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MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Larry Mazzola said okay I am going to Call to Order the Airport's Advisory Committee on Naming or Dedicating something at the International Airport. So what we're going to do is have self-introductions of the committee. Some of us don't even know each other and so we have a nice cross section of the City, San Francisco. And I want to thank everybody for agreeing to be on the committee and apologize for us for being late. We were due to start at 10 o'clock so I want to apologize for that. We're going to have. This is our first meeting. It going to be a little informal. We're going to introduce each other. We're going to look at the policy and we have a few things to do. I see we have public comment from a lot of people which is great. We'll have public comment at every meeting and we are probably going to have about three or four meetings. And so if you want to make a public comment today, that's great. If you want to make it another meeting, that's great. So would you please call the roll first.

2. Roll Call

Present

- Larry Mazzola
- Anni Chung
- Linda Crayton
- Eleanor Johns
- John Martin
- Anthony Ribera
- Peter Stern
- Candace Sue

Absent

- Melinda Franklin

3. Introduction of Committee Members and Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

Larry Mazzola, Airport Commission President said so I thought what we would do is, do self-introductions. Candace Sue if you would like to start from your side.

I'm Candace Sue, I'm the Director of Communications and Marketing for SFMTA, Transportation Manager in San Francisco. And I would like to say that I was born in San

Francisco and raised in the Bay Area and have dedicated much of my career to public service. I'm pleased to be part of the Commission.

Good morning everyone. My name is Peter Stern. I'm a member of the Airport Commission. I've acted on the Commission for the last eight years and happy to report I was just reappointed for my third term. I'm really excited to be part of this process. I'm excited for a productive discussion. A little bit about my day job. I'm in the technology industry. Spent about seven years at Oracle Corporation, five years at salesforce.com and I'm a tech entrepreneur. Thanks for your time today.

Hi, I'm Tony Ribera. I'm retired from the police department and I've been at USF for the last 22 years as a Professor of Public Administration. I'm a native San Franciscan, proud graduate at George Washington High School,. And it's an honor to serve on this Commission.

Mr. Mazzola said and you were Chief of Police, right?

Mr. Ribera responded yes.

I'm Larry Mazzola. I've been on this Airport Commission 24 years. I've been the President for 30 years. I'm just seeing if you're listening. I don't know if you're listening. See if you were listening. So I've been on the Commission for 24 years. We created an Airport Policy some five years ago I think. To where we have a policy how you respectfully name something for somebody at the Airport. That's what we're going to be doing here now. I've appointed this committee. Can't thank them enough for serving. And we'll stumble through this.

My name is Linda Crayton and I am the Vice President if the San Francisco Airport Commission. And I've been on the Commission approximately 21 or 22 years. And I came on under Mr. John Martin. And I am very excited about my work. I do a lot of work in the community, various groups and came on the business community from AT&T and Comcast and have a lot of affiliations with the various ethnicities throughout San Francisco. Thank you so much.

Good morning. My name is Eleanor Johns. I am currently a member of the Airport Commission and have been since early 2004 late 2003. I am currently the Executive Director of the Willie Brown Institute and prior to that, I was Chief of Staff the Mayor Brown in the years from '96 thru 2004. So I have definitely been in public service for quite some time and I'm looking forward to serving on this naming committee.

And I'm John Martin. Happily, retired Airport Director. 21 years as Airport Director at SFO and 35 years at the Airport. Continuing to work, work as ...for the ...Trust. And I lived in the City for 37 years too.

Good morning everyone. I'm Anni Chung. And my day job is Executive Director of a non-profit group called Self Help for the Elderly. We serve close to about 40,000-45,000 seniors a year. But today, I represent API Council as well as the committee that was formed for the renaming of the International Terminal after Mayor Ed Lee. We're pleased a lot of our community members are out to support this initiative. And thank you Commissioners and also members of the committee. We hope that this process will be as smooth and expeditious one. Thank you.

Mr. Mazzola said okay so that's, and now as far as future meeting dates. Corina, you want to announce those.

Ms. Monzón responded yes. So the meeting dates will be, the next one will be November 20, 2018. Approximate start time for all of these meetings will be 10:00 a.m. which is after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled Airport Commission Meeting, so that's November 20, 2018 and December 18, 2018.

Mr. Mazzola said alright I think that takes care of our Item No. 3.

4. Scope of Committee Considerations

Ms. Sheryl Bregman, Airport General Counsel, City Attorney's Office said good morning. I just wanted to, given it's your first meeting, just give you a very brief scope of your mission, if you would. And just to point out that as a committee of the San Francisco Airport Commission, you are acting as a public body and so all state and local open meeting and public record laws apply to this committee and to you as members of the committee while participating in committee business. If you should have any questions at all about the applicable law, please call me directly or you can reach me through the Commission Secretary. Basically the scope and process that we're starting today is based on a nomination which you should all have received in your packet and it is this nomination that you will be considering in the context of the Airport Commission naming policy, which Cathy Widener will review with you in just a minute. So the mission of this committee will be to make a recommendation to the Commission, to the Airport Commission, as to first, whether the nominees should be commemorated at the airport and secondly, the location for the naming or dedication. Once the committee votes on a recommendation, the committee chair will present the recommendation to the Airport Commission. The Airport Commission may then consider and take action on the recommendation and if the Airport Commission acts to name or dedicate any location on airport property, the airport director will then determine how that honor will be expressed and how it will be implemented. So I'm happy to answer any questions and I'll be available also at the other meetings if questions come up. Yes, Commissioner.

