

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** October 2, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report on Bill 22-747, the “Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 22-747, the “Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018” was referred, reports favorably thereon with technical amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On March 15, 2018, Bill 22-747, the “Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018” was introduced by Councilmember Charles Allen to officially designate the entire public alley system within Square 983, which is bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., 12<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., F Street, N.E., and G Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as Bruce Robey Court.<sup>1</sup> An official naming typically involves the designation of postal addresses and enables the placement of the primary entrance to residences or offices on the alley.

***Official Naming***

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<sup>1</sup> As introduced, Bill 22-747 would designate the aforementioned alley system as “Bruce Robey Way.” However, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c), an official naming must contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.” After the Committee consulted with ANC 6A and Councilmember Allen, the decision to move forward with “Bruce Robey Court” was made.

Square 983 contains 32 lots that abut the alley system within the Square and two interior alley lots (Lots 853 and 854) that do not front any exterior street. A by-right proposed plan, previously reviewed by ANC 6A for Square 983, Lots 853 and 854 includes homes that will front the unnamed alley system. There are presently several garages on the lots that will be removed and replaced with two homes on each lot. However, pursuant to 12 DCMR § A118.6.6,<sup>2</sup> the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs cannot issue building permits for properties without an address, and an address cannot be designated on an unnamed alley.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, impacted property owners are now unable to proceed with construction unless the Council acts to designate the alley with an official name.

After coordinating with Councilmember Allen's office, the initiator of this designation, ANC 6A, selected the name "Bruce Robey Court" to honor the late Mr. Bruce Robey. Mr. Robey founded the District's Voice of the Hill newspaper and contributed to the revival of the H Street corridor in Northeast Washington by establishing a theater. Mr. Robey was a native of the District's Anacostia neighborhood and graduated from Oxon Hill High School in 1961. He went on to study music at the University of Maryland. Mr. Robey served in the United States Marine Corps in the mid-1960s and returned to Washington, DC after his discharge. Mr. Robey worked as a musician and photographer and lived on Capitol Hill from 1975 until 2002. In 1999, frustrated with a community newspaper that served the neighborhood, he launched "Voice of the Hill" as a website that later became a monthly tabloid newspaper.

Mr. Robey and his wife, Adele owned a graphic arts business together and were active in the District arts community. In 2002, they purchased the old French's restaurant on H Street. They invested their own labor and finances and bartered with a community action group to help rebuild the property into the H Street Playhouse. The establishment of the H Street Playhouse is attributed to the renewal of the area, which even in 2000 was recovering from the 1968 riots that followed the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "As white property owners in a traditionally black neighborhood, the Robeys addressed accusations of gentrification by forming alliances across racial and class lines, offering free admittance to performances to anyone who lived within five blocks of the theater."<sup>4</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Robey also moved into an old alley dwelling about 30 yards from their theater.

Additionally, Mr. Robey was past president of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals and a founding board member of the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District. In 2003, he was awarded the Capitol Hill Community Foundation's Community Achievement Award. Mr. Robey sold the Voice of the Hill to Current Newspapers in 2005 and stayed on a few years to run the paper's website. Eventually, he and the Current parted ways.

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<sup>2</sup> 12 DCMR § A118.6.6 was revised on March 14, 2014. See Final Rulemaking published at 61 DCR 2782 (March 28, 2014 – Part 2).

<sup>3</sup> "No *street number* shall be assigned to a *premises* that has as its only access an unnamed street or alley. If an address is required for a *premises*, the street or alley shall first be named . . ." 12 DCMR § A118.6.6.

<sup>4</sup> Patricia Sullivan, *Bruce Robey, 65; Theater Founder Helped Revive H Street*, WASH. POST, Oct. 13, 2009, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/12/AR2009101202914.html?noredirect=on>.

Shortly before his death in 2009, he revived the most popular part of the old Voice of the Hill as a news aggregation site and discussion group called, Hill-Talk.com.

