

**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: July 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins 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 May 7, 2019, Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020”¹ was introduced by Councilmember Trayon White to symbolically designate the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E., as “Hannah Hawkins Way.” A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Hannah Mae Hawkins (née Frazier) was born on June 6, 1939 in the District. A lifelong resident, Ms. Hawkins attended Eastern High school and worked for 12 years as an office assistant with the District of Columbia Public School system as an office assistant. The year of her retirement, her husband Arthur Hawkins was killed by gunfire leaving her to raise her five children alone. Ms. Hawkins made it her mission to assist families facing poverty as she had done after Arthur’s death in 1970.² In 1981, Ms. Hawkins founded the Children of Mine Youth Center where

¹ Originally introduced as the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019.”

² Bart Barnes, *Hannah Hawkins, who started child-care program in gritty D.C. Neighborhood, dies at 75*, WASHINGTON POST (Jan. 11, 2017), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/hannah-hawkins-who-started->

she provided hot meals for children in Anacostia, and later clothing, tutoring, and number of other youth services.³ She also taught children life skill such as manners, cleanliness, responsibility, punctuality, and respect for others, using her own money and charitable contributions. She accepted no government funds and no salary.⁴ She moved the operation to an abandoned housing project called Sheridan Terrace, and then in 1990 to the Southeast Neighborhood House where COMYC still operates on the 2200 block of Mount View Place, SE.

Ms. Hawkins received dozens of awards for her service from civil rights, church, and community organizations. She was known for her sometimes tough love of the children she served. That tough love is evidenced in the improvement of the surrounding community and the many children that went on to graduate college and find success in business or as entrepreneurs. Mrs. Hawkins passed away on May 17, 2015, but the work of COMYC continues.

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.⁵ 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.⁶

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,⁷ whereas a “symbolic name” for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.⁸ An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”⁹ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”¹⁰ As established by Bill 23-289, “Hannah Hawkins Way” is a symbolic street designation for the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E..

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.¹¹ Regarding Bill 23-289, ANC 8A

child-care-program-in-gritty-dc-neighborhood-dies-at-75/2015/05/23/8dc99c02-f9a2-11e4-9ef4-1bb7ce3b3fb7_story.html. [hereinafter Obituary]

³ *Our History*, CHILD OF MINE YOUTH CENTER, INC. (July 8, 2020, 4:00PM), <https://childrenofminedc.org/about-us/>. [hereinafter COMYC]

⁴ *Supra* note 3.

⁵ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

⁶ See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

⁷ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

⁸ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

⁹ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹⁰ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

¹¹ 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.

was notified by Council staff of Bill 23-289 containing the proposed name on September 20, 2019 (attached).

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 names¹²

Symbolically designating the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E. as Hannah Hawkins Way will honor the contributions and legacy of Ms. Hawkins and her contributions to the surrounding neighborhood. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

April 12, 2018	Bill 22-788, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019” is introduced by Councilmember T. White.
May 7, 2019	Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019” is introduced by Councilmember T. White and referred to the Committee of the Whole.
May 10, 2019	Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 23-289 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
December 27, 2019	Notice of a public hearing on Bill 23-289 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .
January 22, 2020	The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 23-289.
July 21, 2020	The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 23-289.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

John P. Thomas, Chief Performance Officer, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic street naming in Bill 23-289. His testimony is attached and also summarized below.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee receive no comments from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

¹² D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 23-289 on Thursday, November 26, 2019. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 23-289. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

John P. Thomas, Chief Performance Officer, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the designation.

The Committee also received written statements from ***Eugene Howie, Chairman of Board of Directors, Children of Mine Youth Center; Kim Hawkins-Ponder, Daughter of Hannah Hawkins; Ms. Ella McCall-Haygen, Board of Directors, Children of Mine Youth Center; Gloria Ward-Ravenell, Board of Directors, Secretary, Children of Mine Youth Center; and Wanda Layne, Executive Director, Children of Mine Youth Center*** in support of PR 23-696. Copies of their statements are also attached.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 23-289.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 23-289 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01¹³ 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.”¹⁴ Bill 23-289 symbolically designates the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E. as “Hannah Hawkins Way.” Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 23-289.¹⁵ 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.¹⁶ Ms. Hawkins died in 2015.

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 \$760 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$190 for installation), the cost of Bill 23-289 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement.