Linda Crayton said I have a question. Your last statement, would you state that again? I

want to make certain that I understood exactly what you said.

Sheryl Bregman said the last part of what I just said, right? The Airport Director implements any recommendation and part of that, Commissioner, and again, Cathy Widener will address this as part of the policy, is that any implementation obviously is driven by the operational concerns with the airport wayfinding, the logic of how the airport is laid out, so because of that, it's imperative that the Airport Director, having the day to day oversight of the airport makes those more specific decisions about how anything is expressed at the airport.

Commissioner Linda Crayton said thank you.

Sheryl Bregman asked any other questions?

There were no further questions.

5. **Background Information**

Airport Naming Policy – Cathy Widener, Director of Government Affairs

Named/Dedicated Airport Facilities – Judi Mosqueda, Director of Project Management

Cathy Widener said good morning Chair Mazzola, members of the committee, I'm the Airport Director of Government affairs, Cathy Widener. As President Mazzola mentioned in 2013 the Airport Commission adopted an official airport naming policy for facilities at the San Francisco International Airport and this is based on a series of recommendations from an airport naming committee which was chaired by President Mazzola and included representatives from the aviation sector, business community, government sector, nonprofit community, and the travel industry. You each have a copy of the official policy before you, but I'd like to take a minute just to walk you through some general highlights as you begin this process. The airport naming policy commences with a general statement of policy that reads the real property, comprising the San Francisco International Airport serves the people of the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the traveling public from around the world. Naming or dedicating any location within the airport should be made sparingly and only upon careful extensive consideration and the finding of compelling reasons to commemorate an extraordinary person or persons in conformance with the procedures set forth in this recommendation. That comprises section one of the policy. Section two lists airport locations that are not eligible for naming or dedication and include the San Francisco International Airport and its brand, locations already named or dedicated and/or federally operated locations through the airport such as the air traffic control tower, the airfield taxiways and runways. Section three of the policy addresses locations that may be eligible for naming or dedication. The policy highlights locations with alpha numeric functional or geographic names such as terminal numbers, boarding area numbers, and gate numbers should be available for dedication only. This

goes back to the thinking that the alpha numeric indicators are critical for airport operations to maintain as simple and logical way for passengers to find their way throughout the airport. The policy provides that these locations should not under any circumstances be renamed, but may be in whole or part dedicated. Section four of the policy deals with the eligibility of persons for commemoration and requires that any person honored or for dedication at airport facilities, must have made a unique or special contribution to the airport, must be deceased or fully retired from public service for no fewer than two years. Section five of the policy addresses procedures. The policy makes the distinction between naming and dedicating in order to protect the airport's wayfinding program and calls out the process by which a person or group should be nominated and considered as part of a public hearing and consideration period of not less than six months from the date of nomination. Lastly, the policy explicitly leaves the final authority to name or dedicate a facility with the Airport Commission based on recommendations via the nomination process and states that the airport director shall determine the best way to express the honor granted. That is a pretty high level walkthrough of the policy before you and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Mr. Mazzola said alright, committee members, any questions on the policy? And of course if you read it again when you're at home or at work and you have questions next time again, Cathy will be able to answer those for you at the next meeting.

Judi Mosqueda said good morning committee members and commissioners. I'm the Director of Project Management at the airport. There have been to date 15 namings or dedications that have happened at the airport, and I'll go through that list very briefly with you. This list can be shown on screen if we adjust the screen. As well as for members of the audience is the final paper of the packet. So, these 15 items that have been named or dedicated, it starts out first with McDonald Road, which is the dash line running along the front edge of the freeway. This was dedicated in 1985. In 1985, we also named the Bill Coblenz court as part of the old International Terminal, which was torn down when we recreated Terminal 2. Just as an update for you, we did not do away with Bill Coblenz. The concourse, was rededicated to him under item 13 on the list when Terminal 2 was reconstructed and that dedication happened in 2011. We also had the Howard Freeman Court that happens between Terminal 1 and the International Terminal. That's item number three. We have the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum. That is a facility that is in the International Terminal. We have the Mo Bernstein commemoration of the departures level, main hall of the International Terminal dedicated in 2000. We have the Ruth Kadish Gallery in the connector between Terminal 2 and Terminal 3. This is an art gallery, and that was dedicated in 2001. We have the Dr. Zuretti L. Goosby conference center, which is the fifth floor executive offices of the International Terminal dedicated in 2002. We have item number eight, Henry E. Berman Reflection Room in the International Terminal adjacent to the Bart station. This reflection room was dedicated in 2002. We also have item number nine, which is the Susanna Tong Employment

Center, which is very near the Berman reflection room in the International Terminal near the Bart station that was dedicated in 2005. Item number 10 is the Jason G. Yuen Architecture and Engineering Building, dedicated in 2005 and that is located out in the Westfield zone of the airport. We also have the item number 11, Mel Leong Treatment Plant, dedicated in 2005 and the Mel Leong Treatment Plant is on the northern most end of the airport. Item number 12 is a commemoration of Tom Lantos in the Terminal 3 hub area. That dedication happened in 2010 by the Commission. Item number 13, as I mentioned earlier, is the rededication of Terminal 2 in honor of Coblenz and that happened in 2011. Item number 14, we have the Dr. Lawrence Smookler Medical Clinic that was dedicated in 2011 when the medical clinic was relocated from Terminal 2 into the International Terminal. And then most recently we have a dedication of Terminal 1 to Harvey B. Milk. That is planned to happen... actually, I'm not quite clear on the graphic of this. I believe action has been taken already that decided that the dedication of Terminal 1 would be made in honor of Harvey Milk. However, the facility under construction, which is why it says February of 2020 here. That's when the main opening of the phased terminal opening will happen. Those are the items on campus that have been named or dedicated and I'd be happy to answer any questions if you have any.

