From: <u>Kasey Rios Asberry</u>

To: <u>Carroll, John (BOS)</u>; <u>Board of Supervisors (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>

Cc: <u>veteransalley@gmail.com</u>
Subject: Veterans Alley Support

**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 11:40:03 AM

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Hello SF Board of Supervisors,

This message is coming to you in support of the commemorative renaming of the 0 block of Shannon Street as "Veterans Alley".

The Downtown neighborhoods and wider art scene already well know this place as Veterans Alley through the multi-year labor of love to recognize Veterans and support them through art and organizing lead by Amos Gregory.

This re-naming should mark the beginning of a deeper commitment to support for this important work!

Kasey Rios
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Demonstration Gardens
kasberry@humanorigins.org
415-283-8570
Demonstration-gardens.org

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Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Smeallie, Kyle (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Angulo, To:

Sunny (BOS)

Comment Letters Received - LUT February 5, 2024 - File Nos. 231176 and 240065 Subject:

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:11:00 AM

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Good morning, Chair Melgar and LUT members.

I have received numerous comment letters over the weekend related to matters on today's agenda. Each letter is added to the file.

For your convenience, I have added the comment letters to the following links:

Board of Supervisors File No. 231176 - LUT Agenda Item No. 1

Board of Supervisors File No. 240065 – LUT Agenda Item No. 4

I will update the documents behind each of these links throughout the day, as we receive more comment letters on these topics.

### John Carroll **Assistant Clerk**

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From: Carroll, John (BOS) To: tndctenants@yahoo.com

Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS)

RE: Veterans Alley, Street Name Designation Resolution Support - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024 Subject:

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:37:00 AM

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**From:** tndctenants@yahoo.com <tndctenants@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 1:12 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) < john.carroll@sfgov.org>

Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <br/>
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board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS)

<dean.preston@sfgov.org>

Subject: Veterans Alley, Street Name Designation Resolution Support

Land Use and Transportation Committee San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of VETERANS ALLEY

TNDC Tenants is writing in powerful support of the Board of Supervisors resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and Post, Taylor, and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Since 2011, the Veterans Alley Mural Project has been active in providing various programming and advocacy around the struggles of San Francisco's U. S. military veterans including painting murals for both the community and San Francisco visitors to view.

Please share this e-mail with the Land Use and Transportation Committee members and place this correspondence into resolution 231176 for the full board to view. Contact us if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Winfield
TNDC Tenants
TNDC Tenants empowers low-income tenants

To: Tenderloin Tenants; Board of Supervisors (BOS) Preston, Dean (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS) Cc:

RE: Veterans Alley, Commemorative Street Name Designation (Public Comment) - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT Subject:

February 5, 2024

Monday, February 5, 2024 9:37:00 AM Date:

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**From:** Tenderloin Tenants <tenderlointenants@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 5:01 PM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS)

<board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Cc: Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; PrestonStaff (BOS) prestonstaff@sfgov.org>

Subject: Veterans Alley, Commemorative Street Name Designation (Public Comment)

Land Use and Transportation Committee San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY"

Tenderloin Tenants are urging the Board of Supervisors to support resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and O'Farrell, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Since 2011, Veterans Alley has become a place where veterans gather around the creation of the art of healing and a place for non-veteran Tenderloin residents, both housed and unhoused, to gather around art and healing and to seek and connect with services. Veterans Alley has become a destination that inspires and educates both tourists and San Franciscans on the experience of veterans and calls for peace.

Tenderloin Tenants admires and supports how Shannon Street has become an open space with an identity. Our members have participated in Veterans Alley projects and activities over the years and plan on doing so in the future.

Please share this e-mail with the Land Use and Transportation Committee members and place this correspondence into resolution 231176 for the full board to view. Contact us if there are any questions.

Tenderloin Tenants seeks to protect and maximize the quality of life for current and future residents.

