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3	Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to
4	the 2020 Block of Stockton Street in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in
5	San Francisco.
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7	WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Thurman was and remains one of San Francisco's most
8	prominent religious and academic leaders and spiritual thinkers, a worldwide inspiration and
9	mentor whose influence as a philosopher, theologian, educator, author, and civil rights leader
10	continues today; and
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Thurman was born in a segregated Florida community in 1899,
12	became valedictorian of his class both at Morehouse College and at Rochester Theological
13	Seminary, and established a reputation as a thinker, teacher, and international lecturer; and
14	WHEREAS, Dr. Thurman became Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University and
15	later Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University, the first African American dean at a
16	predominantly white university; and
17	WHEREAS, As part of a delegation to India, Burma, and Ceylon in 1935-1936, Dr.
18	Thurman and his wife, Sue Bailey Thurman, were the first African Americans to spend time
19	with Mohandas Gandhi and discuss with him the use of nonviolent resistance to effect social
20	change in the United States; and
21	WHEREAS, Inspired by his conversation with Gandhi, Dr. Thurman accepted the
22	urgent invitation of San Francisco State University Professor and Presbyterian Pastor, Dr.
23	Alfred Fisk, to leave his prestigious career in academia and move to San Francisco in 1944 as
24	cofounding Pastor of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the

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nation's first avowedly interracial, interfaith congregation; and

1	WHEREAS, Fellowship Church became a worldwide model for interracial and interfaith
2	cooperation, a cornerstone of San Francisco's cutting-edge reputation for social equity, and a
3	force against racial injustice and disparities which is still active today at 2041 Larkin Street;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Thurman established the Howard Thurman Educational
6	Trust, with its office at 2020 Stockton Street, San Francisco, to fund research for literary,
7	religious, and scientific purposes and scholarships for African American students from
8	economically challenged families and communities; and
9	WHEREAS, Dr. Thurman authored twenty-two books in his lifetime which remain
10	influential among prominent civil rights, education, religious, and social service leaders -
11	including Jesus and the Disinherited, which was often carried by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
12	as well as among the general public; and
13	WHEREAS, In addition to the memorials at Washington National Cathedral,
14	Morehouse College, and the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston
15	University, Dr. Thurman has been honored by a 1990 bronze sculpture above the entrance
16	to 235 Pine Street which commemorates citizens who have contributed significantly to San
17	Francisco's history; and
18	WHEREAS, Life Magazine rated Dr. Thurman among the twelve most important
19	religious leaders in the United States, and Ebony Magazine called him one of the 50 most
20	important figures in African American history; now, therefore, be it
21	RESOLVED, That in order to publicly recognize the legacy and contributions of Dr.
22	Howard Thurman, there shall be an honorary naming of "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" on
23	the 2020 Block of Stockton Street at the intersection of Stockton Street and Pfeiffer Street;
24	and, be it

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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
2	honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
3	Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco's Land Use and Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

Date:

Monday, June 17, 2024

Time:

1:30 p.m.

Location:

Legislative Chamber, Room 250, located at City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco. CA 94102

Subject:

File No. 240213. Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to the 2020 Block of Stockton Street in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in San Francisco.

In accordance with Administrative Code, Section 67.7-1, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments prior to the time the hearing begins. These comments will be added to the official public record in this matter and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or sent via email (bos@sfgov.org). Information relating to this matter is available with the Office of the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Research Center (https://sfbos.org/legislative-research-center-lrc). Agenda information relating to this matter will be available for public review on Friday, June 14, 2024.

For any questions about this hearing, please contact the Assistant Clerk for the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

John Carroll (john.carroll@sfgov.org ~ (415) 554-4445)

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco

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PROOF OF POSTING

Legislative File No.

(BOS File No. 240213) Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" - 2020 Stockton

Street

Description of Items:

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to the 2020 Block of Stockton Street in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in San Francisco.

Hearing Date – June 17, 2024 Notice Date – June 7, 2024

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•	o, posted the above-described document(s) along the street(s) to be days in advance of the hearing (pursuant to Public Works Code Sec.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carla Short, Director, Public Works

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Peskin on March 5, 2024.

File No. 240213

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to the 2020 Block of Stockton Street in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in San Francisco.

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: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

CC:

Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Peskin David Steinberg, Public Works Ian Schneider, Public Works John Thomas, Public Works Lena Liu, Public Works Jason Wong, Public Works William Blackwell, Public Works Bernie Tse, Public Works I'm Noah Griffin a native san Franciscan. I would first off like to thank Supervisor Peskin and the members of this committee to speak before you this afternoon on behalf of the issue of installing the Howard Thurman commemorative Street. marker.

