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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works  
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FROM: Andrea Ausberry, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: May 3, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Kim on April 26, 2016.

**File No. 160431**

Resolution approving the addition of the commemorative street name "Gene Compton's Cafeteria Way" to the 100 Block of Taylor Street in recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the turning point for the civil rights movement for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex people, and in specific the contributions of Transgender Women.

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: [andrea.ausberry@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.ausberry@sfgov.org)

c: Frank Lee, Public Works  
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1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Gene Compton's Cafeteria Way" - 100 Block of  
2 Taylor Street]

3 **Resolution approving the addition of the commemorative street name "Gene**  
4 **Compton's Cafeteria Way" to the 100 Block of Taylor Street in recognition of the**  
5 **Fiftieth Anniversary of the turning point for the civil rights movement for Gay, Lesbian,**  
6 **Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex people, and in specific the**  
7 **contributions of Transgender Women.**

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9 WHEREAS, Gene Compton's Cafeteria, located on the 100 block of Taylor Street, at  
10 the intersection of Turk, was a hub for transgender and gay people and served as a meeting  
11 place for transgender women and gay hustlers in the Tenderloin; and

12 WHEREAS, In August of 1966, transgender women and gay people had been  
13 repeatedly mistreated by law enforcement and made an executive decision to stand up for  
14 their human rights, regardless of regular police presence at Compton's Cafeteria; and

15 WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria riots mark the turning point for gay, lesbian,  
16 bisexual, and transgender liberation nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria riot symbolize the contributions of transgender  
18 women and the gay community to human rights in the 1960's and reminds us of a time where  
19 ignorance meant transgender and gay people were beaten, raped, killed, harassed, jailed,  
20 and disowned by society, and that we must still continue to fight ignorance today; and

21 WHEREAS, In the present day, there is insufficient institutional infrastructure or cultural  
22 tradition for the annual commemoration of these outstanding contributions by transgender  
23 women to the gay civil rights movement currently exists; and

1           WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of those elected to office to memorialize transgender  
2 people and gay people who endured violence and discrimination in the name of solidifying the  
3 constitutional rights of the community; and

4           WHEREAS, The approaching fiftieth anniversary of the Gene Compton’s Cafeteria  
5 Riots is worthy of community celebration and commemoration by community, law  
6 enforcement, politicians, and civilians alike; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, There shall be an honorary naming of “Gene Compton’s Cafeteria Way”  
8 in recognition of the valued contributions to Transgender women to social justice movements,  
9 to the City and County of San Francisco and the community of the Tenderloin; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal  
11 Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) to erect street signs indicating both the honorary and the  
12 existing names of the street, either on a single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary  
13 name “Gene Compton’s Cafeteria Way” in smaller letters, and the existing name “Taylor  
14 Street” in larger letters above or beneath the honorary name; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
16 Francisco urges the SFMTA to expedite the installation of the approved new sign in time for  
17 the Trans March on June 24, 2016; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming is commemorative in nature and not  
19 subject to procedural hearings or noticing pursuant to Streets and Highway Code, Section  
20 970.5, or San Francisco Transportation Code, Section 2.2; and, be it

21          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the  
22 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with  
23 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.