

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2006

Adopted February 7, 2006

**DESIGNATING CENTRAL FREEWAY PARCEL C IN HONOR OF
MRS. MARY HELEN ROGERS, A CO-FOUNDER OF THE WESTERN
ADDITION COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (WACO), THE
FACILITATOR OF THE FIRST PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE IN THE
NATION, AND THE FOUNDING AND CURRENT CHAIR OF THE
WESTERN ADDITION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA A-2**

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

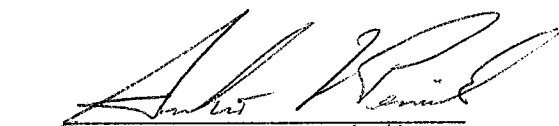
1. On January 17, 2006, Mayor Gavin Newsom forwarded a letter to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commission requesting the designation of the future affordable housing project located on Central Freeway Parcel C in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2 in honor of Mrs. Mary Helen Rogers, the founding and current chair of the Western Addition Citizens Advisory Committee.
2. This 110-unit housing project will provide low-income housing to seniors, including formerly homeless, along with senior supportive services. This senior community, along with the future senior affordable housing to be located on Central Freeway Parcel A, will create a "Senior Campus," that will provide supportive services and social connections for the full spectrum of seniors, from the very frail to the most active and independent.
3. Mary Helen Rogers, a mother of 12, has a long track record of community activism and organizing. She has worked tirelessly to tear down the barriers that have prevented fair and equitable treatment to African American families, school-aged children, welfare recipients, minority businesses, and community churches. Mrs. Rogers has made significant contributions to the Western Addition community, the City and County of San Francisco, as well as the nation.
4. Mrs. Rogers was co-founder of the Western Addition Community Organization (WACO) in 1966; the plaintiff in the precedent-setting lawsuit that required relocation benefits for renters displaced by redevelopment activities nationwide; and was the facilitator of the Western Addition Project Area Committee formed in 1969; the first in the nation.

5. Always the community advocate, Mrs. Rogers has served and volunteered on a broad array of organizations. Her civic activities include serving as: secretary/treasurer of the National Tenants Association; founding board member of Westside Mental Health Clinic; board member of Agape Outreach Center; chair of the San Francisco Juneteenth Committee; and parent volunteer at Raphael Weill Elementary/ Rosa Parks Elementary school. In addition to her numerous volunteer positions, Mrs. Rogers served as a dedicated public servant for San Francisco through her tenure at the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the San Francisco Housing Authority, and has received numerous awards from a host of national and local elected officials.
6. Mission Housing Development Corporation, Devine and Gong and A.F. Evans, the developers of future affordable housing to be located on Central Freeway Parcel C support naming their project the Mary Helen Rogers Senior Community.
7. Mary Helen Rogers, a woman of compassion, drive and tenacity passionately committed to righting the wrongs of injustice at the local, state and federal levels will have a lasting legacy in the naming of the future Central Freeway Parcel C senior community the Mary Helen Rogers Senior Community.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that Central Freeway Parcel C in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2 is designated as the Mary Helen Rogers Senior Community.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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