

1 [Alice B. Toklas Place]

2 RENAMING MYRTLE STREET FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO POLK STREET RUNNING  
3 EAST TO WEST, ALICE B. TOKLAS PLACE.

4 WHEREAS, Alice B. Toklas was born in 1877 at 922 O'Farrell (adjacent to Myrtle  
5 Street) Street in San Francisco; and,

6 WHEREAS, Alice B. Toklas is a symbol of unwavering strength and leadership for the  
7 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community; and,

8 WHEREAS, The community has brought forward this proposal and has expressed  
9 overwhelming support for an Alice B. Toklas Place in recognition of her importance to the  
10 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community; and,

11 WHEREAS, At a time when women's lives were clearly identified through men, Alice B.  
12 Toklas' and Gertrude Stein's relationship continues to be a source of inspiration for those who  
13 celebrate diversity and stand up for civil and human rights; and,

14 WHEREAS Alice B. Toklas spent many years in San Francisco, living at this location  
15 with her family; and,

16 WHEREAS, Myrtle Street is an alley that runs east to west from Van Ness Avenue to  
17 Polk Street; and,

18 WHEREAS, Burnham Pacific Properties, Inc., the developer of the new theater  
19 complex at the site, which would be the sole property affected, is very supportive of the  
20 proposal to rename Myrtle Street to Alice B. Toklas Place; and,

21 WHEREAS, The act of renaming streets in this City is very rare and is reserved for  
22 unique circumstances; and,

23 WHEREAS, Alice B. Toklas Place is a unique and significant proposal because of  
24 Toklas' profound literary and cultural contributions to the community; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Alice B. Toklas Place would also be unique because it would have no  
2 impact on the current residences on the adjoining two blocks of this three block alley which  
3 will retain Myrtle as their street name; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors in the City and County and County of San  
5 Francisco, in honor of Alice B. Toklas, does rename the one block of Myrtle Street from Van  
6 Ness Avenue to Polk Street running east to west, Alice B. Toklas Place.

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Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Katz Kaufman Leno Medina  
Newsom Teng Yaki Yee

Absent: Supervisor Bierman

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution  
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the City and County of San Francisco

  
Clerk

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Date Approved

  
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Mayor