

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2020”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2020” was referred, reports favorably thereon and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On November 5, 2019, Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2020”¹ was introduced by Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau and Councilmembers Todd, McDuffie, Grosso, Cheh, Bonds, T. White, R. White, and Gray to symbolically designate the 2400 Block of 4th Street, N.W., between Howard Place, N.W. and College Street, N.W., as “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way.” A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Lucy Diggs Slowe was born on July 4, 1885 in Berryville, Virginia. Her parents both died when she was a young child and she was raised by her aunt Martha Slowe Prince in Lexington, Virginia. As a teenager, her family moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she attended a African-American only high school and graduated second in her class. She came to the District to attend

¹ Originally introduced as the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019.”

Howard University, the top historically black college of its time.² There, she was one of the Founders of the Alpha Kappa Alpha which was founded at Howard University in 1908. Ms. Slowe served as the first Basileus (president) of the Alpha Chapter.³ Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first Greek letter organization for black college women. Slowe was also president of the Howard women's tennis club. She graduated as valedictorian in 1908 and returned to her old high school in Baltimore as an English teacher.⁴

In 1915, while still teaching in Baltimore, Ms. Slowe earned a Masters degree from Columbia University in New York. She subsequently returned to the District to teach in the more lucrative District of Columbia public school system in which positions were paid the same regardless of race.⁵ She taught at Armstrong Manual Training School (the counterpart to the white-only McKinley Manual Training School) in the District from 1915 to 1919, completing her time there having risen to the rank of Vice Principal. During her time at Armstrong, she was also a tennis champion, winning the national title of the American Tennis Association's first tournament in 1917. She was the first African-American woman to win a major sports title.⁶ After only four years at Armstrong, Slowe was recruited to be the principal of the new Robert Gould Shaw Junior High School which was the first junior high school in the District for African-Americans. Shortly thereafter, Shaw Junior High moved into the old McKinley School building at 7th and Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.⁷ The Shaw Junior High would move to several buildings over the years until its ultimate closure in 2013.

Lucy Diggs Slowe



Credit: Howard University Sesquicentennial

² Linda M. Perkins, *Lucy Diggs Slowe: Champion of the Self-Determination of African-American Women in Higher Education*, J. NEGRO HIST., Winter-Autumn, 1996, at 90. [hereinafter *Champion*]

³ ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, FOUNDERS 3 (2008).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Lisa R. Rasheed, *Lucy Diggs Slowe, Howard University Dean of Women, 1922-1937: Educator, Administrator, Activist*. 71 Dissertation, Georgia State University (2009). [hereinafter *Educator*]

⁶ *Lucy Diggs Slowe*, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE, NOTABLE COLUMBIANS (Sept. 30, 2020), <https://blackhistory.news.columbia.edu/people/lucy-diggs-slowe>.

⁷ This building would go on to become a residential complex known as Asbury Dwellings.

In 1922, Lucy Diggs Slowe was named as the first African-American Dean of Women at Howard University (replacing the first acting dean who was white).⁸ After her appointment as Dean, she became the first president of the National Association of College Women. At this time, enrollment of women in normal colleges and universities was on the rise.⁹ Ms. Slowe would spend the next 15 years as a well regarded administrator at Howard where she established amenities aimed at females on campus including the construction of women’s dormitories in 1931 to round-out the university experience of staying on campus. She fostered female student-planned events and social activities to provide them with opportunity for self-determination. This view drew the criticism of Howard’s first black president, Mordecai Johnson, who as an ordained Baptist preacher and graduate of Morehouse College. Slowe would continue her fight for empowerment of women on campus until her death on October 21, 1937.¹⁰

Ms. Slowe was previously honored by Howard University by naming a dormitory after her in 1948. That building has since been redeveloped as private apartments that still bear her name.¹¹ Lucy Diggs Slowe was also honored by having the Slowe School, built in 1948, named after her. That DC Public School was closed in 2008 and the remainder of the building is leased to the Mary McLeod Bethune Public Charter School in the Brookland neighborhood.¹² In addition, 2015, DC Water officially christened one of its tunnel boring machines working to reduce flooding in the Bloomindale neighborhood (not far from Howard University) as “Lucy Diggs Slowe.”¹³

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.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,¹⁶ whereas a “symbolic name” for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.¹⁷ An official name of an alley shall contain the

⁸ Educator at 116

⁹ Champion at 91.

¹⁰ Champion at 96.

