation in honor of Ms. Bakalinsky as a gift to the City, waive permit and inspection fees for the plaque installation, and direct official acts in furtherance of this Ordinance.

Background Information

The purpose of this legislation is to recognize Adah Bakalinsky, author of *Stairway Walks in San Francisco* and her contribution to the City and County of San Francisco.