### ***Legal Background***

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) (“Act”) establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, naming public spaces, and other procedures related to streets and alleys. Specifically, the Act authorizes the Council to symbolically or officially designate or change the name of any public space in the District of Columbia, including streets and alleys.<sup>5</sup> In October 2016, the Act was amended to create a clear distinction between official and symbolic street and alley namings and to establish distinct processes and requirements for each type of naming.<sup>6</sup>

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,<sup>7</sup> whereas a symbolic name for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.<sup>8</sup> An alley may only be designated with an official name when the alley provides the only access or the primary access to a residential or commercial property.<sup>9</sup> Further, an official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”<sup>10</sup> A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”<sup>11</sup>

“Bruce Robey Court” will be an official alley designation. Furthermore, the public alley system in Square 983 provides the only access to Lots 854 and 853, located within the Square.

The Act also establishes notice requirements for official designations. First, at least 15 days, but no more than 60 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator of the proposed designation shall: 1) give written notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to each owner of property and household occupying property that abuts the alley or street, or portion thereof, proposed to be designated with an official name; and 2) post signs that indicate the date, time, and location of the Council hearing at each intersection with any other alley or street of the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated.<sup>12</sup> The initiator shall certify to the Council that the notice required has been given.<sup>13</sup> Second, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator shall submit a copy of the proposed legislation for review and comment to each Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) in which the portion of the alley or street to be designated is located.<sup>14</sup> Third, at least five days prior to the hearing, the initiator shall submit to Council letters or a petition in support of the proposal that have been signed by a majority of the

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<sup>5</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> See D.C. Law 21-161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in DC Register Vol 63 and Page 12933.

<sup>7</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

<sup>8</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

<sup>9</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>10</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

<sup>11</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

<sup>12</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(b).

<sup>13</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(e).

<sup>14</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21 (d).

owners of property and households occupying property that abuts the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated with an official name.<sup>15</sup>

Lastly, prior to consideration of a designation by the Council, the Mayor shall provide to the Council a surveyor's plat of the alley or street and adjacent properties.<sup>16</sup> The District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") provided the Council with a surveyor's plat of Square 3094 at the February 26, 2018 hearing on Bill 22-747.

At the July 9, 2018 hearing on Bill 22-747, the notice requirements had been met by the initiator, except for the petition requirement.<sup>17</sup> Council Chairman Mendelson suggested that ANC 6A commit to collect the required majority signatures over the Council's summer recess. In effect, obtaining additional petition signatures would raise awareness for the alley naming and garner support from the community. As of adoption of this report, ANC 6A had obtained 15 signatures in support of the alley naming.<sup>18</sup>

After the official street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, DDOT will install signage indicating the official name of the alley or street, or portion thereof and remove signs, if any, with a previous name.<sup>19</sup> "At least one sign bearing the previous name of the alley or street, or portion thereof, shall be transferred to the Archives of the District of Columbia."<sup>20</sup> The Mayor shall update relevant records of the District of Columbia to reflect the official name of the alley or street, or portion thereof, including: Fire and Emergency Medical Service records, Homeland Security and Emergency Management records, District of Columbia maps, and any other record that the District of Columbia uses for way-finding or address purposes.<sup>21</sup> The Mayor shall also notify the United States Postal Service, other relevant government agencies as determined by the Mayor, and relevant private sector entities.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of the legislation and the Surveyor's plat in the Office of the Surveyor.<sup>23</sup>

Officially designating the alley in Square 983 as "Bruce Robey Court" will facilitate the assignment of addresses to the unnamed alley and honor Bruce Robey and his many contributions to the District. For these reasons, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 22-747, the "Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018."

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<sup>15</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f). However, if the Mayor or a Councilmember introduces the designation without an initiator, then the petition requirement does not apply. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(i).

<sup>16</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

<sup>17</sup> Copies of the initiator's submitted proof of notice requirements can be found in the hearing record for Bill 22-747.

<sup>18</sup> The Committee is proceeding with Bill 22-747, notwithstanding the notice and petition requirements, because the ANC has affirmed support for the designation of the alley as "Bruce Robey Court." Further, there has been no opposition to Bill 22-747.

<sup>19</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(3). There is no previous name that the Committee is aware of.

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* However, there are no signs of a previous name for this alley.

