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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alaric Degrafinried, Interim Director, Public Works  
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Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management

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

DATE: August 3, 2021

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 Stefani on July 27, 2021:

**File No. 210885**

**Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the stairwell at Sonora Lane between O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, which runs parallel to Anza Vista and St. Joseph's Avenues and is perpendicular to O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way."**

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](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org).

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1 [Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee  
2 Way]

3 **Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the**  
4 **stairwell at Sonora Lane between O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, which**  
5 **runs parallel to Anza Vista and St. Joseph’s Avenues and is perpendicular to**  
6 **O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue to “Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.”**

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8 WHEREAS, Sonora Lane is the name of the public right of way between  
9 O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, and runs parallel to Anza Vista and St.  
10 Joseph’s Avenues, and is perpendicular to O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue; and

11 WHEREAS, Sonora Lane is in the Anza Vista neighborhood and near the home  
12 of Mr. Vicha Ratanapakdee, an 84-year-old immigrant from Thailand, and where he  
13 lived with his family; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee was well known in his community for his hour-  
15 long walks each morning, a ritual that kept him vibrant and healthy during the pandemic;  
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17 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2021, Mr. Ratanapakdee was violently shoved and  
18 tragically died shortly after the attack; and

19 WHEREAS, Stop AAPI Hate, a California-based coalition, has recorded nearly  
20 7,000 hate incidents involving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders nationwide since  
21 the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee is survived by loving family members in both  
23 California and Thailand; and

24 WHEREAS, Since his passing, Mr. Ratanapakdee’s daughter and her husband  
25 have both worked incredibly hard to ensure survivors of these attacks and their families

1 are supported through city services, law enforcement and the justice system; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee's daughter has also since worked to amplify the  
3 voices of Asian Americans and the Thai and Southeast Asian communities through her  
4 participation in marches, rallies, and many #stopAAPIHate events; and

5 WHEREAS, Renaming Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way" would  
6 commemorate and memorialize Mr. Ratanapakdee's death as a symbol of a movement  
7 towards equality, anti-discrimination, and solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific  
8 Islander Community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends to rename Sonora Lane, to  
10 Vicha Ratanapakdee Way to honor his legacy and to make it clear that the City of San  
11 Francisco stands with its Asian American Pacific Islander communities during this  
12 extraordinarily difficult time; and, be it

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

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Subject:

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