

**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:** September 17, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Report on Bill 23-303, the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 23-303, the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2019” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On May 17, 2019, Bill 23-303, the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2019” was introduced by Councilmember Allen to symbolically designate the alley in Square 965, in Ward 6, as Al and Mary Arrighi Way. Typically, a symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Al Arrighi was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island but spent most of his adult life in the District of Columbia. He taught in District of Columbia Public Schools and also had a 30-year career with the Department of Defense working on education policy for the armed services. However, he was probably best known for his commitment to his Capitol Hill neighborhood where he was sometimes referred to as the Mayor of the 100 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E. Mr. Arrighi died on December 20, 1998 and the Council subsequently acted to symbolically name the alley in the square where his home stood as “Al Arrighi Way.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Law 13-106, effective May 9, 2000.

The Committee Report for that legislation stated: “In memory of Al Arrighi, who with his wife Mary, contributed greatly to the improvement and unity of their neighborhood, the residents of the 100 blocks of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets, N.E., and the 1000 block of Massachusetts and Constitution Avenues, N.E., petitioned the Council to designate the alley in that square in his honor.”

After her husband’s passing, Mary Arrighi carried on her and Al’s leadership in the community. She continued to greet new arrivals on the block and organize neighborhood gatherings. Mary Arrighi was also born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. She and Al met while she was a teenager and they were married in 1966. Before coming to the District, Mary studied nights to complete her Bachelor’s degree and then earned her Master’s in Public Policy, all while raising two children and working at the University of New Hampshire.<sup>2</sup>

Mary Arrighi passed away on September 1, 2017. Shortly thereafter, many of her and Al’s neighbors who had been the beneficiaries of her continued leadership in the neighborhood petitioned the Council to add her name to the symbolic designation of the alley named for her late husband. As was testified to extensively at a public hearing on the proposal, the couple were unified in their leadership in the neighborhood and the community is very much supportive of updating the symbolic name to include her. The attached testimony speaks directly from those who knew Mary Arrighi of her contributions to the community.

### ***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. 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>3</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>4</sup>

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,<sup>5</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>6</sup> An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”<sup>7</sup> A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”<sup>8</sup> As established by Bill 23-303, “Al and Mary Arrighi Way” is a symbolic street designation for the alley located in Square 965.

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<sup>2</sup> *Obituary of Mary Arrighi*, WASHINGTON POST, September 15, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

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

<sup>6</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

<sup>7</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

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

The Act also establishes a notice requirement for symbolic designations. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 9-204.23(b), the ANC in which the symbolic designation is located must be put on notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed naming.<sup>9</sup> On November 7, 2017 ANC 6A was put on notice by the office of Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen who introduced Bill 22-586. In addition, the ANC had already voted to support such a naming on October 12, 2017.

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>10</sup> This has been done, and the plat is attached to this report. After the symbolic street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") shall install signage indicating the symbolic name of the alley or street, or portion thereof. Additionally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of such act and the Surveyor's plat in the Office of the Surveyor.<sup>11</sup>

Symbolically designating the alley in Square 965 as Al and Mary Arrighi Way will honor the legacy of Al and Mary Arrighi. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 23-303, the "Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2019."

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

November 7, 2017	Bill 22-586, the "Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017" is introduced by Councilmember Allen.
November 17, 2018	Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 22-586 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
November 21, 2017	Bill 23-303 is officially read at the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole.
January 19, 2018	Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-586 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
February 16, 2018	A revised Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-586 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
February 26, 2018	A Public Hearing is held on Bill 22-586 by the Committee of the Whole.
May 17, 2019	Bill 23-303, the "Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2018" is introduced by Councilmember Allen.

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<sup>9</sup> Notably, D.C. Official Code § 9-204.23(b) does not specify a time requirement as to when an ANC must be put on notice of a public hearing regarding a symbolic designation.

<sup>10</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

<sup>11</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

May 20, 2019 Bill 23-303 is officially read at the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

May 28, 2019 Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 23-303 is published in the *DC Register*.

September 17, 2019 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 23-303.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Todd McIntyre, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified that the Executive has “no objection” to the street designation. His testimony is attached as well as summarized below.

### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 6-0 in support of the symbolic designation contained in Bill 23-303. A letter memorializing that vote is attached.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 22-586 on Monday, February 26, 2018. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 22-586 (reintroduced as Bill 23-303). Pursuant to Council Period 23 rule 501(a)(2), an additional hearing on Bill 23-303 is not required.

Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

**Mike Soderman, Commissioner, ANC 6A03**, testified in support of Bill 23-586 and noted that ANC 6A was supportive of the symbolic designation for both Al and Mary Arrighi.