<sup>21</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(1).

<sup>22</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(2).

<sup>23</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

March 15, 2018	Bill 22-747, the “Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018” is introduced by Councilmember Allen.
March 20, 2018	Bill 22-747 is officially “read” at the October 17, 2017 regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole.
March 23, 2018	Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 22-747 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
June 8, 2018	Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-747 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
July 9, 2018	A Public Hearing is held on Bill 22-747 by the Committee of the Whole.
October 2, 2018	The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 22-747.

## III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the official designation pursuant to Bill 22-747. His testimony is summarized below.

## IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

In a letter dated March 9, 2018, ANC 6A, in which the proposed official designation is located, submitted a letter in support of renaming the alley in Square 983 as “Bruce Robey Court.” The letter is attached to this report.

## V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 22-747 on Monday, July 9, 2018. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing pertaining to this bill. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

***Adele Robey, Public Witness***, testified in support of Bill 22-747. Ms. Robey discussed her husband’s active role in the Capitol Hill neighborhood including his role as founder the “Voice of the Hill” and their establishment of the H-Street Playhouse.

***Phil Toomajian, Chair, ANC6A***, testified in support of Bill 22-747. Commissioner Toomajian testified about Mr. Bruce Robey and his longtime contributions to the Capitol Hill

Neighborhood and District. Commissioner Toomajian expressed ANC 6A's support for the designation in her honor.

*Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation,* testified that the Executive has no objection to Bill 22-793. He stated that DDOT will install signage indicating the designation and stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 22-747.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 22-747 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01<sup>24</sup> authorizes the Council to designate any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03 authorizes the Council to designate an official name for an alley “where an alley provides the only access to a residential or commercial property.”<sup>25</sup> Bruce Robey Court provides the only access to two lots within Square 983. Additionally, “an official name of an alley shall contain the suffix Alley or Court,” such as the name proposed by Bill 22-747.<sup>26</sup> Further, the Act provides that, with limited exception, no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years.<sup>27</sup> Bruce Robey passed away on September 21, 2009, more than two years ago.

## VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is an estimated \$60 per official sign for fabrication and \$110 for installation, the cost of Bill 22-747 can be absorbed, as noted in the September 14, 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement (attached).

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 22-747.
<u>Section 2</u>	Officially designates entire alley system within Square 983, which is bounded by 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., F Street, N.E., and G Street,

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<sup>24</sup> Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

<sup>25</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>26</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

<sup>27</sup> See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

N.E., as “Bruce Robey Court” notwithstanding the requirements of D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.21(f) pertaining to the petition requirement.

Section 3

Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.

Section 4

Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day Congressional review language.

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

## X. ATTACHMENTS

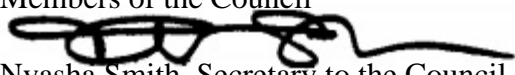
1. Bill 22-747 as introduced
2. Written Testimony
3. Letter from ANC 6A
4. Copy of Petitions
5. Surveyor’s Plat
6. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 22-747
7. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 22-747
8. Committee Print for Bill 22-747

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington D.C. 20004**

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : March 19, 2018

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018", B22-0747


INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services



  
Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To officially designate the 30 foot alley in Square 983 that runs east and west between the 600 blocks of 11th and 12th Streets, N.E., and the 1100 blocks of G and F Streets, N.E., in Ward 6, as Bruce Robey Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*), the Council officially designates the alley in Square 983 that runs east and west between the 600 blocks of 11th and 12th Streets, N.E., and the 1100 blocks of G and F Streets, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Bruce Robey Way” in recognition of Bruce Robey, the founder of the District’s “Voice of the Hill” newspaper, and together with his wife, Adele, opened the H Street Playhouse, which was instrumental to the revival of the H Street NE corridor. Mr. Robey was a talented musician, who shared his love of music and the arts with everyone he met. He was generous with his time, his resources, and his friendship.

Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the Mayor, the District Department of Transportation, and the Office of the Surveyor.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

32           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
33 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
34 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

35           Sec. 5. Effective date.

36           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
38 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
39 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
40 Columbia Register.

