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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works  
Katharine Anderson, City and County Surveyor, Office of the County Surveyor

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: February 15, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Melgar on February 7, 2023.

**File No. 230137**

**Resolution renaming Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current northern terminus to "Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue" and applying this new street name to the future public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue to its proposed end point near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School.**

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: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

cc: David Steinberg, Public Works  
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John Thomas, Public Works  
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Jason Wong, Public Works

1 [Street Naming - Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue]

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3 **Resolution renaming Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean Avenue to its current**  
4 **northern terminus to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue” and applying this new street name**  
5 **to the future public right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue to its proposed end point**  
6 **near the southern boundary of Archbishop Riordan High School.**

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8 WHEREAS, Mayor Edwin M. Lee was a life-long champion of affordable housing,  
9 breaking down differences to grow coalitions in support of building housing across the City  
10 and County of San Francisco (the “City” or “San Francisco”) for low-income San Franciscans;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, As a child of first-generation Chinese immigrants, Mayor Lee grew up with  
13 his parents and five siblings in Seattle, Washington public housing, later attending University  
14 of California, Berkeley Law School; and

15 WHEREAS, Even as a young organizer, Mayor Lee was a staunch advocate of  
16 affordable housing, including supporting the Ping Yuen Resident Improvement Association to  
17 organize San Francisco’s public housing rent strike due to unsafe and unsanitary conditions in  
18 housing units; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s career in public service began in the San Francisco Human  
20 Rights Commission in 1991 and he later went on to serve as Public Works Director and City  
21 Administrator before becoming the first Asian American Mayor of San Francisco in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, As Mayor, Edwin M. Lee met his bold housing goals, including to build  
23 30,000 new and rehabbed homes with at least one-third permanently affordable to low and  
24 moderate-income families; and

1 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Lee's direction, the City created DAHLIA (Database of  
2 Affordable Housing Listings, Information, and Applications), a web-based portal that connects  
3 eligible residents with affordable housing, making the process easier and more transparent for  
4 applicants; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2012, Mayor Lee's big tent approach to leadership led to the passage of  
6 the "Housing Trust Fund," San Francisco's first affordable housing ballot measure since the  
7 1996 Housing Bond championed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, In partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, Mayor Lee  
9 worked to stabilize housing for 500 educator households through down payment assistance,  
10 build educator housing apartments, and provide access to eviction services for educators  
11 experiencing evictions; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's tireless advocacy for educator housing and affordable  
13 housing on public lands led to the Balboa Reservoir Development Project, which includes  
14 more than 1,000 units of which 50% are affordable units, several acres of open public space,  
15 and a childcare facility; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee lived in Glen Park; was a champion of San Francisco's  
17 Westside neighborhoods; often frequented Ocean Avenue, Sunnyside, and the many vibrant  
18 neighborhoods of Supervisorial District 7; and dedicated crucial City resources to Westside  
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee spent his public service career dedicated to social justice and  
21 worked tirelessly to make San Francisco more inclusive and equitable for all residents; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee will continue to be dearly missed by his family and his  
23 community, and his service to the City and County of San Francisco will never be forgotten;  
24 and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions of Mayor Lee to the City, the Board of  
2 Supervisors intends to change the name of existing Lee Avenue from its intersection with  
3 Ocean Avenue to its northern terminus and to establish the name of the future extension of  
4 this street from its current terminus to its end point at or near the southern boundary of  
5 Archbishop Riordan High School, to Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue; and

6 WHEREAS, The 300 Block of current Lee Avenue, located between Ocean Avenue  
7 and its northern terminus adjacent to the City College of San Francisco parking lot, is a  
8 publicly dedicated street; and

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors intends to rename this street segment of Lee  
10 Avenue to "Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街" in honor of Mayor Lee; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the development agreement for the Balboa Reservoir Development  
12 Project, the Project sponsor will construct and dedicate a new, unnamed street to the City that  
13 extends from the current Lee Avenue at its northern terminus northward toward Archbishop  
14 Riordan High School (hereafter, this street segment is referred to as "Future Mayor Lee  
15 Avenue"); and

