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1. Your full name \*

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2. Your email \*

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3. Your connection to City College of San Francisco: \*



I am an employee



I am a member of the Board of Trustees



I am a board member of the Foundation of City College of San Francisco (note that Foundation of CCSF representatives will need an employee to complete this form on their behalf)

4. Please provide the current name of the building, program, or service for which you are submitting this naming proposal. \*

The CCSF Board of Trustees has identified the Multi-Use Building.

## 5. Please select from the following: \*

- ☐ This proposal is to commemorate an individual who has made important contributions to the College through extraordinary, dedicated service to the College or through contributions to the culture of the College.
- ☐ This proposal is to commemorate an individual, family, organization, corporation, or entity that has made important financial contributions to enable the teaching, learning, and public service missions of the College.
- ☒ This proposal is to commemorate an individual who, although they have no direct connection to the college, is recognized for outstanding historic, artistic, scientific, or otherwise notable accomplishments.

## 6. Please provide the name of the individual, family, organization, corporation, or entity you wish to commemorate: \*

Harry Britt, former San Francisco Supervisor and long-time progressive activist

## 7. Please describe the importance of the naming to the College; the nature of the gifting and/or meritorious activity; and other conditions, concerns, or impacts of the naming.

*Note: in the case of naming a building or property after a living person, the magnitude of gifting and meritorious activity should be well delineated. \**

The CCSF Board of Trustees passed the attached resolution in July 2020, prior to the College having a process in place for naming. The resolution describes Harry Britt's contributions to San Francisco.

## 8. Please attach a resume/portfolio/CV or description of the individual, family, organization, corporation or entity being commemorated. \*

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## 9. Please attach letter(s) of reference or recommendations from individuals. There is no minimum or maximum number of recommendations required. Petitions may also be submitted to show those in favor of the naming. \*

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## 10. Please provide the proposed language for the naming and describe the proposed signage (if known). \*

TBD

## 11. Please estimate how much the signage for the proposed naming will cost and indicate the source of funding for this signage.

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TBD

Introduced by Trustees Alex Randolph, Tom Temprano, and Shanell Williams.

FILE NO. RESOLUTION NO.

[Resolution to Honor The Life And Contributions of Former San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt And Starting A Process to Rename A Facility at City College of San Francisco]

WHEREAS, On June 24th, 2020 the City and County of San Francisco lost former Supervisor and long-time progressive activist Harry Britt who passed away at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Britt's legacy as an activist and leader in San Francisco should be preserved for the inspiration of future generations and our students; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to San Francisco to become a leader in the fight for LGBTQIA liberation, he supported Civil Rights Movement as a young Methodist minister in Chicago and on multiple occasions faced arrest supporting desegregation; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in January 1979 by Mayor Dianne Feinstein following the assassination of his friend and mentor Harvey Milk; and

WHEREAS, Britt was then elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1979, 1980, 1984 and 1988 and served as President of the Board of Supervisors from 1989 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, During his time on the Board Of Supervisors, he championed the causes of everyday San Franciscans, including rent control, domestic partnership, more civilian oversight over the police department; and

WHEREAS, He was a strong supporter of affirmative action and comparable worth legislation; and

WHEREAS, Britt worked with the public health delivery system, the medical community and with community activists to develop the San Francisco model of responding to HIV; and

WHEREAS, He was a founding member and former President of the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club, now known as the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club and was also a founding member of the San Francisco Democratic Socialists of America; and

WHEREAS, He built on the gay-labor alliance Harvey Milk created, and was dedicated to furthering solidarity between the gay and labor communities; and

WHEREAS, Harry was once a member of SEIU Local 790, which later became SEIU Local 1021 which today represented City College of San Francisco classified staff; and

WHEREAS, He was a mentor to countless activists and other LGBTQIA people running for public office, among them members of the City College of San Francisco community, who carry on his legacy in many movements; and

WHEREAS, Britt encouraged Tim Wolfred to run for a seat on the Community College Board, which he won and served with distinction for 14 years as the first openly gay City College of San Francisco Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Britt was a teacher and counselor at New College of California worked and worked to make college degrees attainable for those alienated from traditional education; and

WHEREAS, Britt's actions and activism embodied a persistent and courageous dedication to our union values and wishes to uphold for ourselves, our students, and the City College of San Francisco community; and

WHEREAS, He made history as one of the Nation's first openly gay elected officials, which is an accomplishment matching City College of San Francisco's own historic place as the first queer studies department in the U.S. that started with a gay literature class in 1978; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees at City College of San Francisco honor the life and contributions of former San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees at City College of San Francisco directs the Chancellor and the District to start a process to name an appropriate yet-to-be-identified City College of San Francisco property after Supervisor Harry Britt; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees at City College of San Francisco directs the Chancellor and the District to ensure that in addition to naming a City College of San Francisco property after Supervisor Britt, that the property also commemorate the life and work of Harry Britt in a meaningful way so that students, staff and visitors can learn more about his contributions to San Francisco and the larger LGBTQIA and progressive movements.