**Testimony of Phil Toomajian**  
**Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A**  
**In support of Bill 22-747**

Good afternoon, Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee of the Whole.

My name is Phil Toomajian. I am the Single Member District Commissioner for ANC6A02 and the Chair of ANC6A. I'm pleased to testify before you today on behalf of ANC6A, which voted unanimously to request the introduction of Bill 22-747. Bill 22-747 seeks to name an alley in the 600 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE and to appropriately begin to honor one of our neighbor's greatest champions and community builders, the late Mr. Bruce Robey.

Bruce Robey was the founder of the District's Voice of the Hill newspaper and was instrumental to the revival of the H Street NE corridor. He and his wife were active in the arts community and invested their time, labor and money to build the H Street Playhouse. Along with their daughter Julia, they lived in a nearby alley dwelling during their work to open the playhouse. For the several years that that the H Street Playhouse operated, all of our community's residents who lived within 5 blocks of the Playhouse – including those who lived in the alleyway that would be named in his honor should the Council proceed to enact this legislation – were welcome to attend performances at the H Street Playhouse for free, thereby ensuring that the H Street Playhouse was both part of the revitalization of the community and also a place that all community members were welcomed. To me, that's the "Bruce Robey Way" – getting involved in your community, working to address its challenges, and bringing everyone in with you as your neighbor. The Bruce Robey Way is building community and Mr. Robey and his family did that in spades on H Street and across Capitol Hill. Although the designation speaks to Mr. Robey, I would note that the Bruce Robey Way and his legacy continues to benefit the District through his surviving spouse Adele Robey who founded and oversees the Anacostia playhouse and through his remarkable daughter Julia Robey Christian, herself an alumnus of the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce aka "CHAMPS", the D.C. Council, and now serving the entire District through her work at the Department of the Environment.

ANC6A voted unanimously to request the introduction of this bill at our regularly scheduled and properly noticed March 8, 2018 meeting and appreciates Councilmember Allen's leadership in doing drafting and proposing this bill and appreciates the Committee on the Whole's scheduling of this hearing. We encourage you to move forward with the bill's enactment and join us in honoring the "Bruce Robey Way."

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
*District Department of Transportation*



Public Hearing on  
B22-0746, the “Outlaw Way Designation Act of 2018”  
B22-0788, the “Hannah Hawkins Place Designation Act of 2018”  
B22-0747, the “Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018”  
Bill 22-793, the “Ben’s Chili Bowl Way Designation Act of 2018”  
B22-0787, the “Rev. W.W. Flood Way Designation Act of 2018”  
Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018”

Testimony of  
Dan Emerine

Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division  
Office of the Director  
District Department of Transportation

Before the  
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Monday, July 9, 2018  
1:30 p.m.  
Hearing Room 412  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004



Good morning, Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Dan Emerine, and I am Manager of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Division in the Office of the Director at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Jeff Marootian regarding Bill 22-0746, the “Outlaw Way Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-0788, the “Hannah Hawkins Place Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-0747, the “Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018;” Bill 22-793, the “Ben’s Chili Bowl Way Designation Act of 2018;” B22-0787, the “Rev. W.W. Flood Way Designation Act of 2018;” and Bill 22-697, the “Mazie Washington Way Designation Act of 2018.”

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0746 is to symbolically designate the 200 block of 10th Street, N.E. in Ward 6 as *Outlaw Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the public street between square 939 and 964. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0788 is to officially designate the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Mount View Place, S.E. in Ward 8 as *Hannah Hawkins Place*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this

testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street between Squares 5805, 5802, and 5800. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0747 is to officially designate the alley that runs east and west between the 600 blocks of 11th and 12th Streets, N.E., and the 1100 blocks of G and F Streets, N.E., in Ward 6 as *Bruce Robey Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the alley in Square 983. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires one sign, totaling \$170.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0793 is to symbolically designate the 1200 block of U Street, N.W. in Ward 1 as *Ben's Chili Bowl Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street between square 273 and 274. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-0787 is to symbolically designate the unit block of Brandywine Street, S.E. in Ward 8 as *Rev. W.W. Flood Way*. As per the

requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public street in Squares 6171 and 6171 N.