Eleanor Johns said I don't have a question but I think I just would like to point out that what's obvious is that items one through 14 were all done prior to the naming policy being put into place. And I'm not quite sure where to put item 15 because it took quite a period of time. I just want to make that clear.

Peter Stern said I'm just curious on what the drivers were around the individuals that were getting honored and the locations getting honored, being that the policy was not in place at that time.

Judi Mosqueda said I think that there was a wide variety of reasons for the individual naming or dedication. I looked into yesterday, as one of the smaller spaces, item number nine, Susanna Tong Employment Center. I looked into it because I wasn't quite certain where it is at the airport. I hadn't run into the plaque and I knew nothing about Susanna Tong. She was a waitress who, through her work at the airport, grew to become a business owner and so this employment center was named in her honor. She was very active. I believe she was very active in helping others gain employment.

John Martin said all of these folks, one through 14, with the exception of 12, Tom Lantos, there was a direct link between naming that particular facility to them because of their involvement in some way. So Ruth Kadish promoted the museum program, when she was an Airport Commissioner, the first woman President. Mo Bernstein promoted retail in the airport and he was a Commission President. So there's always Commissioners who, L. Goosby, was one who worked to bring people together toward common view, mission, so the conference center we thought was an appropriate dedication. Mel Leong supervised the construction and operation of the Treatment Plant. Jason Yuen was the chief engineer of design and construction for 20 years.

Linda Crayton so it's something that would you then say that all of these people had a direct connection with the airport?

John Martin said they all had a direct connection and direct working connection, I think, and certainly Congressman Lantos was a supporter for the airport over the years, but a little different category than all the other namings, and also Harvey Milk, a little different category than all the other namings.

Mr. Mazzola asked any other questions in regards to the other names? Peter did that help you out?

Peter Stern said it did. Yeah, just to have some basic context around was really helpful. Thank you.

Corina Monzón said item number six is an opportunity for the members of the committee to have a discussion either regarding what was presented or on future action items.

Mr. Mazzola said ok, so any discussion that we want to talk to each other about going forward, please bring it up now.

6. Discussion

Potential discussion items and procedural action items only.

Anni Chung said Mr. Chair and members of the Committee. I kind of like to just do a quick recap of why we have this initiative before the Commission and the Committee, So to honor Ed Lee who died in office, I think he made a lot of sacrifice as mayor of such a large city. If you remember when Ed became the mayor, we had a double digit unemployment rate and the city was in recession and I think that under Ed's leadership the economy really roared back and I think that under his leadership you could tell how involved he is in bringing the tourism and then the travel industry back up. I think in our nomination letter, we explicitly listed all of Ed Lee's accomplishments and what he did for our city. So our community is asking for nothing more than naming or renaming the International Terminal after Mayor Ed Lee. So earlier one of the staff members said that the policies say that the International Terminal is not up for renaming, but I'd like to urge the Committee to recommend to the Commission that we do rename the International Terminal, which is really appropriate for the first Asian American mayor of a major city like San Francisco, who done a lot and also a lot of the capital projects under Mayor Lee happened during his watch for the airport. So if there are any questions regarding the nomination package that we submit, for some of the Committee members who weren't here yet back in May our community collected over 16,000 signatures. 11,000 were submitted in May and we're continuing receiving

support from the community to rename the International Terminal after Ed. We also had op ed pieces in the Chronicle as well as many Chinese newspapers who think that this is really appropriate to name a major area in the city like the International Terminal. We're not asking to name the SFO airport, just the International Terminal, so I'd like to clarify that really our intent is to rename the International Terminal. Thank you.

Eleanor Johns said thank you for that. I just wondered if I could ask, in the process before you came to the decision that's before us now, did you consider any other buildings within the City and County of San Francisco or maybe don't restrict it to buildings, any other places or areas? And I'm just wondering if you did, how did you end up with the airport?

Anni Chung said I think that after Mayor Lee passed, everyone is still missing him a lot. He was a tremendous mayor and a tremendous leader. And many suggestions came up from the various community members or organizations such as the Chinese Chamber of Commerce or the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and different people throw out proposals. Oh, how about Kearney Street? How about Geary Street? How about Justin Herman Plaza? So different places were proposed, but ultimately the community really supported and rallied behind renaming the international airport. First, airport has a lot of travelers that come in. I think the statistics say that 55 million people travel through the SFO and to have Mayor Ed Lee prominently renamed in the International Terminal which bring in a lot of Asian Pacific Islander travelers through. It's really how our community feel that it's a tribute that we feel is the most appropriate tribute to Mayor Ed Lee. That's why within two weeks, the 11,000 signatures were collected to submit to you, the Airport Commission and I think the other proposals might still continue to come up to be named after Ed, but at this point I think there is no question our community is 200% behind this initiative which is the International Terminal.