Regards,

Wilma Gurwork
Tenderloin Tenants

Denise Dorey; Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS) To:

Cc: amos@vetalley.org; Michael Nulty

RE: Veterans Alley - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024 Subject:

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:37:00 AM

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**From:** Denise Dorey <axisofloveposse@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:21 AM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** amos@vetalley.org; Michael Nulty <sf\_district6@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Veterans Alley

I am writing in support of the Board Of Supervisors 231176 the commemorative street name designation of Veteran's Alley at the 0 block of Shannon Street.

Thank you
Denise Dorey
San Francisco resident

Theatre District Neighbors; Board of Supervisors (BOS) To:

Cc: Mayor London Breed

RE: Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY" - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024 Subject:

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From: Theatre District Neighbors < theatredistrictneighbors@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 7:46 PM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS)

<board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Cc: Mayor London Breed < london.breed.old@sfgov.org> Subject: Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY"

Land Use and Transportation Committee

SF Board of Supervisors

SF City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Plaza

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY"

Land Use and Transportation Committee of SF Board of Supervisors and Clerk

Theatre District Neighbors are urging the Land Use and Transportation Committee and the SF Board of Supervisors to support resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and O'Farrell, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

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Theatre District Neighbors urges both the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to grant the Commemoration Street Name Change on Shannon Street to Veterans Alley, which will offer more reachable cultural destinations in the Union Square adjunct areas to tourists.

The Theater District is a neighborhood in San Francisco named for the stage theaters that lie there.

Regards,

Sidney Montgomery

Theatre District Neighbors

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**Theatre District Neighbors** 

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San Francisco, CA 94142-0846

theatredistrictneighbors@gmail.com

(415) 339-8779

https://atasf7.wixsite.com/tdneighbors

From: Carroll, John (BOS) To: abd6membership

Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); amos@vetalley.org Cc:

RE: resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of Veterans Alley - BOS File No. 231176 -Subject:

LUT February 5, 2024

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**From:** abd6membership <abd6membership@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 2:31 AM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) < john.carroll@sfgov.org>

<dean.preston@sfgov.org>; amos@vetalley.org

Subject: resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of Veterans Alley

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

City Hall

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of VETERANS ALLEY

The Alliance for a Better District 6 is writing in strong support of the Board of Supervisors resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, is located between Geary and Post, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. It holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Since 2011, the Veterans Alley Mural Project has been active in providing various programming and advocacy around the struggles of San Francisco's U. S. military veterans. The Alliance for a Better District 6 has partnered over the years with co-sponsorship of community presentations, community recognition, and planning and outreach of activities that have occurred on Shannon Street.

The Alliance for a Better District 6 believes it is now only befitting to establish a commemorative street name designation "Veterans Alley".

The Alliance for a Better District 6, since 1999 has been the voice of San Francisco's Downtown. Our mission is to improve the quality of San Francisco's Urban life.

Sincerely,

Susan Bryan Co-founder Alliance for a Better District 6

### **Membership Committee**

Alliance for a Better District 6 P.O. Box 420782 San Francisco, CA 94142-0782 (415) 339-8779

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To: TACPAC; Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS)

Cc: veteransalley@gmail.com; Sf District6

RE: resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at Shannon Street -Subject:

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**From:** TACPAC <tacpac\_sf@yahoo.com> Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 5:56 PM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; PrestonStaff (BOS) cprestonstaff@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** veteransalley@gmail.com; Sf\_ District6 <sf\_district6@yahoo.com>

Subject: resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at Shannon Street

Land Use and Transportation Committee San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY"

Dear Land Use and Transportation Committee members and Committee Clerk:

Tenant Associations Coalition Political Action Committee, known as "TAC PAC," has decided to support the Board of Supervisors resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and O'Farrell, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

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We wish to commend Amos Gregory, the co-founder of the Veteran Alley Mural Project, Inc., for his community leadership achievements and efforts in improving the quality of life for some of the most struggling populations in San Francisco. For over a decade, TAC PAC members have watched how Shannon Street has changed during the most difficult times, including the COVID pandemic and the Mayor's Tenderloin Emergency Declaration.