In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation).

Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

The stated purpose of Bill 22-697 is to symbolically designate the 4900 block of Nannie Helens Burroughs Avenue, N.E. in Ward 7 as *Mazie Washington Way*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor's plat showing the public alley in square 5148. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for these designations is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation).

Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$340.

Sufficient signage requires 11 total signs, totaling \$1,870. DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact this designation would have on the District's transportation network.

Therefore, the Administration has no objection to these designations, and DDOT stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize as a result of these Bills being passed.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today. I am available to answer any questions that you may have.





District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



March 9, 2018

The Honorable Charles Allen  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 110  
Washington DC 20004  
VIA EMAIL: callen@dccouncil.us

RE: ANC6A requests designation of “Bruce Robey Way” in alley in 600 blk 11<sup>th</sup> St NE

Dear Councilmember Allen:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on March 8, 2018, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the naming of an alley lot in our community. The thirty (30) foot alley intersects Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE mid-way between G Street NE and F Street NE.

A by-right proposed plan, previously reviewed by ANC 6A for Square 983, Lots 853 and 854 includes homes that will front to the above-referenced alley, which currently is unnamed in the District of Columbia records. There are presently several garages on the lots which will be removed and replaced with two homes on each lot. Following discussion with neighbors and the Commission, we request that the alley be designated as “Bruce Robey Way.”

As you know, Mr. Robey was the founder of the District’s *Voice of the Hill* newspaper and was instrumental to the revival of the H Street NE corridor. He and his wife were active in the arts community and invested their time, labor and money to build the H Street Playhouse. We believe the naming of the alley a fitting tribute to Mr. Robey’s contribution to the neighborhood and to the District. We ask that you carry this formal request for an alley naming forward through the appropriate channels.

Thank you for giving great weight to the request of ANC 6A in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

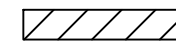
8-5-2018

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR ALLEY NAME OF BRUCE ROBEY WAY

We support naming as Bruce Robey Way the alley that lies between the 600 blocks of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Sts. NE, with entrance on 11<sup>th</sup> between 625 and 627 11<sup>th</sup> St NE.

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# NAMING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY SQUARE 983

