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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works

FROM:  Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors

DATE: February 9, 2016

SUBJECT: DUPLICATED LEGISLATION

On February 2, 2016, the Board of Supervisors received the following legislation introduced by Supervisor Peskin:

File No. 160106

Resolution authorizing the placement of a street plaque commemorating Herbert Kosovitz at the sidewalk of Washington Square Park, located at Union Street, in accordance with Public Works Code, Sections 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance; and accepting the named plaque as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco from the Friends of Washington Square Park.

This matter is being referred to you since it may affect your department.

If you have any comments or reports to be considered with the proposed legislation, 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: alisa.somera@sfgov.org.

c: Frank Lee, Public Works

1 [Commemorative Street Plaque - Herbert Kosovitz - Washington Square Park]

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4 **Kosovitz at the sidewalk of Washington Square Park, located at Union Street, in**
5 **accordance with Public Works Code, Sections 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street**
6 **Plaque Ordinance, and accepting the named plaque as a gift to the City and County of**
7 **San Francisco from the Friends of Washington Square Park.**

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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert Kosovitz, born April 13, 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri, came
10 to University of California, Berkeley School of Architecture in 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kosovitz moved to San Francisco in 1956 and practiced residential
12 architecture until his retirement in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1971, he settled on Telegraph Hill, and became active with various
14 neighborhood and parks groups; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1998, he became a founding member of the Friends of Washington
16 Square Park; and

17 WHEREAS, On July 30, 2014, Mr. Kosovitz passed and was survived by two nieces,
18 two nephews, two grandnieces and two grandnephews; and

19 WHEREAS, Residents and neighbors, including the Friends of Washington Square
20 Park, fondly remember Mr. Kosovitz, known as Herb to many, for his leadership rallying
21 concerned citizens to steward Washington Square Park, the largest open space in the heart of
22 North Beach neighborhood; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Kosovitz's tirelessly led the efforts of improving and preserving
24 Washington Square Park and as a result, lighting was installed and other improvements were
25 made to further beautify the Park and improve public safety; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors declares its intent to place a commemorative
2 street plaque on the sidewalk at Washington Square at Union Street in honor of Mr. Herbert
3 Kosovitz; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors accepts a commemorative plaque in honor
5 of Mr. Herbert Kosovitz as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco from the Friends of
6 Washington Square Park; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Public
8 Works Code, Section 789, et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque Ordinance, authorizes
9 the placement of plaques on the sidewalk at Washington Square, at Union Street; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges Public Works to
11 waive all costs associated with the installation of the commemorative plaque; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to take all
13 actions necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution, including approval of the
14 installation of the aforementioned plaque; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to add
16 aforementioned plaque at the aforementioned location on the City's official list of
17 commemorative sites effective immediately from the date of passage of this Resolution.