WHEREAS, David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D. was appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission by Mayor Willie Brown in 1997 and retired from the Commission in 2019, having served for 22 years. During his long tenure on the Health Commission, he served as Commission Vice President, Chair of the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee, and Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee. He was also a devoted member of the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) Joint Conference Committee and represented the Health Commission on the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez joined the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Family and Community Medicine at the San Francisco General Campus in 1969 and retired in 2005. During his 36-year tenure, he held many positions at ZSFG, including UCSF Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. He was instrumental in connecting the hospital campus to the community through the development of significant programs such as the Child and Adolescent Support Advocacy and Resource Center (CASARC), Urban Health Program, and the Latino Assessment Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez was a dedicated advocate and leader within San Francisco throughout his life. He served as President of the Police Commission and President of the Board of Education. He was a member of many boards of directors including the Community College Board, the San Francisco Foundation, The California Commission on Aging, Catholic Charities, Columbia Park Boy’s and Girl’s Club, San Francisco Education Fund, San Francisco Maritime Association, and the American GI Forum. He was also a respected leader within the San Francisco Latinx communities and was an active member of the Centro Latino and Mission Language and Vocational School boards of directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez was a lifelong resident of San Francisco, a Navy veteran, and very proud that members of his family helped build the original buildings on the ZSFG campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez passed away peacefully on December 12, 2020, survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and many other family members.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Health Commission supports the designation of the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus roadway connecting Building 5 and the new UCSF Research and Academic building as “Dr. David Sanchez Way,” honoring the connection Dr. Sanchez brought between UCSF, ZSFG, and the general San Francisco community.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on December 6, 2022, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary