

San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission

Posthumous Resolution



In Recognition of the Work of Reverend Cecil Williams

Thursday, November 21, 2024

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to dedicate and name a section of the Tenderloin district in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams.

WHEREAS, Reverend Cecil Williams was a pillar of his community, that included in this district housing for both “Glide Memorial Church” and its foundation, along with the “Cecil Williams Glide Community House (CW House),” which provides fifty-two apartments to low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families.

WHEREAS, the BHC initially planned to acknowledge Reverend Cecil Williams for his outstanding work serving the citizens of our great city of San Francisco. Unfortunately, and sadly, he passed away before this could happen.

WHEREAS, through his avid counseling programs and many other services, Reverend Cecil Williams fulfilled the promise of Glide’s Mission Statement “to create a radically inclusive, just and loving community mobilized to alleviate suffering and break the cycle of poverty and marginalization.”

WHEREAS, through the various programs implemented at Glide Memorial Church, such as Facts on Crack, the importance of mental health and substance use services became known as behavioral health services in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, one not only needs to achieve recovery, but culturally responsive counseling is an important factor in learning self-regulation, in addressing behavioral Health challenges, in helping to improve emotional stability, and in further enhancing communication skills to improve interpersonal relationships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, it is essential that the City and County of San Francisco dedicate and name a section of the Tenderloin district in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams, and in that said district, we also request that you name a street to honor him.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the BHC requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt our resolution in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams who served our great City and County of San Francisco for over 60 years.

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