**Jeff Fletcher, Public Witness**, testified in support of Bill 23-586 and described Ms. Arrighi’s commitment to the neighborhood.

**Mark J. Ugoretz, Public Witness**, testified in support of Bill 23-586 and his desire to commemorate both Al and Mary Arrighi with the designation.

The Committee received written testimony which is attached to this report. The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 23-303.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 23-303 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01<sup>12</sup> authorizes the Council to name any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(a) authorizes the Council to designate a symbolic name for an alley “that shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.”<sup>13</sup> Bill 23-303 symbolically designates the 1300 Block of W Street, N.W. as “Al and Mary Arrighi Way.” Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 23-303.<sup>14</sup> Lastly, 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>15</sup> Mr. Arrighi died in 1998 and Ms. Arrighi died in September 2017.

## V. VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 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 23-303 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement (attached).

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 23-303.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates the alley in Square 965 as “Al and Mary Arrighi Way.”
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.
<u>Section 4</u>	Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

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<sup>12</sup> Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

<sup>13</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>14</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

<sup>15</sup> See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

**X. ATTACHMENTS**

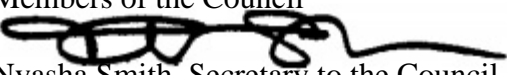
1. Bill 23-303 as introduced
2. Written Testimony
3. Committee Report for Bill 13-268 (without attachments)
4. Letter from ANC 6C
5. Surveyor's Plat
6. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 23-303
7. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 23-303
8. Committee Print for Bill 23-303

**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 : November 08, 2017

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.


TITLE: "Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017", B22-0586

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Allen

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

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services



Councilmember Charles Allen

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To symbolically designate the alley located in Square 965 located between 10<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. and 11th Street, N.E., and Constitution Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6, as Al and Mary Arrighi Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Designation.

Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of 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, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the alley located in Square 965, between 10th Street, N.E., and 11th Street, N.E., and Constitution Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Al and Mary Arrighi Way”.

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.



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

40           Sec. 5. Effective date.

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

Testimony of Jeff Fletcher  
on B22-0586,  
Al and Mary Arrighi Designation Act of 2017  
February 26, 2018

My name is Jeff Fletcher, and I have lived in the 100 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, for the past 37 years. I am pleased to appear before you today to support the Al and Mary Arrighi Designation Act of 2017.

Mary Arrighi was the kindest, most generous, and most caring neighbor anyone could wish for. For more than 25 years, Mary welcomed new neighbors to the block, was actively involved in establishing and maintaining our neighborhood traditions, and was always available to help a neighbor in need.

Mary was the keeper of our neighborhood list, which has now become a listserv. She was the driving force behind our annual neighborhood events—a spring picnic, a fall Italian dinner, and a January progressive dinner.

As former ANC Commissioner Holmes will note, Mary cared deeply about the physical infrastructure of the neighborhood as well as its people.

Mary also was a person of strong faith. For decades she attended St. Joseph's Catholic church, and she also worked there for several years after her retirement helping to lead the church through a major capital development campaign. She often had church officials over to her house for a home-cooked meal.

Mary's husband, Al, died unexpectedly just after Christmas in 1998. Like Mary, Al was a friend to all. We called him the mayor of the block. We and the council honored him by designating the alley where we had so many neighborhood events in his name. After Al's death Mary continued to take the lead on our neighborhood activities, right up until her untimely death in early September of last year.

It seems fitting that we honor and commemorate Mary Arrighi by including her in the alley name. Mary and Al Arrighi represent what makes our city and its neighborhoods true communities that we all want to live in and support.

On behalf of the many neighbors who signed a petition requesting this re-naming, I urged the Committee of the Whole and the Council to adopt this legislation.

Thank you.

Jeff Fletcher  
113 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
jeff\_tara@comcast.net

**TESTIMONY OF MARK J. UGORETZ  
BEFORE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
IN SUPPORT OF INCLUDING THE NAME OF *MARY ARRIGHI*  
AS PART OF ARRIGHI ALLEY  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

Mr Chairman, members of the Council, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Mark Ugoretz and I live at 1000 Massachusetts Ave NE, on the same block that Al and Mary Arrighi lived for so long.

When my wife and I moved into my present home, Mary and Al Arrighi were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood. We were very pleased, of course, but taken somewhat aback since we had merely moved from across Massachusetts Avenue, a distance of about 100 feet, where we had lived the previous 20 years.

But, it was clear that this was Al and Mary's block and we were in a new village.

Mary was the neighborhood's powerhouse, organizer, a greeter, and welcomer. She made new and old welcome, and she was the leader in our community.

She pushed hard, as former ANC Commissioner David Holmes would testify, for safer intersections, alley repairs, tree trimming and safer sidewalks.

Arrighi Alley was named originally for Mary's husband, Al, the "mayor" of our little village. He and Mary made everyone feel a part of our community. Al was a gregarious story teller, and a great cook, feeding 50 of us at a time with his homemade lasagna for the alley parties he and Mary worked on.

Al and Mary started the alley parties as a way of keeping us together, so that we all would know our neighbors. She started the listserv that still keeps us in touch with one another.

After Al died, Mary became even more active in the community, focusing on the elegant restoration of nearby St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

All of us in the neighborhood miss Mary very much. Her sudden passing was a shock and something of the heart of the neighborhood is gone.

We want to commemorate and remember her life and spirit by adding her name to the alley on her block. It may seem like a small thing for a busy Council, but we very much want new neighbors to ask about the name of the alley, tell her story, and ensure the continuation of the sense of neighborhood for newcomers as well as us old timers.

On behalf of her neighbors who have signed a petition, we ask that her life and spirit be commemorated by adding her name to that of Al's on our alley.

Thank you for hearing our request.

February 21, 2018

Subj: Bill 22-586, Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
City Council  
Washington, DC

Dear Councilor Mendelson:

We write in support of Bill 22-586, which would add the name of our late friend and neighbor Mary Arrighi to her husband's in designating "Al and Mary Arrighi Way."

Washington DC is a complex of neighborhoods. That is certainly true for the homes on and adjoining the 100 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE, on Capitol Hill. Before moving to Capitol Hill in 2002 we lived in four other states. Nowhere else have we experienced the close bonds of mutual support that are manifested every day on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Much of that is due to the efforts of Al and Mary Arrighi.

Mary Arrighi took it on herself to greet new arrivals and ensure they met their neighbors. Like Al before her, Mary was the main organizer of three annual neighborhood gatherings each year, two of which occurred in our neighborhood's public space, behind the houses fronting on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets NE accessed by 'Al Arrighi Way.' More importantly, Mary Arrighi was a leader for our neighborhood in putting into practice an ethic of caring. When one of the residents fell ill, Mary ensured that other neighbors were alerted, and so could step forward to help.

Our neighborhood is far stronger and more welcoming because of Al and Mary Arrighi. "Al and Mary Arrighi Way" is fitting recognition of all that this couple contributed to our lives.

Sincerely,

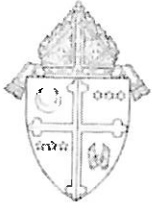


Rob Winthrop



Kate Winthrop

130 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002



# ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

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Vicar for Canonical Services  
and Moderator of the Curia

February 23, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Bill 22-586, 'Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act,' which is scheduled to be discussed on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

I have known Mary Arrighi since 2002, when I began as pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church on Capitol Hill. At that time, Mary Arrighi was working at the church and assisted me with the capital campaign to restore and renovate the beautiful gothic church, whose building was begun in 1868.

Mary was always involved in her neighborhood community, through annual community activities such as a progressive dinner in January; block parties and an Italian Dinner in the alley named for her late husband, Al Arrighi; Halloween festivities on Capitol Hill and many other events. For many years, Mary organized these community-building events and she always tried to reach out to new and diverse members of the neighborhood to participate.

Mary passed away on September 1, 2017 and, we pray, is united with her beloved husband, Al. It would be a wonderful way to remember her contribution to her Capitol Hill neighborhood by renaming the alley off of Tenth Street, NW, where she lived, to include her name with her husband, Al.

Thank you for your kind consideration. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Charles V. Antonicelli  
Vicar for Canonical Services and  
Moderator of the Curia

February 24, 2018

Phil Mendelson  
Chair  
DC City Council

We support Charles Allen's bill to rename **Al Arrighi Way** to **Al & Mary Arrighi Way**.

When Mary and Al Arrighi moved to 127 10<sup>th</sup> St, NE, twenty-seven years ago, they quickly became fully engaged with their new surroundings.

Affable Al was ever present, from motivating neighbors to join in regular alley cleanups to organizing the block parties afterwards. He went about turning several ordinary blocks into a community. Al was so devoted to his neighborhood that he came to be called "the mayor."

New arrivals soon found a welcoming Al Arrighi at their door to shake their hands, offer assistance and introduce them to their new neighbors. Today's strong camaraderie among those of us living in the quadrants of **Al Arrighi Way** traces directly to Mary and Al's influence.

