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1	[Commemorative Street Plaque - Judith Heumann - United Nations Plaza]
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3	Resolution authorizing the placement of a commemorative plaque or statuary in United
4	Nations Plaza in memory of Judith Heumann; directing the Department of Public Works
5	to carry out the installation of the aforementioned plaque or statuary.
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7	WHEREAS, Judy Heumann passed away at age 75 on March 4, 2023, at her home in
8	Washington DC; and
9	WHEREAS, Judy Heumann served as the Assistant Secretary of Education for Special
10	Education and Rehabilitative Services under President Bill Clinton from 1993 to 2001, and the
11	first Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, appointed by President Barack Obama
12	in 2010; and
13	WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, is American legislation that
14	guarantees certain rights to people with disabilities; it was one of the first U.S. federal civil
15	rights laws offering protection for people with disabilities; it set precedents for subsequent
16	legislation for people with disabilities, including the Virginians with Disabilities Act in 1985 and
17	the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990; and
18	WHEREAS, The 504 Sit-in was a disability rights protest that began April 5, 1977, in
19	Federal Buildings in multiple cities around the US, including San Francisco, by people with
20	disabilities in order to push the issuance of long-delayed regulations regarding Section 504 of
21	the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
22	WHEREAS, The protest was organized by Judy Heumann, who was a lifelong civil
23	rights advocate for people with disabilities whose work produced significant contributions to
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1	the development of human rights legislation and policies benefiting children and adults with
2	disabilities; and
3	WHEREAS, The protest and 504 Sit-in at the Federal Building at 50 United Nations
4	Plaza were significant because they achieved the goal of prompting the Federal government
5	to issue the long awaited regulations to guarantee access and civil rights to people with
6	disabilities; and
7	WHEREAS, The most successful sit-in occurred in San Francisco at 50 United Nations
8	Plaza, at the Federal Building, planned by Judith Heumann, Kitty Cone, and Mary Jane Owen,
9	lasted until May 4, 1977, a total of 25 days, with more than 150 people, including 120 disability
10	rights activists, refusing to leave, making it the longest sit-in at a federal building to date; and
11	WHEREAS, The protesters who occupied the fourth floor of the Federal building at 50
12	United Nations Plaza were primarily young and diverse, including mostly disabled people of
13	color, and led by women, with queer women playing an especially prominent role; and
14	WHEREAS, The Black Panther Party arrived to deliver food to the protesters who
15	organized the community occupation of the building, despite the FBI attempting to stop them,
16	unsuccessfully from delivering hot meals; and
17	WHEREAS, Prior to the enactment in 1990 of the Americans with Disabilities Act was
18	the most important disability rights legislation in the US; and
19	WHEREAS, Before the passage of Section 504, disability was viewed under the law as
20	a personal deficit and responsibility; and
21	WHEREAS, Before the passage of Section 504, the American legal framework enabled
22	the treatment of people with disabilities as second-class citizens, and systematically excluded
23	them from fully participating in society; and
24	WHEREAS, The passage of Section 504 marked a recognition that progress was
25	needed in recognizing the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

1	WHEREAS, Early versions of the Act were opposed and eventually vetoed by
2	President Richard Nixon in October 1972 and March 1973; and
3	WHEREAS, Between the passage of the Act in 1973 to 1977, there were no published
4	regulations, despite protests, and pressure from disabled American activists and their allies,
5	who filed a successful lawsuit to compel the Federal government to issue the regulations; and
6	WHEREAS, Disability in Action activists, led by Judith Heumann, staged a sit in on
7	Madison Ave., New York, protesters from Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National
8	Paraplegia Foundation, and others staged demonstrations in Washington DC; and
9	WHEREAS, The regulations were finally issued and signed on April 28, 1977; now,
10	therefore, be it
11	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Public Works Code,
12	Section 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, authorizes the placement
13	of plaques on the sidewalk at United Nations Plaza; and, be it
14	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges Public Works to
15	waive all costs associated with permits and the installation of the commemorative plaque;
16	and, be it
17	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to take all
18	actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution, including approval of the
19	installation of the aforementioned plaque; and, be it
20	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to
21	add aforementioned plaque at the aforementioned location on the City's official list of
22	commemorative sites effective immediately from the date of passage of this Resolution; and,
23	be it
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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That Judith Heumann is hereby recognized by the San
2	Francisco Board of Supervisors for her significant contributions both nationally and
3	internationally to the Civil Rights and Disability Community.
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DATE: May 10, 2023

TO: Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matters are of an urgent nature and request them be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, as Committee Reports:

230297 Initiating Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars

Sponsor: Melgar

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

230269 Commemorative Street Plaque - Judith Heumann - United Nations Plaza

Sponsors: Melgar; Safai

Resolution authorizing the placement of a commemorative plaque or statuary in United Nations Plaza in memory of Judith Heumann; directing the Department of Public Works to carry out the installation of the aforementioned plaque or statuary.

230212 Planning, Building, Fire Codes - Small Business Month Fee Waivers Including for

Awning Installation Sponsor: Engardio

Ordinance amending the Planning, Building, and Fire Codes to codify the annual waiver of awning replacement fees and awning sign fees applied for during the month of May, to annually waive fees for new awning installations applied for during the month of May, and to indicate that the Planning Code, Building, and Fire Code waivers pertaining to pedestrian street lighting as well as awning replacement, awning installation, and awning sign fees are keyed to permit application in May rather than permit issuance in May; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

These matters will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.