¹³ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

¹⁴ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

¹⁵ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹⁶ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 23-289.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates the alley 1400 block of Minnesota Avenue, S.E. as “Hannah Hawkins 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 23-289 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Proof of Notice.
4. Map of Proposed Designation.
5. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 23-289.
6. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 23-289.
7. Committee Print for Bill 23-289.

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Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : May 07, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019", B23-0289

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers T. White, R. White, Grosso, and Bonds

CO-SPONSORED BY: Councilmembers Gray, Silverman, and McDuffie

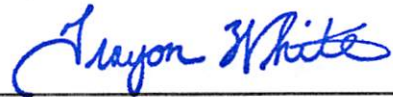
The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

1 


2 Councilmember David Grosso



Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

4 

6 Councilmember Anita Bonds



Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

9 A BILL

14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

18 To symbolically designate the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E., in Ward 8, as Hannah
19 Hawkins Way.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 act may be cited as the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019”.

24 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street Alley Closing and Acquisition
25 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-
26 204.01, 9-204.03 and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 2200 block of Mount
27 View Place, S.E., in Ward 8, as “Hannah Hawkins Way”.

28 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

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

31 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

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

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of Transportation



Public Hearing on
Bill 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019”
Bill 23-88, the “Crowdy Court Designation Act of 2019”

Testimony of
John P. Thomas

Chief Performance Officer
District Department of Transportation

Before the
Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Hearing Room 120
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 John Thomas, and I am Chief Performance Officer 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 23-289, the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019,” and Bill 23-88, the “Crowdy Court Designation Act of 2019.”

The stated purpose of Bill 23-289 is to symbolically designate the 2200 Block of Mount View Place, S.E., in Ward 8, as *Hannah Hawkins 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 four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of Bill 23-23 is to officially designate the portion of the public alley system within Square 514, bounded by 5th Street, N.W., M Street, N.W., 4th Street, N.W., and New York Avenue, N.W., in Ward 6, as *Crowdy Court*. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the public alley in Square 514. 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.

Sufficient signage requires 8 total signs, totaling \$1,520. 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.



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Good Morning Honorable Mendelson and fellow council members.

My name is Eugene Howie, and I am the President of the Board of Directors for Children of Mine Youth Center, located in Ward 8's Historic Anacostia neighborhood. The Children of Mine Youth Center is a nonprofit 501(c3) whose mission is to provide at risk youth and their families with the intellectual, nutritional, and emotional support necessary to succeed and become exceptional members of their community and the world.

I am a native Washingtonian and former resident of the Anacostia neighborhood, having lived there for over 25 years. I have thirteen years of experience working in the community through the Children of Mine Youth Center. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of a great organization working to have an impact on the lives of children and families in S.E Washington, DC.

I am here to testify in support of the bill (B23-0289 - Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019) that has been referred to the Committee of the Whole by Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, Sr. I would like to thank Councilmembers White and his Legislative Director, Dr. Tracy Jackson for the Ceremonial Street Naming for Mrs. Hannah Hawkins.

On many occasions, when describing the location at Mount View Place SE and Morris Road, people would simply reply, "are you referring to Hannah's Place." Ms. Hawkins, just like the description of the organizational location, was an intersection for so many people. At an intersection, you come to a place where you could change directions. With Ms. Hawkins, it did not matter what direction you were heading; she created the opportunity for a family or an individual to change their direction, change the way they looked at the world, the way they saw themselves, and ultimately changed the course of their lives. You see, having met Ms. Hawkins, you could start hungry and end up with a hearty meal seated at Hannah's table. You could be

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Nathan Bennet and change direction from Howard Road to Harvard University, or like Sulamian Harris, you could go from Sayles Place to the University of Pennsylvania, Iesha Nelson could go from Talbert Street to Temple University, or like the rising senior Tyrone Davis to go from Morris Road to Langston University in Oklahoma.

Ms. Hawkins was Anacostia's physical embodiment of the spirit of Rev. Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X all rolled into one. She had King's passion for the equal treatment of all people regardless of social or economic status, coupled with Malcolm's moral fortitude to speak the truth even when it was not popular. Ms. Hawkins was the champion of the voiceless, as she would say, "a foot soldier that put her boots on the ground every day.

I am here to ask that the Council approve the ceremonial naming of Mt. View Place, SE, as Hannah Hawkins Way, SE.

Dated January 22, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,



Eugene Howie

Chairman of Board of Directors

Children of Mine Youth Center



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Subject: Testimony

Title: B23-0289 - Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019

Good morning Chairman Mendelson, Councilmember Trayon White Sr., Councilmembers, Staff and Guest:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you to share my thoughts regarding the subject "Referral of Proposed Legislation, Title Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019", B22-0788.

