

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Randall Kline Alley" - 200 Block of Linden
2 Street]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Randall Kline Alley" to the 200**
4 **Block of Linden Street in recognition of Randall Kline's retirement from SFJAZZ and in**
5 **celebration of founding the organization 40 years ago, while also recognizing the**
6 **construction and opening of the SFJAZZ Center 10 years ago.**

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8 WHEREAS, Randall Kline is the Founder and Executive Artistic Director of SFJAZZ
9 and has led the organization for 40 years distinguishing him as a trailblazer in the world of
10 jazz; and

11 WHEREAS, Randall Kline has built SFJAZZ from a two-night festival into one of San
12 Francisco's most prized cultural institutions and plans to leave his role as executive artistic
13 director next year; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Kline founded the organization - originally named Jazz in the City, in
15 1983; in December 1999, he announced the establishment of SFJAZZ, the San Francisco
16 Jazz Organization, a much expanded organization with year-round concert and educational
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Randall Kline has built the organization from a small community-based
19 organization to an internationally recognized, year-round jazz institution; and

20 WHEREAS, On Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2013, the award winning SFJAZZ Center
21 had its Grand Opening in the Hayes Valley neighborhood and Civic Center performing arts
22 district; and

23 WHEREAS, The SFJAZZ Center is iconic and is the country's only stand-alone building
24 designed and dedicated to jazz presentation; and

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1 WHEREAS, Randall Kline supports local and international artists by presenting over
2 450 concerts a year to more than 200,000 people at the SFJAZZ Center; and

3 WHEREAS, The SFJAZZ Center provides extensive education programs for people of
4 all ages, including middle school students in San Francisco and Oakland, and the award-
5 winning SFJAZZ High School All-Stars; and

6 WHEREAS, Randall Kline has made significant and remarkable contributions to the
7 vitality of our City, and his tremendous lifework truly represents San Francisco values at their
8 best; and

9 WHEREAS, Randall Kline's leadership has earned him countless recognitions
10 including the 2015 Bruce Lundvall Visionary Award, Museum of the African Diaspora of San
11 Francisco's 2014 Patron of Culture, the 2013 Leadership Award from Western Arts Alliance,
12 2013 Jazz Hero Award from Jazz Journalists Association, to name a few; and

13 WHEREAS, Randall Kline is an indelible part of the artistic and cultural fabric of San
14 Francisco, and his long and dedicated history of musical presentations and community
15 engagement deserves a grand celebration; and

16 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2023 SFJAZZ will host its annual fundraiser to honor Randall
17 Kline with the SFJAZZ Lifetime Achievement Award for his incomparable achievements on
18 behalf of jazz and on his retirement; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Randall Kline,
20 there shall be an honorary naming of "Randall Kline Alley" on Linden Street between Gough
21 Street and Franklin Street; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
23 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
24 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.