¹¹ Karen Goff, *Developers to convert two Howard dorms to apartments*, Washington Business Journal, Sept. 1, 2017.

¹² COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, *Committee Report on PR 23-106, Slowe School Surplus Approval Resolution of 2013*, (June 20, 2013).

¹³ Sadie Dingfelder, *Meet ‘Lucy,’ a 1,582-ton tunnel boring machine that tweets*, WASHINGTON POST, April 20, 2015.

¹⁴ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

¹⁵ See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

¹⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

¹⁷ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

suffix “Alley” or “Court.”¹⁸ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”¹⁹ As established by Bill 23-533, “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way” is a symbolic street designation for the 2400 block of 4th Street, 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.²⁰ Regarding Bill 23-533, ANC 1B was notified directly of Bill 23-533 containing the proposed name on August 6, 2020.

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 names²¹

Symbolically designating the 2400 block of 4th Street, N.W. as Lucy Diggs Slowe Way in the heart of the Howard University campus will honor the accomplishments and legacy of Lucy Diggs Slowe. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2020.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- November 5, 2019 Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019” is introduced by Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, co-introduced by Councilmembers Todd, McDuffie, Grosso, Cheh, Bonds, T. White, R. White, and Gray, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- November 15, 2019 Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 23-533 is published in the *DC Register*.
- August 7, 2020 Notice of a public hearing on Bill 23-533 is published in the *DC Register*.
- September 15, 2020 The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 23-533.
- October 6, 2020 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 23-533.

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 23-533. His testimony is attached and also summarized below.

¹⁸ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹⁹ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

²⁰ 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.

²¹ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 23-533 on Thursday, September 15, 2020. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 23-533. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

Dr. Dana Williams, Lucy Diggs Slowe Society, and Interim Dean, Howard University Graduate School, testified in support of Bill 23-533 and described Ms. Slowe’s important contributions to Howard and to the empowerment of women.

Dr. Amy Yeoboah, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Howard University, Department of Afro-American Studies, testified in support of Bill 23-533.

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 23-533.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 23-533 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01²² 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.”²³ Bill 23-533 symbolically designates the 2400 Block of 4th Street, N.W. as “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way.” Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 23-533.²⁴ 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.²⁵ Ms. Slowe died in 1937.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 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 \$380 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 23-533 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement.

²² Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

²³ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

²⁴ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

²⁵ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 23-533.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates the 2400 block of 4 th Street, N.W. as “Lucy Diggs Slowe 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

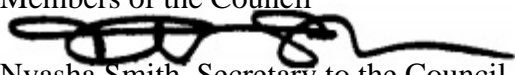
X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 23-533 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Proof of Notice.
4. Map of Proposed Designation.
5. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 23-533.
6. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 23-533.
7. Committee Print for Bill 23-533.

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

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : November 06, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019", B23-0533

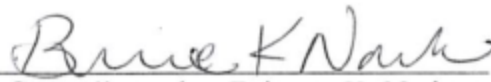
INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Nadeau, Todd, McDuffie, Grosso, Cheh, Bonds, T. White, R. White, and Gray

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

Attachment


cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

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2 Councilmember Anita D. Bonds

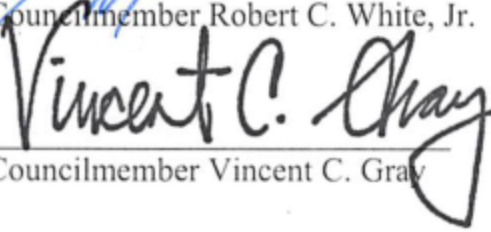

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12 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray


Councilmember David Grosso


Councilmember Mary M. Chen

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21 A BILL

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24 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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28 To symbolically designate the 2400 block of 4th Street, N.W., in Ward 1, as Lucy Diggs Slowe
29 Way.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
31 act may be cited as the "Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019".

32 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
33 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
34 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 2400 block
35 of 4th Street, N.W., in Ward 1, as "Lucy Diggs Slowe Way".

36 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

1 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
2 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
3 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
4 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
5 Columbia Register.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

September 9, 2020

The Honorable Phillip Mendelson
Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Phil Mendelson,

As the nation continues to celebrate 100 years since the 19th Amendment passed, prohibiting states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex, Howard University supports The Lucy Diggs Slowe Society's petition to designate 4th and 5th Streets, NW, 20059 from Gresham Place to W Street in Ward 1, as "Lucy Diggs Slowe Way."