16 WHEREAS, Despite California Streets and Highways Code, Section 971, which allows  
17 the Board of Supervisors to name previously unnamed streets without any hearing or notice,  
18 the Board has elected to proceed with a Resolution and a public hearing process to name  
19 Future Mayor Lee Avenue in honor of Mayor Lee in accordance with California Government  
20 Code, Section 34091.1 and Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5 and 5026; and

21 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors anticipates dedicating Future Mayor Lee  
22 Avenue as open public right-of-way after its construction through subsequent actions and  
23 accepting this street and attendant public infrastructure for City maintenance and liability  
24 purposes subject to certain conditions; and  
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1 WHEREAS, The location of the segment of Lee Avenue to be renamed to Mayor  
2 Edwin M. Lee Avenue and Future Mayor Lee Avenue are shown on a map on file with the  
3 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporated herein by  
4 reference; and

5 WHEREAS, In Public Works Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, the  
6 Interim Public Works Director certified that Public Works determined that renaming of Lee  
7 Avenue to and establishing the proposed street name of Mayor Edwin M Lee Avenue do not  
8 conflict with the names of existing streets located in the City as set forth in Public Works  
9 Code, Section 423; and

10 WHEREAS, This Order also states that Public Works conducted the required notice to  
11 adjacent property owners and provided a report on its findings concerning the street  
12 renaming; and

13 WHEREAS, A copy of Public Works Order No. \_\_\_\_\_, which includes the Public  
14 Works report, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
15 is incorporated herein by reference; and

16 WHEREAS, For establishing the name of unnamed streets and changing the name of  
17 existing streets, the City follows the applicable practices specified in Public Works Code,  
18 Section 423, the Public Works informational bulletin entitled "Street Name  
19 Establishment/Street Name Change," California Government Code, Section 34091.1, and  
20 California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and 5026; and

21 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's legacy will live on in the lives of those who benefitted from his  
22 advocacy and law-making as well as the generations of San Franciscans who will call Mayor  
23 Edwin M. Lee Avenue home or use this street to move throughout the neighborhood; now,  
24 therefore, be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board  
2 of Supervisors hereby renames the segment of Lee Avenue from its intersection with Ocean  
3 Avenue to its current northern terminus to “Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街”; and,  
4 be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the Public  
6 Works, on behalf of the City, properly posted the affected segment of existing Lee Avenue  
7 that is the subject of the street name change for the specified time period in compliance with  
8 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 970.5; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with  
10 Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare  
11 street signs indicating both the new and former name of the street, with the new name “Mayor  
12 Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街” in large letters, and the former name Lee Avenue in  
13 smaller letters beneath the new name for five years at which point new signs shall be installed  
14 bearing solely the new name; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above,  
16 the Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the street name for the future northern public  
17 right-of-way extension of Lee Avenue as Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue 李孟賢市長街 in the  
18 location shown on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Future Mayor Lee Avenue street name will be  
20 operative at the time the Board of Supervisors accepts the public dedication of this particular  
21 street segment; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That City departments are authorized to use the new street  
23 name prior to their operative date should it be necessary for efficient administration of  
24 governmental functions, such as permit issuance and creation of property tax bills; and, be it  
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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming and street name establishment are  
2 in honor of Mayor Lee's life of civic engagement and service to the government and citizens of  
3 San Francisco and its visitors; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That by adopting this Resolution, the Board of Supervisors  
5 does not intend to effectuate any change in City department jurisdictional control over any  
6 portion of the streets depicted on the map on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors;  
7 and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
9 to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with  
10 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026 in order to enter the names on the  
11 official records of San Francisco street names.

## Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☒ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor  inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

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

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Melgar

Subject:

Resolution naming Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution naming Mayor Edwin M. Lee Avenue within the Balboa Reservoir Development Project

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /Melgar