

**Health Commission  
City and County of San Francisco  
Resolution No. 15-10**

**Resolution in Support of Naming the Broad Indoor Boulevard at the New Laguna Honda Hospital the Louise H. Renne Esplanade, and Further in Support of Naming the Multi-Purpose Theatre and Meeting Room the John T. Kanaley Community Center**

WHEREAS, Laguna Honda opened its doors to the poor in 1860 as an alms house and has continued to serve vulnerable San Franciscans for 15 decades; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital provides excellent medical care for the frail elderly and disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, When the Department of Justice and Department of Health and Human Services inspected Laguna Honda in the early 1990's they found that the buildings on campus were between 70 – 90 years old and did not meet State seismic safety standards; and

WHEREAS, DOJ and HHS findings said the hospital needed to improve: resident safety, activity and dining spaces, and recommended abandoning the open wards which provided little or no privacy; and

WHEREAS, In 1999 City Attorney Louise H. Renne, a civic leader with steadfast dedication to children and seniors, spearheaded the campaign to rebuild Laguna Honda Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Louise Renne fervent advocacy for the Laguna Honda rebuild persuaded a remarkable 73% of San Francisco voters that the best use of the city's tobacco settlement revenue would be to spend it on healthcare for the frail elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Renne remained involvement continued after the bond passed and she acted as a visionary leader who moved architects, administrators and planners to create one of the most innovative, technologically advanced, efficient, flexible, and humane skilled nursing centers in the country; and

WHEREAS, John T. Kanaley spent more than 28 years in hospital operations, 14 years in the facilities management division at San Francisco General Hospital overseeing capital projects including the AIDS Research Center and the Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility; and

WHEREAS, John Kanaley was appointed Chief Executive Officer for Laguna Honda in 2004, where he was an advisor to San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom on healthcare issues as a member of the Mayor's Long Term Care Coordinating Council; and

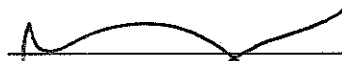
WHEREAS, John was regarded as a turn-around agent at Laguna Honda, which saw dramatic improvements in state licensing surveys under his tenure as well as award-winning recognition for its initiatives in culturally effective healthcare and employee training and advancement until his untimely death in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Louise Renne and John Kanaley were the driving forces behind the Laguna Honda Hospital rebuild, their creativity, passion and greatness of spirit inspired Laguna Honda staff and volunteers to reach for greatness; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Health Commission dedicates the broad indoor boulevard running the length of the Pavilion Building at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center as the "Louise H. Renne Esplanade"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission dedicates the multi-purpose theatre and meeting room on the Esplanade at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center as the "John T. Kanaley Community Center".

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 2, 2010 adopted the foregoing resolution.



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