

**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:** February 18, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Report on Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020” was referred, reports favorably thereon with minor amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On September 27, 2019, Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020”<sup>1</sup> was introduced by Councilmember Brandon Todd to symbolically designate S Street, N.W. between 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., as “Kappa Alpha Psi Way.” A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is a Greek-lettered fraternity originally founded by ten African American students on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington on January 5, 1911. The fraternity was originally incorporated under the name Kappa Alpha Nu, but changed its name in 1915 to Kappa Alpha Psi.<sup>2</sup> While founded in the Midwest, the fraternity expanded with a number of undergraduate chapters extending to the Xi chapter chartered at Howard University in

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<sup>1</sup> Originally introduced as the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019.”

<sup>2</sup> *A Brief History*, KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. (Feb. 3, 2020), <https://kappaalphapsi1911.com/page/History>.

the District in 1920. Today, worldwide, there are over 700 chapters and 160,000 collegiate members.

There are many prominent current and former members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity including George E.C. Haynes and Frank D. Reeves who were attorneys and professors at Howard University who were members of the team that argued the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case; James “Biff” Carter, Jr., a DC native who taught in DC Schools and served as principal of Ballou High School and advisor to the US Department of Education; former Mayor Adrian Fenty; former Council Chairman Kwame Brown; former Ward 7 Councilmember Kevin P. Chavous; and Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd.<sup>3</sup>

The DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was chartered on October 15, 1924. In 1949, the Alumni Chapter worked with local chapters at Howard University (Xi Chapter) and Miner Teachers College<sup>4</sup> (Beta Kappa Chapter) to purchase a Georgian-style home in the Dupont Circle Neighborhood at 1708 S Street, N.W. The house was designed by local architect Leon Dessez who also designed the Admiral’s residence at the Naval Observatory (now the Vice President’s residence). The Historic Kappa House was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1985. “Kappa Castle” became a center of social activity, activism, and philanthropy for African Americans beginning during the era of racial segregation.<sup>5</sup>

### ***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>6</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>7</sup>

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,<sup>8</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>9</sup> 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

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<sup>3</sup> CER 23-415, 95th Anniversary of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Later became part of the University of the District of Columbia.

<sup>5</sup> *Historic Kappa House, African American Heritage Trail*, Cultural Tourism DC (Feb. 3, 2020) <https://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/historic-kappa-house-african-american-heritage-trail>.

<sup>6</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

<sup>8</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

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

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

“Way” or “Plaza.”<sup>11</sup> As established by Bill 23-449, “Kappa Alpha Psi Way” is a symbolic street designation for S Street, N.W. between 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

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>12</sup> Regarding Bill 23-449, ANC 2B was notified directly of Bill 23-449 containing the proposed name on October 28, 2019.

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. Such signage shall be uniform and distinct from signs for official names<sup>13</sup>

Symbolically designating the S Street fronting the Historic Kappa House will recognize the cultural significance and history of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020.”

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- September 24, 2019 Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019” is introduced by Councilmember T. White.
- October 4, 2019 Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 23-449 is published in the *DC Register*.
- October 8, 2019 Bill 23-449 is officially read at the regularly scheduled Legislative Meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- October 25, 2019 Notice of a public hearing on Bill 23-449 is published in the *DC Register*.
- November 26, 2019 The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 23-449.
- February 4, 2019 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 23-449.

## III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Lee Goodall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic street naming in Bill 23-449. His testimony is attached and also summarized below.

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

<sup>12</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>13</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

#### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

ANC 2B, in which the proposed official designation is located, voted unanimously on August 14, 2019 to support symbolically designating the subject portion of S Street, N.W. as Kappa Alpha Psi Way. A resolution memorializing the ANC's support is attached to this report.

#### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 23-449 on Thursday, November 26, 2019. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 23-449. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

*David Brewer, Member, Kapp Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and described some of the history of the fraternity and prominent local members.

*Gordon Fletcher, Board Member, Washington Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and the important work of the alumni chapter.

