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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carmen Chu, City Administrator

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Young".

DATE: October 11, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed legislation:

File No. 211029

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to name the City Hall Press Room in memory of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor.

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: victor.young@sfgov.org.

- c. Ken Bukowski, Office of the City Administrator
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City and County of San Francisco

Master Report

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File Number: 211029 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** 30 Day Rule

Enacted: _____ **Effective:** _____

Version: 1 **In Control:** Rules Committee

File Name: Administrative Code - Naming the City Hall Press Room for Barbara A. Taylor **Date Introduced:** 09/28/2021

Requester: _____ **Cost:** _____ **Final Action:** _____

Comment: _____ **Title:** Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to name the City Hall Press Room in memory of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor.

Sponsors: Peskin; Walton

History of Legislative File 211029

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	09/28/2021	ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE	Rules Committee	10/28/2021	

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22 By: /s/ Anne Pearson
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24 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Naming the City Hall Press Room for Barbara A. Taylor]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to name the City Hall Press Room in memory of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor.

Existing Law

Currently, the City Hall Press Room does not have a formal name or designation.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would name the City Hall Press Room the Barbara A. Taylor Press Room, in honor of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor.

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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).
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- 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).
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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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Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Peskin

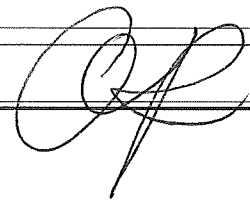
Subject:

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The text is listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: []



For Clerk's Use Only

From: [Pearson, Anne \(CAT\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: PESKIN - Ordinance - Naming City Hall Press Room - "Barbara A. Taylor Press Room"
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:21:26 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

Confirming that I approve as to form.

Thanks,
Anne

Anne Pearson (she/her)
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Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:20 PM
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Thank you. We are seeking the approval from Deputy City Attorney Anne Pearson for use of her electronic signature and approval as to form for the Ordinance, by reply to this email.

Best regards,

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Good afternoon,

Please find the e-files for Supervisor Peskin's subject Ordinance and Leg Digest attached for electronic submission today. Copying DCA Pearson to confirm that this Ordinance has been signed as to form, as well as copying President Walton's office to confirm that Supervisor Peskin is requesting the 30 day hold be lifted so he can schedule it expeditiously at the Rules Committee.

Alisa:

We're out of redline, so please let me know if you need me to submit hard copies. Supervisor Peskin will submit a signed Introduction Form.

Best,
Sunny

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