Mr. Mazzola said alright, anybody else have any comments? Ok. My response to you is that actually renaming the terminal is renaming the airport in this case because the airport is known as and is listed as the San Francisco International Airport. So if you change that you would really, whatever the Committee wants is fine but you would really then be changing the name of the airport because that's what the basic name is. But this committee can do that or the policy says you can't but the Committee can recommend and then the board can say yes or no, but there's also ways to dedicate areas. We were talking about how to do this and we didn't know if this committee would want to do a tour of the international airport and see if there's any other thing, other than the naming, any other area that could be dedicated and I don't know if this committee wants to do that, to take a tour out there and look around. I don't know if the current airport director had some ideas. He's not here, but he'll be at the next meeting. And there could be some ideas on how we could dedicate, but thank you for your request and we know your request is made in your forms and we'll proceed from there.

Eleanor Johns said I would just like to follow up, as you were saying, I think it's important for this Committee to have a discussion about the difference between naming and dedicating. I'm not saying we should do that today, but I think it's something we need to think about in terms of how our policy is written.

Mr. Mazzola said so why don't we put that on the agenda for next time. We'll talk about the difference.

John Martin said just to point out that the airlines will insist on using in their ticketing, Terminals 1, 2 and 3, T1, T2, T3, IT, because they use that 2 digit code, so just to understand, that the naming doesn't necessarily mean that 60 million passengers a year will actually know the name except for the signage that's in place, not through the ticketing. And the trade-off here is that the dedication, we have all these facilities that were dedicated to folks, but how many people know of these dedications. So just to be aware of how to balance the public awareness that is being aimed for with a practical understanding that the dedication may not provide as much visibility as is desired.

Anni Chung said Mr. Chair, the Committee reviewed, at least looked at the rendering of the Terminal 1 that is to be named after Harvey Milk and we thought something like that. We're not asking for anymore that what has already happened. And you are naming the Terminal 1 after Harvey Milk, so we were just wondering.

Mr. Mazzola said we didn't do that, the Board of Supervisors did that. They jumped over to play hopscotch and they jumped over the Commission and they did that. So a lot of us aren't in favor of that. I don't know about the rest of the Commission, but I was against doing that. Mr. Milk, who I knew, he didn't do anything for the airport. The poor guy didn't have enough time. He was assassinated after 10 months of being in office. So he really didn't contribute to the airport itself, so the policy says that you have to contribute something. In fact, Mayor Lee did but Mr. Milk did not. But either way, the Board did that and they're running with that ball and they're doing things there. But I think we can look at what they're doing and see what we can do on behalf of Mr. Lee in that fashion.

Linda Crayton said I have a question. I was wondering has there been any groundswell at the Board of Supervisors, in terms of their suggestions and support for Mayor Lee.

Mr. Mazzola said none of them talked to me. So I don't know about that. Did they talk to you or anything?

Anni Chung said no, but if you remember back in May, all of us came before the Airport Commission and we want to follow your process, but we feel that Mayor Lee is a significant leader and that he's done a lot for the city and the airport and I hope that all of us are open to find a way to remember this great mayor, the first Chinese American

and the first Asian American with a city that has 34 percent Asian population. So I hope that there is a major way that we could honor his legacy and what he has done. He actually died in office and sacrificed on all of our behalf.

Tony Ribera said I'd just like to concur with Anni, Ed Lee was a great mayor and he was an outstanding human being and some type of honor certainly on behalf of the city would be appropriate, but I'm certainly open to the discussion here.

Linda Crayton said because he was the mayor of the city, I think that there needs to be some groundswell from the Board of Supervisors. I really do believe that this is not something that should just be relegated to the San Francisco Airport Commission. I think that there should be a greater naming than the airport, to be honest with you. I believe that not only the population of San Francisco, but what he has done and brought forward in terms of how you see different people you've never seen before over in City Hall, and of course a lot of that started way back with Willie Brown. I want to say that not only do we bring what we're doing but all of San Francisco along with us and so some sort of resolution or some sort of suggestion. I've just looked at streets that have been named after people were, where people travel along all the time within the City. I'm looking for a recognition when people come to San Francisco, they already know, oh my God, we're going to go here because this is Mayor Ed Lee, the mayor who did.... And so I'm thinking, I'm wondering, you want to make sure that we look at all possibilities for the greater good in terms of honoring him in a manner where there would be no discussion about this was the man. And that's what I would suggest.

Anni Chung said I did forget to mention that when this proposal came up it was brought to Anita and the family and they liked the idea and has been very supportive. So I just need Commission and the Committee to know that we didn't just come up with the idea but we went to the family. The family that missed all these other proposals felt that it's the airport, the International Terminal building, is the most appropriate tribute.

Mr. Mazzola said and Linda, in all fairness to your comments, we can only deal with the airport. We can't deal with Geary Street or ..., We can only deal with the airport.

Linda Crayton said oh I understand that.

Mr. Mazzola said we can only deal with the airport. And I don't think that the Supervisors ought to be involved in our Committee.

Linda Crayton said no no, I don't want them to be involved in our Committee, but I'm saying that for a larger kind of a thing, I think it's settling to do it at the airport. I think it could be greater than that.

Candace Sue stated Commissioner, you mentioned the opportunity perhaps of this Committee to be able to make a visit to the airport and perhaps look at some of the

other dedications and understand what the options are and I for one would appreciate that opportunity to be able to see some of the other dedications and what might be proposed for Harvey Milk in particular, since that was mentioned.

Mr. Mazzola said ok thank you for mentioning that. Anybody else think that the tour might be a good idea?

Peter Stern said I agree.

Eleanor Johns said I agree too.

Mr. Mazzola said we'll arrange something like that. We have quite a few public comments today so we'll limit it to 1 minute each, so we can try to get through this right before the lunch hour.

7. **Public Comment**

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Jessica Ho: Hi Everyone. I am here on behalf of my boss, supervisor, Katie Tang. So she wanted to be here herself, but unfortunately she's at the TA. She wanted to express her full support and dedication for changing the name of the international airport to the late mayor Ed Lee. The International Terminal is more than just a wing of the airport. It serves as a portal for the transformation of millions of lives every year, whether they're on a temporary or permanent basis. It's a place where people travel to pursue dreams, challenge the norm, and break through boundaries. I believe that Mayor Lee represents all of these things. He's a son of immigrants who came to the United States, pursue their dreams for a better future. He was a civil rights attorney and activist who helped so many through his work in our communities. So many people come to San Francisco seeking refuge in the city that embraces diversity and when they come to the halls of the International Terminal, I hope they will take a moment to wonder why it was dedicated to a man named Ed Lee, discover his story and be inspired by it to do good in this world. Thank you.

Malcolm Yeung: Good morning Committee members and commissioners. My name is Malcolm Yeung and I'm here on behalf of the API council. With Annie, the API Council is a coalition of the 50 plus nonprofits serving the API community throughout San Francisco. We just wanted to express our strong support for the proposal of naming the International Terminal after Ed Lee. I'll keep my comments at that and respect your time this morning, but thank you very much.

Francis So: Good morning. I am representing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. I'm here to support the naming of the airport to Ed Lee terminal. Thank you very much.

Bruce Agid: Good morning. I'm a native San Franciscan, and a resident of Mission Bay. I'm here today to support the naming of the International Terminal at SFO after our late Mayor Ed Lee. I think this is so fitting. At home, he was so modest in his leadership approach of collaboration and consensus building, addressing a myriad of the city's issues. With little fanfare he met that methodically, accomplished so much and laid down the foundation for much future success. For much of these efforts and accomplishments, the congratulations and thank yous were attributed to so many others. However, developing the city's relationship with China and others internationally, Mayor Ed Lee expanded San Francisco's reach worldwide and position thus as a leader in so many arenas. One area which clearly stands out as a result of this focus on building relationships internationally is diversification of our economy, bringing capital investments in jobs to our city. Again, based on his leadership on our behalf internationally, how fitting to name this International Terminal after Mayor Ed Lee. Thank you.

Andrew Sun: Thank you President Mazzola and members of the Commission. My name is Andrew Sun and I'm a resident of San Francisco. Early on in Ed Lee's administration he and I talked about a book called Why Mayors Should Rule the World. And he understood that San Francisco, that he had a responsibility not only to San Francisco residents and the problems we had, but to elevate San Francisco as an international city, and while he may have faced some kinds of local criticism, he made it a point to travel with many of you to international cities around the world and he built relationships with big city mayors from Paris to Beijing to India to Jerusalem. This man understood that San Francisco and his role as mayor was part of the new order in bringing civility and clarity internationally. There is no reason why you should not name the International Terminal. If we can have La Guardia, if we can have Mineta, if we can have Bradley, we ought to be able to have Lee, and frankly there's no reason why you ought not to make that recommendation fully and supportively. Right now, international passengers that travel into the International Terminal get a ticket designation as number one. They're not certain if it's number one from the domestic side or number one from the international side. We ought to have the courage and audacity to name the terminal after Edwin M. Lee who evidently who devoted his life to this city and brought San Francisco back to the city of international stature. Thank you very much.

Henry Huey: President of the Commission, and all the members and directors. My name is Henry Huey. I'm the presiding President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. As you all heard about Mayor Lee, and I'd like to mention that Mayor Lee believed that tourism in the city is the most important industry. At the San Francisco International Airport, the city is gateway to the world. I represent the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association support the naming of Mayor Lee. Thank you.

Reverend Norman Fong: I'll try to make this quick. I'm a home-grown Chinatown kid. My mom was a home-grown Chinatown kid since... My Dad came at ... and he was in prison on Angel Island. My grandma here at the turn of the century. I've learned so much about our history, and I feel like fully has justice been acknowledged in some ways? Mayor Lee worked with me on the immigration case where garment workers were arrested. He's a famous civil rights leader. But more importantly symbolically the naming of the international airport is so important because of our history. So when my grandma was around, that was the time China boycotted the United States because of the harsh treatment of the Chinese Americans. A lot of people don't know that history. I attended Jean Parker School. All the teachers were white at the time and all those kids were segregated, segregated public housing. So I went through that and I just want to say it would be powerful, compelling, international if people thought the San Francisco could set the tone by naming this international airport because of our history, the United States, excluded the Chinese since 1882. We really suffered. Tony, you know, that we didn't have Asian cops till the seventies because we were too short. I mean, there's so many things. So Mayor Ed Lee being the Mayor, being highlighted makes total sense to me. Power to you.

