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MEMORANDUM

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

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Haney on March 19, 2019:

File No. 190318

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename Gilbert Street, which runs parallel to 6th and 7th Streets and perpendicular to Bryant and Brannan Streets, to Jeff Adachi Way.

The proposed legislation officially names an unnamed street, pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code, Section 423, California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 970.5, 971, 1806, and 5026, and California Government Code, Section 34091.1.

Pursuant to the Code mandates, your department's response to this street naming is required. A hearing for this matter will be scheduled upon receipt of all required department responses.

Please forward your response 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: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

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1 [Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Gilbert Street to Jeff Adachi Way]

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3 **Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename Gilbert Street,**
4 **which runs parallel to 6th and 7th Streets and perpendicular to Bryant and Brannan**
5 **Streets, to Jeff Adachi Way.**

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7 WHEREAS, Gilbert Street is the name of the public right-of-way between Bryant and
8 Brannan Streets, and parallel to 6th and 7th Streets; and

9 WHEREAS, The building that houses the Office of the Public Defender, for the City and
10 County of San Francisco, was built on 7th Street in 1987, and the back of building faces
11 Gilbert Street; and

12 WHEREAS, The Public Defender hired Jeff Adachi in 1987, as a Deputy Public
13 Defender assigned; and

14 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1987 until February 22, 2019, Jeff Adachi walked from the
15 Public Defender's Office back entrance door, out to Gilbert Street to get to the criminal
16 courthouse located at 850 Bryant Street; and

17 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi used Gilbert Street as his thoroughfare to get to the criminal
18 courthouse but also as a place to chat with lawyers who were coming back from court that
19 day; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1999, because of his legendary reputation as an amazing trial lawyer,
21 Jeff Adachi became Chief Attorney of the Public Defender's Office; and

22 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi became the elected Public Defender in January 2003 when he
23 took office; and

24 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was elected Public Defender of San Francisco five times, often
25 running unopposed; and

1 WHEREAS, During his 16 year tenure as Public Defender, Jeff Adachi transformed the
2 Office of the Public Defender into the national model for public defender work; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi became the voice not only in San Francisco but across the
4 country, for racial justice on behalf of the criminally accused; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi, a true believer who spearheaded a rebirth of the fight for
6 racial and social equality, and built a nationwide army to carry the battle forward; and

7 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi led by example, trying and winning difficult cases for indigent
8 clients; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi inspired multiple generations of lawyers to follow his example,
10 to be fearless, to never waiver in the struggle for equal justice under the law; and

11 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was a beloved warrior for justice in San Francisco and
12 throughout the country; and

13 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi loved the City and County of San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, Plaques in honor of Jeff Adachi are being placed in his hometown of
15 Sacramento and Tokyo; and

16 WHEREAS In the weeks after his death, memorials to him have not ceased; and

17 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi was more than just a Public Defender, he was a community
18 organizer that championed the fight to protect the vulnerable and marginalized; and

19 WHEREAS, Jeff Adachi had widespread support throughout San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, A candlelight vigil and march organized by the community just days after
21 his passing was attended by over 1200 people; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed hosted a public memorial for Jeff Adachi at City Hall
23 and hundreds of community members and leaders attended to celebrate his life, now
24 therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends to rename Gilbert Street to Jeff
2 Adachi Way to enshrine his legacy, and to mark his permanent transformation of the fight for
3 justice on behalf of immigrants and the criminally accused; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to initiate
5 the City's street renaming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions related to
6 street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office regarding
7 posted and published notice for the street renaming, report to the Board on its findings so that
8 the Board may officially rename the street.

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