With Al's sudden passing nineteen years ago, Mary continued to uphold our strong sense of unity and place. She tirelessly coordinated the food, beverage and neighborly good cheer at three annual social gatherings in the broad court of **Al Arrighi Way**, events that have become permanent traditions precious to the friendships among us. Mary Arrighi was always there, always giving of herself, selflessly concerned about the welfare of others, always modest and never focused on herself.

Mary's recent passing has left a hole in the fabric of our neighborhood. She and Al were leading lights, casting a glow of friendship and fellowship upon all who dwelt around the four sides of **Al Arrighi Way**.

It is only fitting and proper that our beloved court, officially named **Al Arrighi Way** after Al passed, now be renamed **Al & Mary Arrighi Way**, in respect for the delightful couple who gave so much of themselves to our corner of the city.

George & Linda Pettie  
1010 Massachusetts Ave. NE

To the City Council:

The proposal to rename the alley Al and Mary Arrighi Way has universal support among the residents on the alley and nearby. More than three dozen residents signed a petition that was submitted to the ANC when it reviewed the proposal. During discussions, no opposition has been expressed.

When Mary died, the local list serve was filled with comments from neighbors. Here are some excerpts:

*We also wish to express to you our gratitude for having had Mary in our lives. [Mary] was the heart and soul of our neighborhood here in DC. She often talked about "the neighbors", referring to all of us and the community that she and Al fostered through the many years they lived on 10<sup>th</sup> St NE. Many of us owe our sense of place and community—our own place in the larger city--to them. This is an immeasurable gift for those of us who came to this area with few connections. Mary helped us find an immediate home.*

*We speak for all when we say that her death shocks and saddens us and fills us with a tremendous sense of loss.*  
**Kate and Rob Winthrop**

*We always thought the world would be a better place if there were more Marys. We are very saddened and will miss our dear friend and neighbor.*  
**Mark and Amanda Edwards**

*This is such a stunning loss of a lovely and thoughtful neighbor that it's hard to comprehend. Mary was a vital part of the glue that built and maintained our neighborhood cohesion, and she and Al played a big role in welcoming us to the community.*  
**Shauna and David Holmes**

*We are so sad and sorry to hear this. Mary and Al embodied the spirit and friendliness of the neighborhood. It was their community building that helped make it such a great place to live. Mary was the mother of the surrounding blocks, always interested in others. We will miss her.*  
**Linda Hannick and Henry Maury**

*We share your shock and sadness in learning about Mary today. She was so regal and full of grace, and it's hard to imagine the neighborhood without her. Community doesn't just happen - someone has to put in the work to build it, and Mary did that with remarkable energy and skill.*  
**Julie and Tom**

*Mary was an elegant and gracious woman. She believed in us when we first moved to the neighborhood by encouraging us to host a portion of the progressive dinner. We have felt a part of the community ever since. Mary's warm welcome and embrace at all gatherings, great and small, will be missed by us immensely.*  
**Ray and Sasha**

*Our neighborhood will miss her so much. She meant so much to our neighborhood, especially in building a supportive community.*  
**James G.**

*We've had the privilege of being in the neighborhood for a year now. Mary was quick to welcome us and encourage us to come to the various events our little 'hood puts on. She was a cornerstone of the community and we'll miss her.*  
**Liz and Calum**

*Mary was a neighborhood gem and was so gracious in welcoming us when we moved here five years ago from Alaska.*  
**Paula, Kip, McKinley Conru**

Mary was our neighborhood's motive power, our organizer. In addition to her taking the lead on our communal activities, she was always pushing for efforts to improve the safety and welfare of our area. When I was her Commissioner, she pushed for safer intersections, alley repairs, tree trimming, and better sidewalks. These are all things a good Commissioner pays attention to, but Mary made sure I was on top of the safety issues.

Arrighi Alley was named for Mary's husband Al, who had been affectionately known as the Mayor of our community, our greeter and our humorist. He tried to know everyone and to introduce everyone. Mary was very unhappy the alley's drainage was poor to non-existent. Twice a year we gather in the alley for shared food and camaraderie, bringing food and families, enjoying fun together, and welcoming newcomers. But water often often filled the center gathering area - so bad that it was named Lake Arrighi. I could do no wrong after I arranged a Mayoral visit and fix for the problem.

Mary was strongly active in the wider community, focusing on the restoration of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She spent much time during her last years caring for her grandchildren who had lost their mother to disease.

We miss her. Her sudden death was a shock. And, something of the heart of our neighborhood is gone.

We wish to commemorate her life and spirit by adding her name to the Alley on her block. I ask the Committee of the Whole and the Council, on behalf of the many neighbors who signed a petition requesting this renaming, to adopt this Bill.