*Presley Reed, Jr., 46<sup>th</sup> Polemarch, Washington Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and discussed the importance of the historic Kappa House to the fraternity and community.

*Anthony Agnew, Washington Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and the mentorship he received from the fraternity even before joining himself.

*Terry Brooks, President, Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation*, testified in support of the naming and described the role of the Foundation in preserving the Historic Kappa House.

*David Hardrick, Past Polemarch, Washington Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and the impact of the alumni members on the District.

*John F. Cotten, First Vice-Polemarch, Washington Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*, testified in support of the naming and discussed the chapter's objective of inspiring public service and its philanthropic endeavors.

*Lee Goodall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation*, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had "no objection" to the designation.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 23-449.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 23-449 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01<sup>14</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>15</sup> Bill 23-449 symbolically designates a portion of S Street, N.W. as “Kappa Alpha Psi Way.” Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 23-449.<sup>16</sup>

## V. VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is estimated at \$190 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 23-449 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement.

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 23-449.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates a portion of S Street, N.W. as “Kappa Alpha Psi 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>14</sup> Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

<sup>15</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>16</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

**X. ATTACHMENTS**

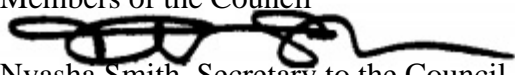
1. Bill 23-449 as introduced
2. Written Testimony.
3. ANC 2B Resolution.
4. Map of Proposed Designation.
5. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 23-449
6. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 23-449
7. Committee Print for Bill 23-449

**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 : September 30, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019", B23-0449

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Todd

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

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services

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Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., and 17th Street, N.W., as Kappa Alpha Psi Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. 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), the Council renames the portion of S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., and Seventeenth Street, N.W., in Ward 4, as “Kappa Alpha Psi Way.”.

Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Secretary of the Council shall transmit a copy of this act, after it becomes effective, to the District Department of Transportation.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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



32           Sec. 5. Effective date.

33           This act shall take effect after 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.

# David S. Brewer

## Testimony in Support of Bill 23-449 Kappa Alpha Psi Way Street Designation Act of 2019

Tuesday November 26, 2019



Good morning Chairman Mendelson and members/ staff of the committee of the whole.

My name is David S. Brewer and I am native Washingtonian and resident of the great Ward Eight. I am a former DC Council Staffer as well as formerly serve as Chairman of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B and a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

So today I am very pleased to have this opportunity to lend my voice of support to this matter.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is a national as well as international fraternity of men which embodies the objective and motto of excellence and achievement in every field of human development. The fraternity was chartered on January 5, 1911 and is celebrating 108 years of service and it boast a diverse list of one hundred and sixty (160,000) members throughout world.

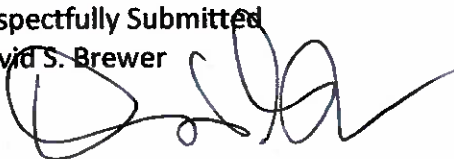
- ✦ Former DC Mayor Adrian M. Fenty
- ✦ Former DC Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown
- ✦ Former DC Councilmember Kevin P. Chavous
- ✦ Current Ward Four Councilmember Brandon B. Todd
- ✦ Former Member DC Congressman Rev. Walter Fauntroy
- ✦ Former DCPS Superintendents Dr. Vincent Reed, Dr. Andrew Jenkins and Dr. Franklin B. Smith
- ✦ Former President Minors and DC Teachers College, University of DC. Dr. Paul Phillips Cooke

The Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was incorporated October 15, 1924 therefore celebrating 95<sup>th</sup> years of effective community services in the Washington, District of Columbia. The chapter has approximately 200 plus active members. Some of our programs consist of youth mentorship, Guide Right as well as Scholarship. Our scholarship program has served over 700 low income District of Columbia students with mission critical financial support for the past 26 years.

In closing Mr. Chairman Mendelson and members thanks again for this opportunity.

Special thanks to the bill's co-sponsors in Todd, Nadeau, White, Grosso, Evans and Bonds.