TAC PAC urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to grant the Commemoration Street Name Change on Shannon Street to Veterans Alley.

In Solidarity,

**Michael Nulty** 

TAC PAC P.O. Box 420846 San Francisco, CA 94142-0846 Since 1998 http://tacpac.blogspot.com Supports candidates and issues of importance to San Francisco renters.

TAC; Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS) To:

Cc: veteransalley@gmail.com; sf\_district6@yahoo.com; PrestonStaff (BOS)

RE: Resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" - BOS File No. 231176 -Subject:

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**From:** TAC <tac\_s\_f@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 4:08 PM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS)

<board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** veteransalley@gmail.com; sf\_district6@yahoo.com; PrestonStaff (BOS)

cprestonstaff@sfgov.org>

Subject: Resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley"

February 3, 2024

Land Use and Transportation Committee c/o San Francisco City Hall San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Resolution 231176, Street Designation "Veterans Alley"

Dear Land Use and Transportation Committee Members and John Carroll, Clerk:

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco (TAC) urges the Board of Supervisors to support resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and O'Farrell, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Since 2011, **Veterans Alley** (co-founded by Amos Gregory) has become a place where veterans gather around the creation of the art of healing and a place for non-veteran Tenderloin residents, both housed and unhoused, to gather around art and healing and to seek and connect with services. Veterans Alley has become a destination that inspires and educates both tourists and San Franciscans on the experience of veterans and calls for peace.

TAC looks forward to seeing **Veterans Alley** with more activities and better uses; we strongly support the Commemorative Street Designation as a stepping stone in the right direction for the Tenderloin residents, U.S. Military Veterans, and tourists.

Please place this letter in the **resolution 231176** file and share it with the committee members and full board of supervisors. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

Michael Nulty
Co-Founder
Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco

cc: Supervisor Dean Preston Coalition Partners File

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To: northofmarketplanningcoalition@yahoo.com Board of Supervisors (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS) Cc:

FW: Resolution 231176, Street Designation, "Veterans Alley" - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024 Subject:

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From: northofmarketplanningcoalition@yahoo.com < northofmarketplanningcoalition@yahoo.com >

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 11:29 AM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) < john.carroll@sfgov.org>

<dean.preston@sfgov.org>

Subject: Resolution 231176, Street Designation, "Veterans Alley"

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Mr. Carroll please add our organizational letter support to the file.

Susan Bryan Board Member NOMPC, Inc North of Market Planning Coalition, Inc. P.O. Box 426693
San Francisco, CA 94142-6693
northofmarketplanningcoalition@yahoo.com

February 3, 2024

Land Use & Transportation Committee c/o City Hall San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Resolution 231176, Street Designation "Veterans Alley"

Dear Land Use & Transportation Committee Members and Committee Clerk:

The North of Market Planning Coalition, Inc. (NOMPC) is in full support the Board of Supervisors resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, is located between Geary and Post, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. This location holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Veterans Alley Mural Project Inc. since 2011 has proactively improved Shannon Street by engaging both Veterans and community members to paint murals, working the nearby businesses and property owners and community groups and other stakeholders. Veterans Alley has become a destination that inspires and educates both tourists and San Franciscans on the experience of veterans and the calls for peace.

We look forward in seeing more activities and better uses of open space which is something NOMPAC fully supports.

The North of Market Planning Coalition, Inc. (NOMPC) was established to help deal with land use issues with in the North of Market area and we established the Tenderloin 2000 plan and other documents through a community planning process. NOMPC was established in 1978 and over the years our board members have engaged community issues around public safety, community building, land use, and economic justice.

Please place this letter in the resolution 231176 file and share with the committee members and full board. If there are any questions about this letter please contact us.

Sincerely,

Susan Bryan Board Member

North of Market Planning Coalition, Inc.

