



Transportation and Infrastructure Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 18, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
 Submitted by: Ren Zaro, Commission Chair
 Subject: Recommendation to Rename "5 ½ Street" Alleyway as Jeronimus Alley

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution, by at least a two-thirds Council majority, renaming the alleyway running parallel between 5th and 6th streets, located between Camelia Street and Virginia Street, unofficially labeled as "5 ½ Street," to "Jeronimus Alley" in honor of Wayne Jeronimus.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The funding required for the new signage and installation is estimated to cost \$2,400 and is available in the FY 2026 adopted budget in General Fund 011.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As part of its September 21, 2023 meeting, the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (TIC) heard a request from the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association to name the alleyway running parallel between 5th and 6th streets, located between Camelia Street and Virginia Street, as "Jeronimus Alley" in honor of Wayne Jeronimus. At its October 16, 2025 meeting, the Commission considered and acted by voting to recommend to Council that they approve the name change to Jeronimus Alley:

Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Leung / Moss) to recommend to the City Council that they approve the name change of "5-1/2 Street" to Jeronimus Alley for the alleyway running parallel between 5th and 6th Streets from Camelia to Virginia Street.

Vote:

Ayes: Fike; Gattu; Hothi; Leung; Lutzker; Moss; Walton; Zaro
 Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Scheider; Recused: None
 Motion passed

As per City policy (Resolution No. 71,544–N.S., Appendix A), public facilities should generally not be named after living persons. To override this policy, a two-thirds majority vote of the City Council would be required.

BACKGROUND

Wayne Jeronimus worked for the City of Berkeley Housing Department from 1976 to 2000, where he was part of a team working to provide affordable housing within city limits. He led the City's popular first-time homebuyers' program and worked on a project to preserve Victorian cottages for limited-income residents.

Currently, there is no officially recognized name for this alleyway, though on Google Maps, it is unofficially labeled as "5 ½ Street".

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

As this alleyway has no addresses, there would be no impact on public services as a result of the naming.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission considered the naming request to be reasonable and appropriate, as Mr. Jeronimus has had a positive effect on the community during his lifetime, and the current unofficial name of the alleyway does not have significant historical or geographical importance.

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.

NAMING THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH STREETS, LOCATED
BETWEEN CAMELIA ST AND VIRGINIA ST, AS "JERONIMUS ALLEY"

WHEREAS, Wayne Jeronimus worked for the City of Berkeley Housing Department from 1976 to 2000, where he was part of a team working to provide affordable housing within city limits, led the City's popular first-time homebuyers program, and worked on a project to preserve Victorian cottages for limited-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association submitted a request to name the alleyway running parallel between 5th and 6th Streets, located between Camelia St and Virginia St, to "Jeronimus Alley" in honor of Wayne Jeronimus; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, at its meeting on September 21, 2023, heard a request to name "5-1/2 Street" as Jeronimus Alley; 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 that they approve naming "5-1/2 Street" as Jeronimus Alley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Policy for Naming and Renaming Public Facilities allows for a public facility to be named after a living person if the City Council approves the resolution by a two-thirds vote; and

WHEREAS, the cost to install eight (8) street signs on posts would total approximately \$2,400 and is available in the adopted FY 2026 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the alleyway running parallel between 5th and 6th streets, located between Camelia Street and Virginia Street, shall be named "Jeronimus Alley" in honor of Wayne Jeronimus.

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.

