

[Street Name Change - From Kearny Street to "Mayor Ed Lee"]

Be it Ordained by the people of the City and County of San Francisco:

Resolution to rename “Kearny Street ” to “Mayor Ed Lee Street ”

In recognition of his lifetime service and accomplishments and Mayor Lee’s contributions to the City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Kearny Street is a major historic thoroughfare coursing through the Chinese community and serving Chinatown; and,

WHEREAS, The current namesake, General Stephen Watts Kearny, reportedly never came to San Francisco but briefly served as California’s unelected Military Governor for 3 months from his post in Alta, California; and,

WHEREAS, Among the hundreds of streets in San Francisco, the City has yet to name a major street for a Chinese American; and,

WHEREAS, Ed Lee rose from the ranks of Community Activist, to Director of the Department of Public Works, served as City Administrator and became the 43rd Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Lee, the first Chinese American Mayor of San Francisco served with great distinction; and,

WHEREAS, while still dutifully in service to the City as it’s Mayor, Ed Lee died suddenly on December 12, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, with profound sadness and extreme grief, the Citizens of San Francisco mourned his loss and offered condolences to his wife, Anita, and daughters, Brianna and Tania; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with great esteem and honorable intentions, the citizens of San Francisco respectfully direct, that the name of KEARNY “STREET” be changed to MAYOR ED LEE “STREET”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall, in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 2.2, direct the Municipal Transportation Agency to prepare street signs indicating both the new and the former names of the street, with the new name “Mayor Ed Lee” in large letters, and the old name “Kearny” in smaller letters above or beneath the new name; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names shall remain posted on street signs for five years, and then the street signs shall be replaced with signs indicating only the new street name, “Mayor Ed Lee”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall direct the Clerk of the Board to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the County Surveyor in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code, Section 5026, and shall perform any other ministerial requirements to enact this measure within 10 days after the date the official vote count is declared by the Board of Supervisors or as soon thereafter as law permits.