Susan Bryan

From: Carroll, John (BOS) To: tenderloin treecampaign

Preston, Dean (BOS); Dean.Preskin@sfqov.org; Board of Supervisors (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS); Cc:

amos@vetalley.org

Subject: RE: Resolution 231176 - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:36:00 AM

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Board of Supervisors File No. 231176

### John Carroll **Assistant Clerk**

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**From:** tenderloin treecampaign <tenderlointreecampaign@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 2:36 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) < john.carroll@sfgov.org>

Cc: Preston, Dean (BOS) < dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Dean.Preskin@sfgov.org; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <box/>board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS)

<board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; amos@vetalley.org

Subject: RE: Resolution 231176

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

City Hall

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of VETERANS ALLEY
The Tenderloin Tree Campaign is writing in strong support of the Board of Supervisors
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those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues

Since 2011, the Veterans Alley Mural Project has been active in providing various programming and advocacy around the struggles of San Francisco's U. S. military veterans. It does better job than current property owners and North of Market/ Tenderloin CBD established in 2005 and the Union Square BID expansion in 2019 to include this block of the alley within there boundaries. The Veterans Alley Mural Project hold events and cleans up the alley better than others including DPW. We look forward in the coming years for the better use of open space on O block of Shannon Alley.

Tenderloin Tree Campaign respects commemorative street name designation "Veterans Alley".

Tenderloin Tree Campaign has working to improve public space since 2000.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Nulty co-chair Tenderloin Tree Campaign P. O. Box 421949 San Francisco, CA 94142-1949 https://url.avanan.click/v2/\_\_htt

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To: Central City Democrats; Preston, Dean (BOS)

Cc: **Board of Supervisors (BOS)** 

RE: Designation of Veterans Alley on Shannnon Street - BOS File No. 231176 - LUT February 5, 2024 Subject:

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**From:** Central City Democrats <centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2024 3:03 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) < john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) < dean.preston@sfgov.org>

Subject: Designation of Veterans Alley on Shannnon Street

Land Use and Transportation Committee San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall, Rm 250 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Commemorative Street Name Designation of "VETERANS ALLEY"

Land Use and Transportation Committee members & Committee Clerk

Central City Democrats are urging the Board of Supervisors to support resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, which is located between Geary and O'Farrell, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. Shannon Street holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

Since 2011, Veterans Alley has become a place where veterans gather around the creation of the art of healing and a place for non-veteran Tenderloin residents, both housed and unhoused, to gather around art and healing and to seek and connect with services. Veterans Alley has become a destination that inspires and educates both tourists and San Franciscans on the experience of veterans and calls for peace.

Please share this e-mail with the Land Use and Transportation Committee members and place this correspondence into resolution 231176 for the full board to view. Contact us if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Denise Dorey President

## **Central City Democrats**

P.O. Box 420846 San Francisco, CA 94142-0846 415-339-VOTE (8683) v/Fax centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com

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http://centralcitydemocrats.blogspot.com/ https://www.sfdemocrats.org/clubs From: <u>Carroll, John (BOS)</u>

To: <u>Johnson Hor; Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>

Cc: <u>Board of Supervisors (BOS)</u>; <u>amos@vetalley.org</u>; <u>sf\_district6@yahoo.com</u>

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From: Johnson Hor <jhor@shoeboxventures.com>

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 7:41 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; amos@vetalley.org;

sf\_district6@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Board of Supervisors resolution 231176

I am writing to support the Board of Supervisors resolution 231176, the Commemorative Street Name Designation of "Veterans Alley" at the 0 Block of Shannon Street, is located between Geary and Post, Taylor and Jones Streets in San Francisco. It holds historical significance for veterans and has become a space for commemoration and awareness of the challenges faced by U.S. military veterans, particularly those who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

