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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: May 7, 2019

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Peskin on April 30, 2019:

File No. 190471

Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to name the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Rose Pak Chinatown Station."

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: erica.major@sfgov.org.

c: Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Joel Ramos, Municipal Transportation Agency

1 [Urging Naming the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Rose Pak Chinatown Station"]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to name the**
4 **Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Rose Pak Chinatown Station."**

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6 WHEREAS, Rose Pak has championed the role of Asian Americans in politics, and
7 advocated for Asian Americans, immigrants, people of color and underserved communities to
8 be able to organize for equity and fair representation with respect to public policies,
9 government contracts, housing, healthcare and transportation; and

10 WHEREAS, Rose Pak was born in China in 1947 and grew up in Macau and Hong
11 Kong as a refugee; and

12 WHEREAS, After obtaining a Master of Arts in Journalism from the Columbia School of
13 Journalism, Rose Pak became the first female Asian American journalist for the San
14 Francisco Chronicle, where she challenged racial and gender stereotypes and bias; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1979, Rose Pak resigned from her eight-year career at the San
16 Francisco Chronicle to fully devote her life to community activism and spearhead campaigns
17 for public projects serving the community's health and welfare; and

18 WHEREAS, Rose Pak dedicated many years advocating for the construction of the
19 Central Subway and galvanized the Chinese community and a diverse coalition of
20 neighborhood organizations to advocate for millions of dollars of funding from the Department
21 of Transportation and local funding sources to improve connectivity between Chinatown and
22 the rest of the city; and

23 WHEREAS, Chinatown is the densest neighborhood in San Francisco with over 10,000
24 residents, serving as a significant economic and cultural hub for Asian Americans in northern
25 California; and

1 WHEREAS, Rose Pak travelled to Washington D.C. to secure \$500 million of critical
2 federal funding to push forward the planning and construction of the Central Subway; and

3 WHEREAS, The SFMTA has recognized influential San Francisco figures by naming
4 Central Subway's two boring machines after two historic women, "Big Alma" de Bretteville
5 Spreckels and Dr. Margaret "Mom" Chung; and

6 WHEREAS, The SFMTA acknowledges the importance of the Chinatown community
7 who have been patient and engaged community partners throughout the design and
8 construction phases of the project, even after repeated delays to the project's completion; and

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors previously recognized the vital contribution to
10 Chinatown of Rose Pak's leadership and advocacy in two separate resolutions, on file with the
11 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160334 and File No. 161045, respectively, first
12 renaming an alleyway off Jackson Street in Chinatown to "Rose Pak's Way" and then later
13 urging SFMTA Board of Directors to name the Central Subway's Chinatown Station in honor
14 of Rose Pak's legacy and myriad contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFMTA Board of
16 Directors to name the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Rose Pak Chinatown Station"
17 prior to June 30, 2019.