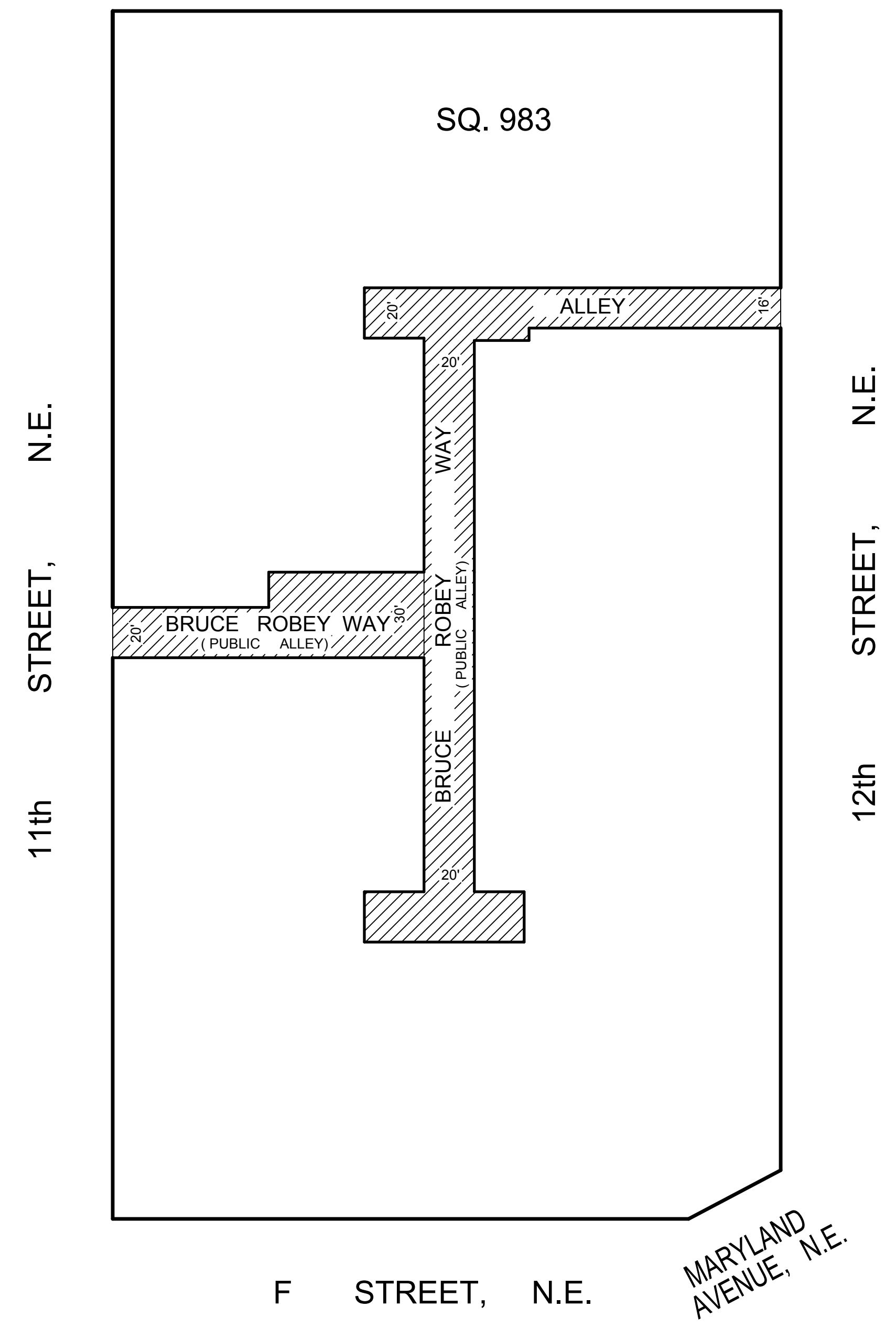
PURSUANT TO D.C. LAW \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_,  
THE ALLEY SHOWN THUS:  IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS  
"BRUCE ROBEY WAY".

G STREET, N.E.

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR, D.C.  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2018

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS CORRECT AND IS RECORDED.

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SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, D.C.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson

**FROM:** John Hoellen, Acting General Counsel 

**DATE:** September 14, 2018

**RE:** Legal sufficiency determination for Bill 22-747, the  
Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018

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The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

The proposed bill would officially designate the entire portion of the public alley system within Square 983, which is bounded by 11th Street, N.E., F Street, N.E., 12th Street, N.E., and G Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as "Bruce Robey Way," pursuant to sections 401, 403, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03, 9-204.23) ("Act"), and notwithstanding section 421(f) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f)).

I am available if you have any questions.

Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** September 14, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Bruce Robey Way Designation Act of 2018

**REFERENCE:** Bill 22-747, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on September 13, 2017

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 budget and fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill symbolically designates the entire public alley system within Square 983, which is bounded by 11th Street, N.E., 12<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., F Street, N.E., and G Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Bruce Robey Way”.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 budget and fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Required sign installation will cost approximately \$170, which the District Department of Transportation can absorb within its existing resources.

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13 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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17 To officially designate the entire portion of the public alley system within Square 983, which is  
18 bounded by 11th Street, N.E., F Street, N.E., 12th Street, N.E., and G Street, N.E., in  
19 Ward 6, as Bruce Robey Court.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
22 act may be cited as the “Bruce Robey Court Designation Act of 2018”.

23 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403, and 421 of the Street and Alley Closing and  
24 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official  
25 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03, and 9-204.21) (“Act”), and notwithstanding the requirements of  
26 section 421(f) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f)), the Council officially designates the  
27 entire portion of the public alley system within Square 983, which is bounded by 11th Street,  
28 N.E., F Street, N.E., 12th Street, N.E., and G Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Bruce Robey Court”.

29 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

30 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
31 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
32 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

33 Sec. 4. Effective date.

34           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
36 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
37 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
38 Columbia Register.