First of all let me put forward to you who Howard Thurman was in life and who he remains in legacy.

It's no exaggeration to say that there is not a religious institution in the world that did not study the work of this remarkable theologian minister, poet and Mystic.

You might wonder how this native floridian born at the turn of this last century wound up in San Francisco.

After finishing the Florida Baptist Academy in 1915 the matriculating at Morehouse college than graduating from Rochester theological seminary. He did further study at Haverford college with Rufus Jones a noted Quaker philosopher and Mystic.

He was selected to be the first Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University in Washington DC where he served there from 1932 to 1944.

During the time there he visited with Mahatma Gandhi in India in 1935 leading the first delegation of African Americans to so many with Gandhi. Part of his delegation asked why he was a Christian because it was in the name of Christianity his people were enslaved.

When he returned home he wrote the book Jesus and the Disinherited as one of the 20 books he would author in his lifetime. What would Jesus do with the pariahs of the world today. It was said that Martin Luther King was never without a copy of that book and indeed it formed the basis of his american nonviolent movement.

In 1944 Thurman got a call from Doctor Alfred Fiske of San Francisco State to inquire whether or not Thurman had a student who would be willing to come to San Francisco to help establish the first interracial non denominational church in the 20th century.

Thurman wrestled with the idea before volunteering himself to come out which was well beyond anything that Alfred Fiske could have imagined. My parents who were already here became early pioneering members of the Fellowship Church of all peoples as did I. The church was so groundbreaking that Eleanor Roosevelt became a member and was on its first board.

Thurman was invited to Boston University in 1953 where he became Dean of marsh Chapel from 1953 to 65 he was the first black Dean of a Chapel at a majority white University or College in the United states in a addition to that he served on the faculty of Boston University school of theology.

Returning to San Francisco following his stint at Boston University he established the Howard Thurman educational trust fund. He located his home and the Trust on Stockton street adjacent to Pfeiffer.

It is only fitting that's San Francisco honor such a great man with an historic marker. I urge you to vote yes on behalf of that issue.

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To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>

Cc: BOS-Operations; Carroll, John (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Entezari, Mehran (BOS);

Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Subject: FW: Howard Thurman Streetmarker Support 06142024.pdf

Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 9:34:28 AM

Attachments: Howard Thurman Streetmarker Support 06142024.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached regarding <u>File No. 240213:</u> Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to the 2020 Block of Stockton Street in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in San Francisco.

Regards,

John Bullock
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From: Yan, Calvin (BOS) <calvin.yan@sfgov.org>

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 4:29 PM **To:** collinscharlesm@icloud.com

Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org> **Subject:** FW: Howard Thurman Streetmarker Support 06142024.pdf

Hi Charles.

Thank you for your letter of support for Item 2 on the 6/17 Land Use and Transportation

Committee agenda, File No. 240213. I'm forwarding your email to the Clerk of the Board so it can be included in the official record.

Calvin Yan | 甄錦浩 Legislative Aide | 市參事助理

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Thank you Calvin and Sarah.

This is the letter from Morehouse College President David Thomas.

I will make every attempt to be personally at the hearing on Monday.

Charles Collins

Sent from my iPhone

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE



June 14, 2024

Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Members of the Board,

Howard Thurman was the valedictorian of Morehouse College Class of 1923 and among the most influential graduates of our college. An acclaimed author, theologian, and educator, Thurman is credited with mentoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other leaders of the day, who would significantly contribute to the modern Civil Rights Movement in America.

The Howard Thurman Honors Program is a four-year comprehensive program providing special learning opportunities for students of outstanding intellectual ability, high motivation and broad interests. This is how we keep the Thurman legacy alive.

Your decision to place the commemorative street marker at their home at 2020 Stockton Street in San Francisco will continue to emphasize and bring alive the Thurman legacy.

We urge your positive actions to bring this noble project alive for future generations.

Sincerely,

David A. Thomas

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President

2020 Stockton Street San Francisco, CA 94133

June 9, 2024

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: File No. 240213, Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Howard Thurman Way" to the 2020 Block of Stockton Street, in recognition of Dr. Howard Thurman's legacy in San Francisco.

To the Board of Supervisors:

We are the current owner/residents of 2020 Stockton Street, the former residence of Dr. Howard Thurman. For the record, we strongly support this resolution in recognition of Dr. Thurman's role and legacy in building fellowship among all people of our city.

Very truly yours,

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For the Yedidia-Rubiano Rev. Family Trust

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