The Howard University community honors Lucy Diggs Slowe as a treasured alumna. Slowe graduated as class valedictorian from Howard University in 1908, and she was a founder and first president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. While attending Howard University, she was a stellar scholar-athlete who excelled at tennis, basketball, and volleyball.

In 1922, Slowe was hired by Howard University as the first Dean of Women. As Dean of Women and full professor, she made a lasting impact on our alma mater in the following ways:

- *Founder of the Women's League*, giving women at Howard opportunities to shadow female leaders and to exhibit and model leadership skills;
- *Founder of the Women's Dinner*, organized for the women at Howard to focus on welfare and empowerment;
- *Founder of the Women's Cooperative Council*, a group of women students, faculty, administrators and the wives of men at Howard who met monthly to address all matters affecting women at Howard;
- *Contributor to the development of the School of Social Work*;
- *Creator of the Freshman Seminar program* at Howard University;
- *Visionary for the \$770,000 women's dormitories* built in the 1930s, which became a model for women's residence halls nationally, drawing the attention of architectural designers and tourists from around the nation; and
- *Author of articles and speeches* advocating for women's rights, equity in higher education, gender equity, equal wages, justice for victims of sexual assault and harassment in the workforce, and the elimination of racial discrimination in higher education.

I look forward to support in honoring the trailblazer and daughter of Howard.

Excellence in Truth and Service,



Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA
President



HOWARD UNIVERSITY

School of Social Work
Office of the Dean

September 10, 2020

The Honorable Phillip Mendelson
Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Phil Mendelson:

The Howard University School of Social Work is honored to be among those who recognize the importance of the legacy of Ms. Lucy Diggs Slowe, an African American woman who was a pioneer in many areas. As the dean of women at Howard University, she ably represented the needs of students matriculating in many disciplines. She recognized, however, that there was a need for a social work program and advocated for one to be established at the university in the early 1900s. Although she was unsuccessful in this early endeavor, she planted a seed and nurtured that seed throughout her tenure at the university. And as a result of this, we proudly claim her as one of the three founders of social work education at Howard University that started in 1935 during her lifetime.

I respectfully ask for support of this special recognition of Ms. Lucy Diggs Slowe, a champion for social work and the needs of vulnerable populations in the District of Columbia and beyond. This year (2020) our school celebrates 85 years of social work education at Howard University. Because of her vision, there are over 5,000 Howard-prepared social workers. Our school is ranked by the U.S. News and World Report in the top 10% of social work programs in the nation. We owe a debt of gratitude to our co-founder, Ms. Lucy Diggs Slowe, and would be especially pleased to have the street named in her honor during this special time in our history.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this special tribute to a most deserving pioneer for social justice. I look forward to celebrating when the street is renamed. If I can offer additional support, I will readily provide it. I can be reached at 202-437-0394 or via email at secrewe@howard.edu.

Sincere regards,



Sandra Edmonds Crewe, Ph.D., MSW, ACSW
Dean and Professor
NASW Social Work Pioneer©





September 10, 2020

HUSA Supports the Lucy Diggs Slowe Designation Act of 2019

WASHINGTON, DC— On September 15th, The Committee of the Whole- D.C. Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019. If designated, the Slowe-Burrill House will join the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites for its association with the LGBTQ history in the District.

Lucy Diggs Slowe was a graduate of Howard University in 1908 and one of the nine founders of the first historically African American Greek-letter sorority: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Slowe was also tasked to create the First public African American Juror School in D.C. and later became the first African-American woman to serve as the Dean of Women at Howard University in 1922 setting the tone for other Historically Black Colleges & Universities.

While serving as the Dean, Slowe lived at 1256 Kearney Street in Northeast, D.C., a home that she shared with Mary Burrill, her life partner for over 20 years. Their relationship is one of the most prominent same-sex relationships in Washington, D.C., during the early twentieth century and made significant strides within the LGBTQ community.

The 60th HUSA Administration is in support of the Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019. It is fundamental that we preserve such an important landmark in D.C.'s LGBTQ history and the Howard University Legacy.