- 1. Murals in Vets' Alley: Shannon Street, or Vets' Alley, is adorned with numerous murals that were created to honor and raise awareness about the plight of veterans. (1) These murals serve as a creative outlet for veterans to express their experiences and trauma through art. The murals also aim to increase public awareness of the struggles faced by military members after returning from war. (2)
- 2. Amos Gregory and the Mural Project: The mural project in Vets' Alley was initiated in 2011 by Amos Gregory, a veteran from the Gulf War era. Gregory started the project to give a voice to local veterans, particularly those who are homeless in San Francisco. The murals serve as a way for veterans to cope with post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges they may face (2)
- 3. Suicide Awareness: One of the murals in Vets' Alley focuses on raising awareness about the issue of suicide among veterans. The mural lists the number of suicides by veterans each day in the country, highlighting the alarming statistics. This mural serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by veterans and the need for support and resources to address mental health issues (2)

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### Learn more:

1. [Veteran's Alley (Shannon Street) - FoundSF]( <a href="https://www.foundsf.org/index.php?">https://www.foundsf.org/index.php?</a>
<a href="mailto:title=Veteran%27s">title=Veteran%27s</a> Alley (Shannon Street))

- 2. [KCBS Cover Story: Homeless Vets Unveil Mural in SF CBS San Francisco]( <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/kcbs-cover-story-homeless-vets-unveil-mural-in-sf/">https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/kcbs-cover-story-homeless-vets-unveil-mural-in-sf/</a>)
- 3. [Tenderloin Veterans Alley resilience gives neighbors hope | The City | sfexaminer.com]( https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/the-city/tenderloin-veterans-alley-resilience-gives-neighbors-hope/article\_ea3423ee-37d9-11ee-9801-a7977c883f2e.html )

Sincerely, Johnson Hor From: Board of Supervisors (BOS)

To: Carroll, John (BOS)

Subject: FW: No to adding a name to Shannon St., Feb. 5 Committee Hearing

**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:48:20 PM

Good afternoon John,

Please see below for communication for the Land Use and Transportation Committee members.

Sincerely,

Joe Adkins
Office of the Clerk of the Board
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

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From: RH <oxygeneditions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 3:13 PM

To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Subject: No to adding a name to Shannon St., Feb. 5 Committee Hearing

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535 Geary St., Apt. 1010 San Francisco, CA 94102 January 31, 2024

RE: File No. 231176 – Request to add a name to the 0 block of Shannon St. We're Against It!!

Dear Angela Calvillo:

Thank you for reading and passing along the following letter to the Land Use and Transportation Committee . . .

On Monday, January 29 the neighborhood discovered that Amos Gregory was going to be given a public hearing on his move to officially add the name "Veterans Alley" to the south block of Shannon Street between O'Farrell and Geary Streets. He long ago put up his own street sign at the southeast corner of the block, but that's almost the last new art to appear at this location. All of the neighbors I've talked to oppose adding his organization's name to the street, and he is certainly not deserving of the honor.

The mural is neither notable nor active. Certainly 90% of the artwork on parts of both sides of the block is old, worn, and unrenewed. Likewise the word "RECOVER" painted on the street at the last Saturday afternoon street closure soon went from bright yellow to dingy semi-legibility on the street pavement, adding to the trashy look of the block that the city has to sweep every couple of weeks or so. The mural work runs a little over half the block going north from the southeast corner; then stops and continues on the west side of the street up to the green line of the establishment at 555 Geary.

Five or more years ago, there were some lively occasions among the mural painters; but the wave broke and flowed away. Now a couple new people may be seen working a bit once every few weeks or months. A slow walk up and down the block today shows an actual neighborhood resident that the limited amount of good work in the past is almost all gone and little of any quality has come to replace it. Probably the most recent panel has a bright yellow light bulb under the motto "Reinvention is Constant" ascribed to Peter Maro (or Miro) in 7-22.