David Holmes  
Former 6A03 Commissioner and Commission Chair  
otter919 at gmail.com



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



Public Hearing on  
Bill 22-586, the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017”

Testimony of  
Todd McIntyre

Chief of Staff  
Office of the Director  
District Department of Transportation

Before the

Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Monday, February 26, 2017  
11:30 a.m.  
Hearing Room 123  
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 Todd McIntyre, and I am Chief of Staff 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 22-586, the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2017.”

The stated purpose of Bill 22-586 is to symbolically designate the alley located between 10th Street NE and 11th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE in Ward 6 as *Al and Mary Arrighi 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 square public alley located in square 965.

In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). This installation will require three signs. 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.

The Historic Preservation Office within the Office of Planning has indicated that the alley within Square 965 was historically known as Tenth Alley and is so designated on historic maps. Alternatively, it was also known as Everyley’s Alley and Getts Alley, as indicated in a 1912 Inventory of Inhabited Alleys in the District

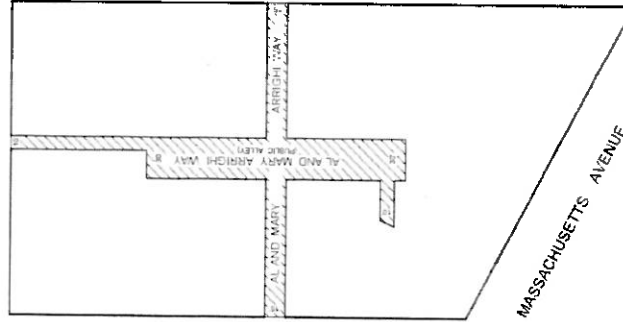
of Columbia. The Committee might consider recording that this designation would change the historical name in honor of Al and Mary Arrighi.

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 this Bill 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.

# NAMING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY SQUARE 965

CONSTITUTION AVENUE, N.E.



PURSUANT TO D.C. LAW, \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE  
THE ALLEY SHOWN THIS \_\_\_\_\_ IS HEREBY SYMBOLICALLY  
DEDICATED AS "AL AND MARY ARRIGHI WAY."

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR D.C.  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2017

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLATE CORRECT AND IS RECORDED

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November 6, 2017

Councilmember Charles Allen  
Suite 110  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 12, 2017,<sup>1</sup> our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support modifying the name of Al Arrighi Way to become Al and Mary Arrighi Way. The alley is located in Square 965 and has entrances from 10th and 11th Streets and from Constitution Avenue.

Mary Arrighi, like her husband Al, was a community leader, the motivator for neighborhood projects, a help to the community at large, and the driving force for a closer neighborhood. She organized the continuing spring and fall alley parties that are attended by many nearby neighbors.

Your assistance providing for this endeavor is requested and appreciated. Please be advised that Commissioner Mike Soderman and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for this matter.

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@yahogroups.com](mailto:anc6a-announce@yahogroups.com), [anc6a@yahogroups.com](mailto:anc6a@yahogroups.com), and [newhilleast@yahogroups.com](mailto:newhilleast@yahogroups.com), at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org), and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

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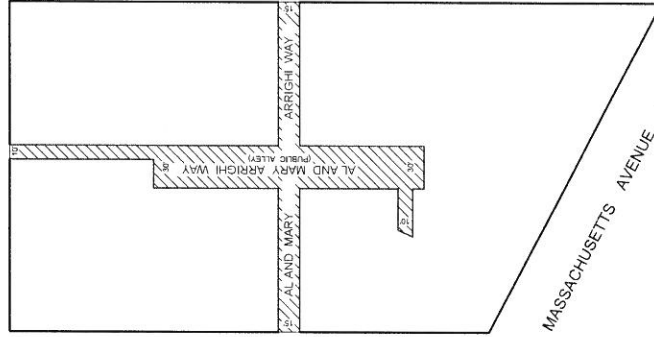
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SURVEYOR, D.C.

11th STREET, N.E.



10th STREET, N.E.

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.E.

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16 To symbolically designate the alley located in Square 965 located between 10th Street N.E. and  
17 11th Street, N.E., and Constitution Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6, as Al and Mary Arrighi  
18 Way.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
21 act may be cited as the “Al and Mary Arrighi Way Designation Act of 2019”.

22 Sec. 2. Designation.

23 Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition  
24 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-  
25 204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the alley located in  
26 Square 965, between 10th Street, N.E., and 11th Street, N.E., and Constitution Avenue, N.E., in  
27 Ward 6, as “Al and Mary Arrighi Way”.

28 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

32 Sec. 4. Effective date.

33 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
34 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as

35 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
36 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
37 Columbia Register.