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PETITION FOR THE RENAMING OF 2400 BLOCK OF 4TH STREET NW

Lucy Diggs Slowe was a gift given to a generation of women, the educational profession, and the culture of a people. She was a gift that transcended simple teaching and learning. As an educator, Slowe became a pioneer in the field, giving birth to quintessential models of teaching and learning in Baltimore. When she returned to Washington, D.C., she created and led the District's first junior high school. Her journey back home to Howard University as the first Dean of Women in 1922 that would set the bar for her accomplishments. Additionally, Slowe was a founder and first president of three national organizations, including the first African American Sorority – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She also held high leadership positions within over eight organizations and was a tennis champion.

With an impact on the fields of education, women's studies, organizational development, race politics, philosophy and sports, renaming a street in her honor builds on the momentum of interest in women's movements. In an era where more Black women than ever are running for and winning political offices and where Black women are viewed as one of the most reliable voting blocks, it is critical that we understand the tradition of Black women as change agents emerge.

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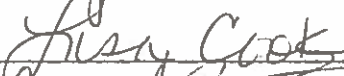










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Public Hearing on
Bill 23-532, the “Dr. Montague Cobb Way Designation Act of 2019”
Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019”
Bill 23-538, the “Elaine M. Carter Way Designation Act of 2019”
Bill 23-609, the “Gail Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020”
Bill 23-680, the “Cecelia's Way Designation Act of 2020”
Bill 23-787, the “Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Act of 2020,” and
Bill 23-839, the “Earl Wright, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2020”

Testimony of
Lee Goodall

Chief of Staff
District Department of Transportation

Before the
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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 the 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 seven bills, which are Bill 23-532, the “Dr. Montague Cobb Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-538, the “Elaine M. Carter Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-609, the “Gail Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-680, the “Cecelia's Way Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-787, the “Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Act of 2020,” and Bill 23-839, the “Earl Wright, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2020.”

The stated purpose of Bill 23-532 is to symbolically designate the 600 block of W Street N.W., in Ward 1, as *Dr. Montague Cobb 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 23-533 is to symbolically designate the 2400 block of 4th Street N.W., in Ward 1, as *Lucy Diggs Slowe Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map

highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-538 is to symbolically designate the Frederick Douglass Court, SE in Square 5880, in Ward 8, as *Elaine M. Carter Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires one total sign, totaling \$190.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-609 is to symbolically designate the 300 block of 14th Place, N.E., in Ward 6, as *Gail Cobb Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-680 is to symbolically designate Wiltberger Street, N.W., between S Street, N.W., and T Street, N.W., on the border of Wards 1 and 6, as *Cecelia's Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires one total sign, totaling \$190.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-839 is to symbolically designate the 3800 block of 10th street NW, between Quincy, Randolph, and 10th Streets, N.W., in Ward 4, as *Earl Wright, Jr. Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

Sufficient signage requires 11 total signs, totaling \$2,090. 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.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-787 is to symbolically designate 16th Street, N.W., between H Street, N.W, and K Street N.W., in Ward 2, as *Black Lives Matter Plaza*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the designated street. Signs have already been installed, pursuant to emergency and temporary legislation that effectuated this symbolic designation. On behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser, I want to take a moment to reflect on the special significance of this designation. Black Lives Matter has been at the forefront of advocating for racial justice, including organizing protests, rallies, and other actions in response to the deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Sandra Bland, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and other Black men and women at the hands of police. In 2020, the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and several other Black men and women sparked new outrage, leading to a wave of protests across the country against racism and police brutality. In response to the protests in the District and across the country, and in recognition of the work that still needs to be done to ensure that Black lives do matter, Mayor Muriel Bowser stated publicly on June 5, 2020, that the portion of 16th Street N.W., between H Street N.W., and K Street

N.W., should be designated as Black Lives Matter Plaza. This designation reaffirms the value of the lives and legacy of the District's Black community and reaffirms our commitment to racial justice and equity.

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.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

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Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 3:09 PM
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Subject: Public Hearing on B23-533: Lucy Diggs Slowe Way
Attachments: B23-0533-Introduction.pdf; 9.15.20 Public Space Namings.pdf

Dear Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 9-204.22(b), this communication puts ANC 1B and its Commissioners on notice of an upcoming Committee of the Whole Public Hearing on Bill 23-533 the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019.” The hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** on the virtual Zoom platform. The stated purpose of Bill 23-533 is to symbolically designate the 2400 block of 4th Street, N.W. as Lucy Diggs Slowe Way. A symbolic designation is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Attached, please find the hearing notice and a copy of the legislation as introduced. Let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Thank you,

