



[Commission Name]

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 19, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
Submitted by: Ren Zaro, Chairperson, Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
Subject: Recommendation to Add Three Ceremonial Street Name Signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to install three ceremonial street name signs, saying Daniel Ellsberg Way, in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street — one at each of the southwest corners of Kittredge at Milvia Street, Kittredge at Harold Way and Kittredge at Fulton Street.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The funding required for the new signage and installation is estimated to not cost more than \$2,400 and is available in the FY 2026 adopted budget in General Fund 011.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As part of its April 17, 2025, meeting, the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (TIC) heard a request from the Western States Legal Foundation to install street signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street between Milvia and Fulton streets. At its October 16, 2025, meeting, the Commission took the following action to recommend to Council that they approve installing street signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg:

Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi / Fike) to recommend to the City Council to install three ceremonial street name signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street at Milvia Street, Shattuck Avenue and Fulton Street in consultation with community members about the specific locations at each intersection.

Vote:

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Fike, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Walton, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Scheider

Recused: None

Motion passed 8-0-0-0-1-0

After an on-site meeting with community members on September 9, 2025, and engineering review, Public Works staff determined that the safest place to install ceremonial street signs along Kittredge Street is at Kittredge and Milvia, Kittredge and Harold and Kittredge and Fulton. Traffic Engineering staff determined that it would be unsafe to install ceremonial signs at the intersection of Kittredge and Shattuck Avenue. This is a busy intersection where drivers and other road users need to focus on the regulatory and warning signs and signals for turns, lane assignments, direction of travel, yield, right of way, parking, bus stops and more. On top of these standard signs, this area is replete with banners, video kiosks and sidewalk ads that could distract people as they travel. More signs may confuse people and lead to last-second, unexpected movements at this very busy location, resulting in collisions.

BACKGROUND

Daniel Ellsberg was a Berkeley journalist, professor and dean of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. His work greatly contributed to the release of the Pentagon Papers, which helped end the Vietnam War. He also worked towards denuclearization, informing people in the U.S. and the rest of the world about this issue. This request was supported by Berkeley's Peace and Justice Commission in 2024, and at the October 1, 2024 City Council meeting, the Council referred it to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission for evaluation under the City's naming policy for public facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There would be no environmental sustainability or climate impacts as a result of installing ceremonial street signs on Kittredge at Milvia St, Harold Way and Fulton St.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission considered the naming request to be reasonable and appropriate, as Mr. Ellsberg had a positive impact on Berkeley and the world during his lifetime.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

INSTALLING THREE HONORARY STREET SIGNS FOR DANIEL ELLSBERG ON
KITTREDGE STREET AT MILVIA STREET, HAROLD WAY AND FULTON STREET

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg was a Berkeley journalist, professor and dean of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism whose work greatly contributed to the release of the Pentagon Papers, which helped end the Vietnam War, and who worked towards denuclearization, informing people in the U.S. and the rest of the world about this issue; and

WHEREAS, from the Western States Legal Foundation submitted a request to install street signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street between Milvia and Fulton streets; and

WHEREAS, this request was supported by Berkeley's Peace and Justice Commission in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, at its meeting on April 17, 2025, heard a request to install three ceremonial street signs on Kittredge Street; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, at its meeting on October 16, 2025, considered and took action by voting to recommend to the City Council to install three ceremonial street name signs in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City will install three ceremonial street name signs, saying Daniel Ellsberg Way, in honor of Daniel Ellsberg on Kittredge Street — one at each of the southwest corners of Kittredge at Milvia Street, Kittredge at Harold Way and Kittredge at Fulton Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution, including the installation of appropriate signage.

Exhibits

A: "Daniel Ellsberg Way" Street Sign Plan



"Daniel Ellsberg Way" Street Sign Plan
January 9, 2026