I don't think anything else is dated and precious few are ascribed to any artist anymore, though Mr. Gregory's name appears several times. A mediocre "artist," indeed, but a diligent hustler. One who claimed to have worked for him told me he often doesn't pay the people he hires to do the design and painting. He lives in the Mission with a wife and child, not downtown, and seems to live a pretty good life, boosting his mural project online, doing a lot of political legwork downtown, and collecting lucrative grants, or so the story goes. The Mission District itself has many beautiful murals—something he is unable to compete with, so he came to work downtown, much to downtown's detriment. There's something very phony about his operation.

Some years ago, Mr. Gregory was preparing to start painting on the side of our building, when Ms. Hallinan, the owner, happened to be present inside. She went out and asked him what he was doing. He told her that the owner gave him permission to paint the wall. She informed him that she was the owner and that he did not have permission and asked why he was saying that he did. He was unable to come up with any kind of answer and has not attempted again to paint on the building we live in.

He did, however, paint over the east wall and lower half of the large eastern windows at 555 Geary Street across Shannon, formerly the Olympic Café, a restaurant of long standing, and now The Bottle Club, a nice high-ceilinged bar full of good cheer and a continuing tradition of good live music at that location. Once I was leaving 535 Geary and stopped to approach and watch a discussion going on between Louie Karas, owner of the Olympic Café, and Mr. Gregory. Louie was telling Amos he had to take the paint off the windows because it blocked the sunlight from his customers. I stood there listening for quite a while; Mr. Gregory never said anything in response, just stood still with an immobile smile on his face.

He never did remove the paint, but when the new owners of the business asked him to do it (or perhaps said they were going to), the story one of them gave me shortly after was that Gregory refused and stormed off saying, "I hope you have a good lawyer!"

I've complained to him a few times about the unwelcome noise at his street closure events once or twice a year (he said he wants to do them four times a year if he gets the street name changed). I've

urged him to get better music and start getting the neighborhood itself involved by lobbying the people who live and work on and around this street that he wants to own a piece of and profit off. We hear that his nonprofit is very lucrative for him, and that's fine with me, but a few years ago, he emailed me and told me to "stop the hate," by which he meant my occasional criticism and suggestions. He was certainly labeling and twisting the truth. Later, he critiqued me in passing without me saying anything, and threatened, "You're finished, Richard." There are overtones to that, but he doesn't really seem to be an underworld kind of guy, just a wrong number. Later on, in front of Dean Preston and two other pairs of people in Shannon Street one afternoon, he exchanged hellos, then turned to the pair on his right to say about me, "He's a hater." I called him on it: "Is that what you're doing now, you're slandering me?!" Of course he had no answer, other than to qualify the energy of my righteous anger by saying, "See? There it is." I don't think Dean bought it; he knows me from years of working together at a Tenderloin nonprofit.

This is the kind of person who wants the city to honor him with a street name. However, his lack of achievement and antisocial activity clearly show that he is unworthy of such a distinction.

Can anyone actually tell me what the following unsigned words on the west wall are saying or what kind of attitude they indicate?

Stop . . . Plant . . . . That U Don't Care

**UR Feet** 

This is where

I allow our

Minds to

Meet . . . Look

Toward the

Street

Do

U

See . . . (Go to top right for last line)

A few years ago I spoke with him now and then, and once invited him and a few of his student or young professional painters up for a visit in my apartment. It was all very friendly; I told a painter she could wash her hands if she needed to, and Amos and I played a few games of chess, then a few more on a second visit he made by himself. Something about it didn't ring true, however.

We've seen people who work for him (he doesn't seem to do much actual painting or design) come and go. One told me about his mediocre classes and lectures.

I walk Shannon Street every day. I see a little, very occasional work on the mural, which is much smaller than when it began. At least half of Shannon St. does not let him paint on their walls, which are better for it.

At least he knows that the buildings at the north end of the block and the big church at the south end don't want his presence, and some of us quietly wish he would just go back home to the Mission

and stop causing problems downtown.

Very truly yours,

Richard Hack 535 Geary St., Apt. 1010 San Francisco 94102 (415) 776-9681

cc: Various