Evan Cash

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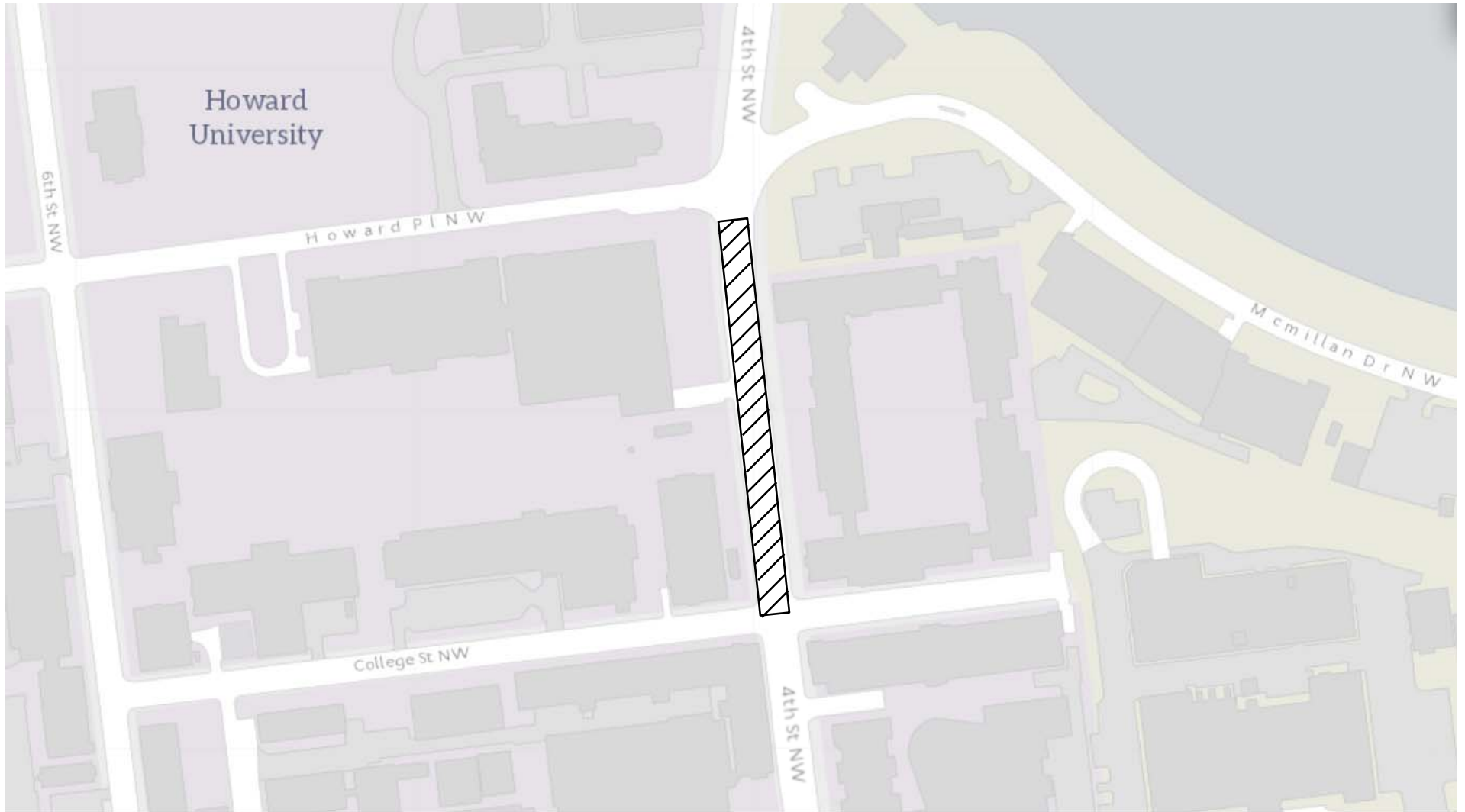
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-533, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 30, 2020

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill designates the 2400 block of 4th Street, N.W., between College Street, N.W. and Howard Place, N.W., in Ward 1, as “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way”.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Required sign installation will cost approximately \$380, which the District Department of Transportation can absorb within its existing resources.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **October 6, 2020**

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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To symbolically designate the 2400 block of 4th Street, NW, between College Street, NW. and
16 Howard Place, NW, as Lucy Diggs Slowe 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 “Lucy Diggs Slowe 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 the 2400 block
23 of 4th Street, NW, between College Street, NW. and Howard Place, NW, as “Lucy Diggs Slowe
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.