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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 19, 2019

To: Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency
Roberta Boomer, Executive Secretary, Municipal Transportation Agency

From: ~~me~~ Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging Naming the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Chinatown Rose Pak Station" (File No. 190615)

On June 4, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 275-19, sponsored by Supervisor Aaron Peskin (File No. 190615, Urging Naming the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Chinatown Rose Pak Station"); enacted on June 14, 2019.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for the Municipal Transportation Agency's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Member of the Board of Supervisors
Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency
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1 [Urging Naming the Central Subway’s Chinatown Station the “Chinatown Rose Pak Station”]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to name the Central**
4 **Subway’s Chinatown Station the “Chinatown Rose Pak 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 "Chinatown Rose Pak Station"
17 prior to June 30, 2019.

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Resolution

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Date Passed: June 04, 2019

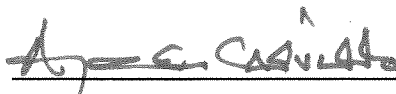
Resolution urging San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to name the Central Subway's Chinatown Station the "Chinatown Rose Pak Station."

June 04, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 190615

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/4/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

6/14/2019

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

6/17/2019
Date