

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 22114 (NEW SERIES)

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 26 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DESIGNATING 47TH STREET FROM LOGAN AVENUE TO IMPERIAL AVENUE, IN THE LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS DR. WALTER G. WELLS STREET AND WAIVING THE ONE BLOCK LIMITATION IN COUNCIL POLICY 200-10(3) AND SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 125.1130(a).

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Ordinance based on the following:

A. Under section 125.1130 of the San Diego Municipal Code, the Council may designate sections of streets with honorary names to recognize and honor individuals and organizations who are of particular importance to the City of San Diego or who have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life in the City. The criteria for individuals eligible to receive recognition are outlined in Council Policy 200-10.

B. Dr. Walter G. Wells graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957. He went on to attend A.B. Simpson Memorial College, where he received a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Theology. Since assuming pastoral leadership in 1973, Dr. Walter G. Wells has faithfully served the Mount Erie Baptist Church with an unwavering commitment to the women, youth, and families of the church community.

C. With a vision to educate children, Dr. Wells has overseen the expansion of Mt. Erie's ministries, forming the Mt. Erie Christian Academy in 1983; the Infant and Toddler Center in 1985; the Trolley Day Care in 1990; and the Academy Preschool Center in 1992. In 2010, he introduced the Kaiser Permanente Internship Program, mentoring sixth-grade students, and led virtual worship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

D. Dr. Wells has received numerous awards from organizations such as the 4th District Shepherds Award, appointment as the President of the California Baptist State Congress on Christian Education, and the 2026 Jackie Robinson YMCA Human Dignity Award.

E. On Monday, April 20, 2026, the Chollas Valley Planning Group voted to support the honorary street naming for Dr. Wells on 47th Street from Imperial Avenue to Logan Avenue.

F. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Ordinance based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of San Diego:


Section 1. The Council approves the honorary street name designation of 47th Street, between Logan Avenue and Imperial Avenue, located in the Lincoln Park Community, to be “Dr. Walter G. Wells Street,” pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code Section 125.1130 and Council Policy 200-10.

Section 2. The one block limitations in Section 3 of Council Policy 200-10 and in San Diego Municipal Code section 125.1130(a) are waived.

Section 3. The Council dispenses with a full reading of this Ordinance before its passage because a written copy of this Ordinance was made available to the Council and the public before the date of its passage.

Section 4. This Ordinance will take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.


APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
Ryan P. Gentry
Deputy City Attorney

RPG:at
May 29, 2026
Or.Dept: City Council
Doc. No. 4438084

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Ordinance at a meeting held on JUN 23 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/25/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on June 23, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUN 26 2026.

(Please note: When an ordinance is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved ordinance was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY: TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal) DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By [Signature], Deputy

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on JUN 08 2026, and on JUN 26 2026.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to passage or that such reading was dispensed with by a vote of five members of the Council, and that a written copy of the ordinance was made available to each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

(Seal) DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By [Signature], Deputy

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