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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Interim Director, Public Works
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FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: July 5, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Melgar on June 27, 2023:

File No. 230779

Resolution renaming a segment of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street from its new terminus at 241 Palo Alto Avenue westward to its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and renaming the remaining segment of Palo Alto Avenue between its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at Clarendon Avenue to Dellbrook Avenue.

The proposed legislation officially names an unnamed street, pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code, Section 423, California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, and California Government Code, Section 34091.1.

Pursuant to the Code mandates, your department's response to this street naming is required. A hearing for this matter will be scheduled upon receipt of all required department responses.

Please forward your response 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.

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1 [Street Naming - Portions of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue]

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3 **Resolution renaming a segment of Palo Alto Avenue to La Avanzada Street from its**
4 **new terminus at 241 Palo Alto Avenue westward to its intersection with Dellbrook**
5 **Avenue and renaming the remaining segment of Palo Alto Avenue between its**
6 **intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at Clarendon Avenue to**
7 **Dellbrook Avenue.**

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9 WHEREAS, Palo Alto Avenue, La Avanzada Street, and Dellbrook Avenue are located
10 in the Clarendon Heights neighborhood and the immediate vicinity of Sutro Tower; and

11 WHEREAS, The street name for the segment of Palo Alto Avenue from its 250 block
12 westward to its terminus at Clarendon Avenue has caused public confusion because maps of
13 the area use the Palo Alto Avenue nomenclature but the City street signage does not show
14 this name; and

15 WHEREAS, Some residents in the neighborhood refer to this portion of the officially
16 designated Palo Alto Avenue, i.e., the area that would be the start of the 250 block, as La
17 Avanzada Street because that is the private street name that starts at Sutro Tower and ends
18 where it intersects with a portion of Palo Alto Avenue with no developed parcels; and

19 WHEREAS, Some residents in the neighborhood refer to the portion of the officially
20 designated Palo Alto Avenue that is further west at the intersection of Dellbrook Avenue, i.e.,
21 the area that might be designated as the 300 block of Palo Alto Avenue or the 600 block of
22 Dellbrook Avenue, as Dellbrook Avenue; and

23 WHEREAS, To avoid further confusion for neighbors, emergency providers, delivery
24 services and other address-dependent functions, the Board of Supervisors proposes to
25 harmonize the official street names with the neighborhood's informal street references and

1 existing street signage by officially changing the name of two segments of Palo Alto Avenue to
2 La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, and terminating Palo Alto Avenue
3 after its last remaining address of 241 Palo Alto Avenue; and

4 WHEREAS, The location of the segments of Palo Alto Avenue to be officially renamed
5 to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, are shown on a map on file with
6 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and incorporated herein by
7 reference; and

8 WHEREAS, For street name changes to existing streets, the City follows the applicable
9 practices specified in Public Works Code, Section 423, the Public Works informational bulletin
10 entitled "Street Name Establishment/Street Name Change," California Government Code,
11 Section 34091.1, and California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, and 5026; and

12 WHEREAS, In Public Works Order No. 208268 dated June 22, 2023, the Interim Public
13 Works Director certified that Public Works determined that renaming segments of Palo Alto
14 Avenue to La Avanzada Street and Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, does not conflict with the
15 names of existing streets located in the City as set forth in Public Works Code, Section 423;
16 and

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

20 WHEREAS, A copy of Public Works Order No. 208268, which includes the Public
21 Works report, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and
22 is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That consistent with the law and procedures specified above, the Board
24 of Supervisors hereby officially renames Palo Alto Avenue between the start of what would be
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1 the 250 block of Palo Alto Avenue and its westward intersection with Dellbrook Avenue to La
2 Avanzada Street; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board officially renames the remaining segment of Palo
4 Alto Avenue between its intersection with Dellbrook Avenue and its westward terminus at
5 Clarendon Avenue to Dellbrook Avenue; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board acknowledges that the official terminus of Palo Alto
7 Avenue will be at its last known address of 241 Palo Alto Avenue; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that Public
9 Works, on behalf of the City, properly posted the affected segments of Palo Alto Avenue that
10 are the subject of the street name change for the specified time period in compliance with
11 California Streets and Highways Code, Section 970.5; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with
13 Transportation Code, Section 2.2, directs the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare
14 and/or maintain street signs indicating the new official name of La Avanzada Street and
15 Dellbrook Avenue, respectively, along the street segment identified above; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Municipal
17 Transportation Agency to ensure that any official signage on the public portion of La
18 Avanzada as identified in this legislation is clearly differentiated from private signage that may
19 be posted on the private portion of La Avanzada Street leading to Sutro Tower; and, be it

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
25 to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with

California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026 in order to enter the names on the 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):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: