

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Adopted this Traffic Resolution on April 1, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 2025/4544
Supervisory District I

SUBJECT: ADOPT Traffic Resolution No. 2025/4544 approving and authorizing the renaming of West Grove Avenue (Road No. 0565J) to “Jimmy McCracklin Way,” as recommended by the Public Works Director, North Richmond area.

WHEREAS, West Grove Avenue, which begins at North Jade Street and extends easterly to 1st Street, in the North Richmond area;

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa submitted a letter request to the County Public Works Department on October 3, 2024 requesting that West Grove Avenue be renamed “Jimmy McCracklin Way;”

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa is sole owner of properties along West Grove Avenue;

WHEREAS, the new name, “Jimmy McCracklin Way”, is not duplicated within the local fire district or post office area, and the new name will be for the entire length of West Grove Avenue;

WHEREAS, Public Works Department staff determined that changing the name of West Grove Avenue will not undermine or compromise cultural or historical significance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on this proposed renaming of West Grove Avenue, notice of which was mailed to the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa, sole property owner along West Grove Avenue, and posted in at least three locations near the roadway (Streets and Highways property code 970.5)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors FINDS as follows:
 - A. Based on the recommendation of the County Public Work Department, in collaboration with, the Housing Authority of County of Contra Costa the North & Greater Richmond Blues Foundation and Supervisor John Gioia, have requested that Contra Costa Public Works bring an item to the board to change the name of West Grove Avenue in North Richmond to “Jimmy McCracklin Way;
 - B. James David Walker Jr., better known by his stage name, “Jimmy McCracklin,” was a North Richmond resident, business owner, and internationally acclaimed Blues artist who traveled the world spreading the joy of his music. Jimmy McCracklin recorded 30 albums and earned four golden records, including the

song “Club Savoy” that pays homage to the rich blues music scene in North Richmond during the 1940-1980’s;

C. The Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa, The North & Greater Richmond Blues Foundation, and Supervisor Gioia are dedicated to preserving the musical roots of North Richmond by renaming West Grove Avenue to “Jimmy McCracklin Way.”

2. The Board of Supervisors ADOPTS this Traffic Resolution No. 2025/4544 approving and authorizing the renaming of West Grove Avenue to “Jimmy McCracklin Way”.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct Copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: _____
Monica Nino, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By _____, Deputy

MO:cp

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