Respectfully Submitted  
David S. Brewer



To: Members of the DC City Council

From: Gordon-Andrew Lee Fletcher, Esq.

Re: Testimony before the DC City Council to rename part of the 1700 Block of S Street to Kappa Alpha Psi Way.

Date: November 26, 2019

Good Morning Members of the DC City Council.

My name is Gordon-Andrew Fletcher and I serve as a Board Member and Chair of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee for the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Moreover, I am the chapter advisor for the American University Chapter, the Kappa Chi of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. which encompasses Georgetown University, George Washington University, Catholic University and American University. I became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. over 16 years ago on the campus of American University and have been a part of the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter for over ten years. I am currently employed as an attorney working for the Grants Management Division of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and teach Criminal Justice & Public Policy at American University. In the community, I serve as Vice Chair of ANC 5A, Ward Five Committeeman for the DC Democratic Party, and Chair of the Ward Five Democrats. I was born in Kingston, Jamaica and grew up in Yonkers, New York. However, I have called Washington, DC home all of my adult life since 2002. I currently live in the North Michigan Park community of Ward Five with my beautiful wife, Brittany.

I am here to provide testimony in support of the renaming of a portion of the 1700 Block of S Street NW to Kappa Alpha Psi Way. I am happy that David Brewer and I were able to obtain the support from ANC 2B which is chaired by Daniel Warwick for the renaming. In doing so we have built a harmonious relationship with not only ANC 2B, but our neighbors. With the remaining time, I will focus the rest of my testimony on the important work that brothers of the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter do with the undergraduate chapters in DC. The main focus of any alumni chapter is to support their undergraduate chapters and we take this very seriously at DC Alumni. Our alumni chapter has direct supervision of all undergraduate chapters in the District, which include Howard University, the University of District of Columbia, Howard University Graduate School, American University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, and Catholic University. Each undergraduate chapter is active and thriving at this time. Moreover, the motto of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is "Training for Leadership". Thus, through supervision, guidance, and mentorship we train young collegiate brothers at each of these universities on how to be successful during college and in life. Many undergraduate brothers under the supervision of our alumni chapter are more prepared to enter the world upon completion of their undergraduate studies. These young men are campus leaders serving their universities in a myriad of ways such as serving in student government, leaders of various campus organizations, and collegiate sports. Many undergraduates have had internships on Capitol Hill, top law firms and companies around the country, and studied abroad. Much of this can be attributed to the mentorship that comes from the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter.

To note, the undergraduate brothers at American University were able to establish the first and only Greek Plot on the campus with unswerving support from our Alumni Chapter. The plot allowed for a safe space for students of color on a predominantly white campus that has had incidences of racial tension over the recent years. The brothers of DC Alumni made sure to support this monumental achievement. Thus, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter looks forward to continue our mentorship with all undergraduate brothers of our Grand Fraternity in the District in order to better prepare them for success during and after their collegiate days.

Therefore, for the reasons above, I strongly support the renaming of a portion of the 1700 Block

Thank You!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon-Andrew Lee Fletcher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon-Andrew Lee Fletcher, Esq.

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

**Testimony before the D.C. City Council in support of Kappa Way**

**Ceremonial Street naming – Bill # 23-449**

**Room # 412**

**Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.**

**By:**

**Terry H Brooks, AIA**

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**Washington, D.C. 20002**

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**President, Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation**



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**Introduction:**

**Good Morning Mr. Chairman, and members of the D.C. City Council.**

For the record, My name is Terry Brooks and I am President of the Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation (HKHRF). [www.dckappahouse.com](http://www.dckappahouse.com)

I am pleased to appear before you today in support of Bill # 23-449, the proposal to change the 1700 Block of S Street, N.W. to "Kappa Way".

As part of my testimony, I plan to take about 3-5 minutes to summarize why I support this honorary street renaming initiative.

I am a 32 year member of the fraternity;

I am also a native Washingtonian (who grew up in Crestwood (Ward 4); graduated from Western High School, now Duke Ellington School for the Arts(Ward 3); a graduate of Howard University( Ward 1); was the Ward 8 Planner for the DC Office of Planning when Councilmember Rolark was a councilmember; and currently live on Capitol Hill in (Ward 6).