Carmen Chu: Commissioners, wonderful to see you all today. I think you've heard some of the number of individuals from your team about the policies that you have before you and what can and cannot be done. I come here respectfully to ask you not only for your support, for your advocacy to make sure that you work with the community to effectuate a renaming of the international airport – terminal. It's fitting in the memory of our late mayor. I think it's not lost on you on the historical significance of this request. San Francisco became a consolidated city and county in 1856 with Asian Americans playing a significant role in our development and our growth. We faced struggles here. We faced discrimination here. We also faced successes and it took us 150 years to elect our first Asian American, Chinese American mayor. And so I've heard a number of comments that were made today about what other structures, what other streets, but the truth is San Francisco International Airport has always been a gateway, a gateway to an international city, a place where people dream, where we overcome, where we succeed, and that is our mayor's story. And so when people arrive at SFO, it is absolutely appropriate to see the story told in its name. Thank you.

John Trasvina: I'm a resident of Diamond Heights, and I join Mr. Huey and Reverend Fong and so many here who have expressed their own cultural pride and reasons for this, a renaming, but there's also municipal pride and responsibility. It's an opportunity to thank Mayor Lee belatedly for his service to all of our city and it is a unique opportunity to both looking at the past and historical opportunity to recognize that Chinese Americans were not welcome here for so many years. And it will be our message to the world, particularly the international travelers and to our own residents who use the International Terminal, of Mayor Lee's significance as the first Asian American mayor of our city. And that's a message into the future of the importance of

San Francisco as a global city facing Asia so I join those as a municipal matter and supporting this renaming. Thank you.

Lydia So: Good morning, Committee members. I'm Lydia So. I fully support the dedication of the International Terminal for Mayor Edwin Ma Lee. For identification purposes, I'm a member of the San Francisco Arts Commission as one of the designated architects seats. As a trained and licensed architect. I understand how SFO's international building is a historic landmark known around the world, so it is a fitting tribute to Ed Lee, his life and his legacy, so people will remember what he did in such a short period of time, including my young 8 years old daughter who only had a brief interaction with him, but did not know that all the great things he did for San Francisco and our community. As an immigrant, I know how the airport is a gateway to not just San Francisco, but for many immigrants the first place they set their foot on in their new home in America. Ed Lee was a son of immigrants and was a champion for immigrants and their rights. I also understand that SFO is a critical piece in international economic development connecting business leaders from around the world to San Francisco. I was privileged to have been on one of these economic mission with Ed Lee. I saw the first-hand how he was welcomed by business and government leaders as someone that put the investor confidence back in San Francisco. So please, I urge you all to take an action to dedicate a building to Mayor Lee. Thank you for your time.

Mary Jung: Hello Commissioners. My name is Mary Jung. I'm here in my capacity as a co-chair of the Citizens Naming Committee. We're just a group of people who love Mayor Lee and understand deeply what it means to the Chinese community and truly believe that it's appropriate to name the International Terminal in his honor; or applications those are the major accomplishments. But what it doesn't say is how he represented the heart and soul of the Chinese community. We feel our hearts were ripped out with his untimely death. And while we don't expect renaming the terminal to fill that void, we will know that future generations to come will be reminded of this great man and all of his contributions and what a role model he was to all of us. Over 15,000 people signed our petitions about renaming the airport when the idea first came out. And all we ask is that our voices be heard. Thank you.

Anders Fung: Thank you very much for the opportunity today. My name is Anders Fung. I am living in the peninsula. Resident in the peninsula and I happened to serve as the vice chairman of the Planning Commission in the city of Millbrae, neighboring to the SFO. I'm here today to fully support the renaming of the International Terminal after the late Mayor Ed Lee for the very reason that he has dedicated his life. He spent the last day of his life serving the City of San Francisco and not only was he a mayor of San Francisco, he's a mayor for the entire Bay Area. He's not only a leader for a city, but he's a leader for the entire community where we live. Naming of the International Terminal after the first Asian American, Chinese American mayor within the City of San Francisco shows that the courage that we have to show the world that we're ready to honor his life, his legacy, and his dedication. And I think that's a very bold step for all of

us to take and urge you. And I understand that there's a lot of rules and regulations in terms of what you can and cannot do. But I think it's the courage that Ed Lee showed us what he will be willing to do for our city and the same in what we can do for him. Right here. Right now. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for your time.

Vanita Louie: Hi, good morning everyone. I am Vanita Louie. I am a humanitarian volunteer with the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Chinatown. Recently I had spent some time with Mrs. Lee and she told me some pretty extraordinary things, which is one of the requirements to dedicate or rename something after someone and plus they cannot be here anymore. They have to be in heaven so the 2 requirements are met, but Ed Lee shared a bedroom with four of his brothers and his mother told us that Ed would lock himself in the bathroom to do his homework. This is a man that was driven by just being good and humble, a humble servant. He worked as a civil service commission appointed under three mayors. He cared about housing. He cared about San Francisco. He cared about everybody that lived in San Francisco and the Bay Area, so whatever Ed did, he was driven by his humbleness. Tony, you're agreeing with that. I was in the travel business for 33 years and when was the last time you said to yourself, I'm flying out of Norman Mineta, San Jose International. We say San Jose Airport or Oakland Airport or SFO, so it will continue to be called that, but we are honoring someone that has done so much for the community and for all of San Francisco and he died as our humble servant. Thank you.

Lesley Hu: I am Lesley Hu. I'm a resident of San Francisco, born in Piedmont, went to USF and we all know why globally, I think, that this is a great idea and I support this idea to name or dedicate SFO International Airport to Ed Lee. But on a very personal level, my son goes, he's a first grader at Stewart Hall for Boys and just last week he asked me to print out a picture that he took with Ed Lee and we were very, very honored and lucky to be friends, my family to be friends with Mayor Lee and so when he passed it was really tragic for my son and so he asked me to print out a picture to put on his writing folder, which is what inspires him to write to these teachers. Every week they look at their folders with the pictures and that will inspire them to write, so how amazing I think it would be to have my son that every time he leaves this beautiful city, he can take a piece of Ed Lee, and he can be strong that an Asian American and an American was able to lead this great city and so I think that would be a really strong message for all of us. Thank you.

Eddie Ann: Good morning. Eddie Ann with Brightline Defense, a public policy nonprofit that works on environmental justice issues and social justice issues in Bayview Hunter's Point, South of Market, Mission District, diverse communities, which is why renaming the International Terminal cannot be more fitting for Mayor Lee. Having quietly observed him and the basic point I'd make is that it's not strictly an Asian American identity issue for the Asian American community, but that Mayor Lee himself as an Asian American public servant who worked tirelessly decades of his life to dedicating across the board with diverse communities in San Francisco, whether it was with the

WNPA program, as city administrator at DPW. Of course, folks on this committee are very well aware of his long service and as his commissioner too on the environment, I've been very appreciative of his efforts, in particular to reach out to Bayview Hunters Point and nowadays serving on as a California Assembly speakers and appointee the BCDC I'm even more appreciative of the need to inject equity and policy making discussions and again would strongly support in renaming the International Terminal after the Mayor Lee. Thank you.

Jay Cheng: Hello Committee. My name is Jay Cheng. I'm here with the Ed Lee Asian Pacific Democratic Club. We've been around for 20 years, but last year we chose to rename ourselves after the late mayor because of the mayor's spirit of community engagement, civic leadership and kindness, and it's in that spirit we ask you to rename the International Terminal after the late mayor today. We take naming things very seriously as you all do and you've all expressed that. A naming is a very serious thing and I think it's important to recognize that the mayor's impact on San Francisco has been nothing but historic for the city, for the nation, and for the globe. In addition, his impact on the airport itself has been historic. In 2012 he directed \$502,000,000 to the airport, upgrading everything from Terminal 3 to baggage checks to the power plant and to the basic infrastructure of the airport. Included in that was a brand new control tower, \$102 million control tower that was able to withstand the next big earthquake. We talk about how many of the things that are named in the airport are because of the commitments to the airport or the obligations to the airport and Mayor Lee has done one of the biggest accomplishments to the airport of all. Thank you.

Mr. Mazzola said thank you and I have no more speakers listed here. On behalf of the committee I want to thank everybody who spoke and thank you for giving their findings.

Peter Stern said I really appreciate everyone's comments today. I'm personally 100 percent supportive of honoring Mayor Lee at the San Francisco International Airport. The one thing I would like to do in coming meetings is we're all using sort of a different vernacular around on what is naming and what is dedication. And I think if we spend some time as we go down this path to all be aligned on what the difference between the two are. So as we come to a place that we're all happy and comfortable we know exactly what that is and what that looks like.

Mr. Mazzola said perfect, so we're going to have that on the agenda so we can discuss that of what it means to the other.

Linda Crayton said and if we already have a definition of that already. We understand we can get that information ahead of time so we don't have to come here to get it.

Peter Stern said we have it described in the policy, but I think we need to have a productive discussion.

Eleanor Johns said I agree with Commissioner Stern and I would like to also indicate that I worked many years with Ed Lee before he was Mayor and he appointed me to this Commission and I revered him as a person and I think he absolutely deserves everything that folks who came here today have said and I would like to try to discuss this in a context to understanding all this naming, renaming, dedicating, what does IT mean, the effect of renaming , etc., so I'm hoping that in our future meetings we can discuss and work on that and come to some agreement.

Mr. Mazzola said alright, well thank you. I think we're going to adjourn and I think we had a good meeting to start, good introductory meeting. Once again, thank you everyone for accepting the appointment and we'll go on from here.

Linda Crayton asked when will we meet again?

Corina Monzón said November 20th.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned after for 1 hour, 1 minute and 37 seconds from the call to order.

