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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 30, 2021
To: Carla Short, Interim Executive Director, Public Works
From: *all* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board
Subject: Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Polytechnic Way" - 700
Block of Frederick Street (File No. 210744)

On November 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 521-21, sponsored by Supervisor Preston and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on November 19, 2021.

A copy of the Resolution is being forwarded to you pursuant to Resolution No. 521-21.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

cc: David Steinberg, Public Works
Bryan Dahl, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Polytechnic Way" - 700 Block of Frederick
2 Street]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Polytechnic Way" to the 700 block**
4 **of Frederick Street in recognition of San Francisco's first public high school and its**
5 **contribution to the education of thousands of San Franciscans from 1894 to 1972.**
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7 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School (Poly) was the first public high school in San
8 Francisco, California from 1884 until 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School was located with entrances at 701 Frederick
10 Street and exits at 372 Carl Street, and was bordered by Willard and Arguello Streets in San
11 Francisco, California; and

12 WHEREAS, Kezar Stadium was originally a part of Poly's athletic facilities, and over
13 50,000 people attended Poly's football games against Lowell High School in both 1928 and
14 1947; and

15 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School notable alumni includes former 49ers head coach
16 George Seifert, former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, pro footballer Bob St. Clair,
17 musician Paul Desmond, actress Janet Gaynor, lead singer Victor Willis of Village People,
18 Nobel Prize in Physics recipient Luis Walter Alvarez, artist Louis Macouillard, cartoonist Tad
19 Dorgan, physicist Edward Ginzton, athlete Alice Marble – International Tennis Hall of Fame,
20 musician Merl Saunders, announcer George Fenneman, and Rudy Rintala, a four-sport star
21 athlete at Stanford University during the 1930's; and

22 WHEREAS, Thousands of Polytechnic High School graduates went on to live and work
23 in the San Francisco Bay Area, collectively making a positive difference throughout the years;
24 now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Polytechnic
2 High School, the San Francisco Public Works is directed to add the honorary street name to
3 its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with 17 Public Works Code,
4 Section 789 et seq.

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November 01, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

November 09, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210744

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/9/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

11/19/21

Date Approved