I am also a Harvard University graduate architect & Urban Planner;

-the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Urban Design for the D.C. Office of Planning;

-the 1st author of the adopted Urban Design & Historic Preservation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia; and

-the current President of the Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation([www.dckappahouse.com](http://www.dckappahouse.com))

The Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation (Foundation) is a tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization created in 2004.

The Foundation's role and mission is to identify and provide tax-exempt donations to fund the protection and preservation of the historic Kappa House.

To date, the Foundation has funded over \$ 175,000 to fund needed renovations and historic preservation related improvements to the Historic Kappa House.

Our overall restoration funding goal is approximately

**\$ 3.5M.**

As part of this initiative, I believe it is important to remind everyone about the background and history of the historic Kappa House and it's contextual, cultural and architectural significance in the District of Columbia.

The Historic Kappa House; located at 1708 S Street, N.W. has been identified as a historically significant, contributing structure within the DuPont Circle Historic District by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Trust for Historic Preservation and the D.C. Office of Historic Preservation.

The Kappa House is a 7,000 square foot Georgian style row house Mansion built in 1908. The Historic Kappa House was designed by Leon Dessez, FAIA (1858-1918), a famous local architect who designed several federal government buildings including the Admiral's Residence located at One Observatory Circle (known today as the official residence of the Vice President). The Historic Kappa House was purchased by the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter in 1949.

The naming of the 1700 block of S Street, N.W. to Kappa Way is significant not only because of the historic architectural significance of the building but also because of its cultural significance to the growth and influence on the overall cultural growth of the District of Columbia. The D.C. Kappa House is the only edifice dedicated to The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the Nation's Capital. The Kappa House was acquired by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at a time when African-Americans in Washington DC had very few places to go for any type of social activities.

The DC Kappa House is also part of the DUPONT CIRCLE & STRIVERS' SECTION, AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE Trail. The African American Heritage Trail in Washington DC identifies more than 200 sites that are important in local and national history and culture. The entire trail consists of over 200 sites. Of those sites, 100 are marked with plaques. The Historic Kappa House was awarded one of these plaques in recognition of its historic significance in Washington, D.C.

Plaques added recently mark:

- Engine Company No. 4, DC's first all-black fire company;
- Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, founded in 1866 by former slaves;
- The home of Howard D. Woodson, one of DC's influential architects and community leaders;
- Washington Conservatory of Music, one of DC's earliest arts institutions;

Noted Kappa men who either lived in or affiliated with the Historic Kappa House are:

U.S. Congressmen:

- Walter E. Fauntroy
- Louis Stokes,
- John Conyers,
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- Educators:
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- Principal Sylvester (Sal) Hall
- Sal Hall Stadium at Cardozo
- Senior High School

Lawyers & Civil Rights Activists:

Frank D. Reeves

District of Columbia Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center (@ 14<sup>th</sup> & U Sts).



- Julian Dugas
- Dr. Henry Greene
- Howard University's Greene Stadium

In closing:

For all the aforementioned reasons, I urge the D.C. City Council to seriously consider and approve the renaming of 1700 S Street, N.W. to "Kappa Way". I thank you for your time.

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



Public Hearing on  
Bill 23-68, the “Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way Designation Act of 2019”  
Bill 23-88, the “Downs Way Designation Act of 2019”  
Bill 23-104, the “Tingey Square Designation Act of 2019”  
Bill 23-366, the “Zaire Kelly Park Designation Act of 2019”  
Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019”  
Bill 23-455, the “Rev. Roy Settles Way Designation Act of 2019”

Testimony of  
Lee Goodall

Chief of Staff  
Office of the Director  
District Department of Transportation

Before the  
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
11:30 a.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 Lee Goodall, 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 23-68, the “Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-88, the “Downs Way Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-104, the “Tingey Square Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-366, the “Zaire Kelly Park Designation Act of 2019”; Bill 23-449, the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2019”; and Bill 23-455, the “Rev. Roy Settles Way Designation Act of 2019”.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-68 is to symbolically designate the 900 Block of Underwood Street, N.W., between Georgia Avenue, N.W., and Piney Branch Road, N.W. in Ward 4, as *Bishop Sherman S. Howard Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-88 is to symbolically designate the 800 Block of Decatur Street, N.E. in Ward 4, as *Downs Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation

is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation).

Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-104 is to officially designate the portions of Tingey Street, S.E., and N Street, S.E., between New Jersey Avenue, S.E., abutting Squares 770, 771 and W-771, in Ward 6, as *Tingey Square*. 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 square and the aforementioned portions of Tingey Street, N Street and New Jersey Avenue in S.E. abutting Squares 770, 771 and W-771. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-366 is to officially designate the public right of way located at the corner of 13th Street, N.E., and Downing Street, N.E. in Ward 5 as the *Zaire Kelly Park*. 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 relevant right-of-way adjacent to Squares 3942, 3950, 3952 and 4107. In fiscal terms, Council funded \$150,000 to DDOT to improve the public space including adding lighting, benches, landscaping, and signage so DDOT does not require additional dollars for sign fabrication or installation. I should note, DDOT will maintain its right-of-way in this public space in case a future W Street, N.E. connection is necessary. If so, the agency will engage the Brentwood residents in a

public process for the redesign of W Street, N.E. and any design or siting of a Zaire Kelly Park.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-449 is to symbolically designate S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire, N.W., and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. in Ward 2 as *Kappa Alpha Psi Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-455 is to symbolically designate the 1400 Block of Minnesota Avenue, S.E. in Square 5605 in Ward 8 as *Rev. Roy Settles Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

Sufficient signage requires 12 total signs, totaling \$2,280. DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact these designations 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.



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

August 16, 2019

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RE: Honorary Renaming of the 1700 Block of S Street NW to Kappa Alpha Psi Way

Dear Councilmember Evans and Councilmember Todd:

At its regular meeting on August 14, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on October 15th, 1924,

WHEREAS, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni Chapter is located at 1708 S Street NW within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the Historic Kappa House received the designation of a National Historic Landmark in 1985 by the U.S. Department of Interior, is a visiting station along the neighborhood tourism trail, and has been memorialized as the hub for the gathering of black social life during segregation,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is proud to be the home of several historically African American fraternities and sororities,

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. is celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization,

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter, through its Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, awarded approximately \$3 million in college scholarships to seven hundred graduating high school seniors since 1984, enabling these students to pursue their dreams of higher education, and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter has always been intimately involved in the improvement of its community and the residents therein with its myriad of community service programs and activities, support of the DC Voter Participation Drive, annual school supplies drives, and annual community holiday drives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the renaming of S Street from New Hampshire Avenue to 17th Street NW to “Kappa Alpha Psi Way NW.”

Commissioners Lucky Barbieri ([2B03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B03@anc.dc.gov)) and Daniel Warwick ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



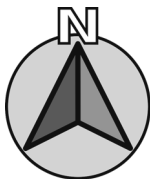
Daniel Warwick  
Chair



# Bill 23-449, Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020



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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:** January 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020

**REFERENCE:** Bill 23-449, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 14, 2020

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill designates S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire, N.W., and 17th Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as “Kappa Alpha Psi Way”.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Required sign installation will cost approximately \$190, which the District Department of Transportation can absorb within its existing resources.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**  
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3 **January 17, 2020**

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15 To symbolically designate S Street, N.W., between New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., and 17<sup>th</sup>  
16 Street, N.W., as Kappa Alpha Psi Way.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
19 act may be cited as the “Kappa Alpha Psi Way Designation Act of 2020”.

20 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and  
21 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official  
22 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates S Street,  
23 N.W., between New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., as “Kappa Alpha Psi  
24 Way”.

25 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

29 Sec. 4. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
31 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
32 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
33 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
34 Columbia Register.