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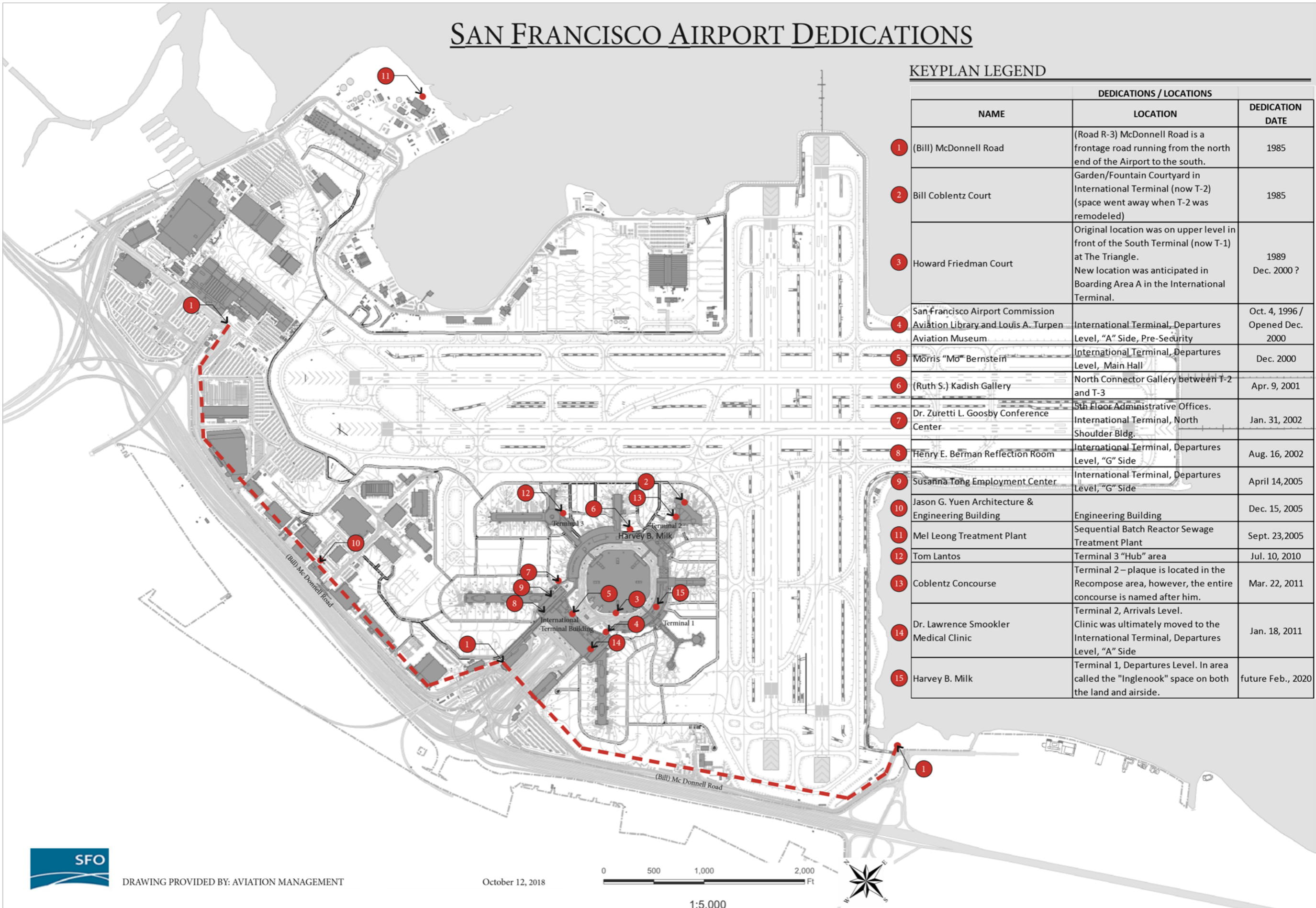
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SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT DEDICATIONS

KEYPLAN LEGEND

DEDICATIONS / LOCATIONS		DEDICATION DATE
NAME	LOCATION	
1 (Bill) McDonnell Road	(Road R-3) McDonnell Road is a frontage road running from the north end of the Airport to the south.	1985
2 Bill Coblenz Court	Garden/Fountain Courtyard in International Terminal (now T-2) (space went away when T-2 was remodeled)	1985
3 Howard Friedman Court	Original location was on upper level in front of the South Terminal (now T-1) at The Triangle. New location was anticipated in Boarding Area A in the International Terminal.	1989 Dec. 2000 ?
4 San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum	International Terminal, Departures Level, "A" Side, Pre-Security	Oct. 4, 1996 / Opened Dec. 2000
5 Morris "Mo" Bernstein	International Terminal, Departures Level, Main Hall	Dec. 2000
6 (Ruth S.) Kadish Gallery	North Connector Gallery between T-2 and T-3	Apr. 9, 2001
7 Dr. Zuretti L. Goosby Conference Center	5th Floor Administrative Offices. International Terminal, North Shoulder Bldg.	Jan. 31, 2002
8 Henry E. Berman Reflection Room	International Terminal, Departures Level, "G" Side	Aug. 16, 2002
9 Susanna Tong Employment Center	International Terminal, Departures Level, "G" Side	April 14, 2005
10 Jason G. Yuen Architecture & Engineering Building	Engineering Building	Dec. 15, 2005
11 Mel Leong Treatment Plant	Sequential Batch Reactor Sewage Treatment Plant	Sept. 23, 2005
12 Tom Lantos	Terminal 3 "Hub" area	Jul. 10, 2010
13 Coblenz Concourse	Terminal 2 – plaque is located in the Recompose area, however, the entire concourse is named after him.	Mar. 22, 2011
14 Dr. Lawrence Smookler Medical Clinic	Terminal 2, Arrivals Level. Clinic was ultimately moved to the International Terminal, Departures Level, "A" Side	Jan. 18, 2011
15 Harvey B. Milk	Terminal 1, Departures Level. In area called the "Inglenook" space on both the land and airside.	future Feb., 2020



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