My name is Kim Ponder, the oldest daughter of Hannah Hawkins. I was born and raised in Washington DC; and for most of those years, lived in the Anacostia Community. I've had the privilege to work with my mother for over 20 years volunteering at the Children of Mine Youth Center. My children grew up with many of the children at the Center; and when old enough, they became a student volunteer. Moreover, my daughter, Shawneka Ponder, serves on the Board of the Children of Mine Youth Center.

My mother, Hannah Hawkins, was born and raised in Washington DC. She attended DC public schools and later worked for the DC Public School system. My mother was a faithful and active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. She sang in the church choir and participated with many church activities. In my early teens, my mother got sick and being young I didn't understand. However, I remember my mother making a covenant with God that "If He will help her get well, she would spend the rest of her life serving others who were less fortunate". And she did just that. My mother, with her strong belief and faith in God, started her journey serving those who were in need. She had many assignments (i.e. Children Hospital Burn Unit volunteer, working with Senior Citizens, etc) prior to the creation of the Children of Mine Youth Center.

Many times Ms. Hawkins would see little children walking the streets late at night without an adult and at times, the children looked neglected and hungry. Ms. Hawkins was furious and felt like something should be done to help these children. As a result of this great need, the Children of Mine Youth Center was formed. First she started in her home, and then the Center moved to a two-bedroom apartment in Sheridan Terrace, off of Stanton RD SE. The Children of Mine Youth Center eventually out grew the apartment. Ms. Hawkins saw that the Southeast House located on Mount View Place SE, was empty for many years. Ms Hawkins, along with many volunteers cleaned-up and occupied the building; and after a fight, with help from Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Ms Hawkins eventually gained the right to occupy the building.



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The Children of Mine Youth Center was created to provide a safe, clean and nurturing environment where children could receive a hot meal, clothes, tutoring, recreational activities, summer camp experience, various field trips (i.e. skiing, ice skating, movies, restaurants, circus, amusement parks and sporting events, etc) and learn manners and respect. At any given day, The Children of Mine Youth Center receives up to a 100 children with ages ranging from 4 to 17. The Center was a place where a kid could be a kid; and many times dreams came true for a lot of the children. During the summer, the children went to camp; and Christmas was filled with gifts and holiday cheer to many families. Ms. Hawkins felt it was important to provide the children with the opportunity to expand their horizons beyond the confines of their inner city neighborhoods. She sought means to create opportunities for the children to attend plays, libraries, museums, ballets, and scholarships for some to attend private schools to name a few. She facilitated daily rap sessions giving the children the opportunity to engage in safe dialogue and providing words of encouragement for their lives.

To expose the children to healthy living, Ms. Hawkins started a garden teaching the children how to grow their own vegetables. Moreover, she partner with the Capital Area Food Bank to address the issue of hunger in Ward 8 and launch a joint initiative to educate the youth in the Anacostia Community about nutrition and social environmental benefits of growing fresh produce.

Ms Hawkins was always seeking ways to enhance the children's lives and the community. She saw a need to provide additional services to the community by opening the doors of the Center every third Saturday to feed the community; and provide haircuts to the men, clothing and personal items to the men and women. On Tuesdays, the Center serves as a food bank for the community. Ms. Hawkins believed in bringing hope to the hopeless; comfort to the lonely and help to those who were loss. She wanted everyone to feel like their lives matter. Mr. Roy Barber, St Andrews Episcopal School faculty member, said Ms. Hawkins was the "Definition of Love Wins" and she gave dignity, pride and hope to thousands".

In the midst of all her work, she found time to devote to traveling and spreading awareness of the importance of voter registration and voting within the African-American community. Ms. Hawkins was often sought after to speak about the Children of Mine Center and her Community service work. This gave her the opportunity to get donors and donations for the Center.

The Children of Mine Youth Center is a "Beacon of Hope" for many children and a "Lighthouse" for the Community. It is where children can be a child and not worry about the ills of the world. When a child walks through the gates, it ignites a spark in their eyes and he/she automatically feel the love that flows throughout the building. It is true that it takes a "Village" to raise a child. And The Children of Mine Youth Center is that Village. There have been many children that have come to the Center. Today, many of those children have fulfilled their dreams (i.e completed college, jobs, married with family, etc) and some have come back to Volunteer at the Center.

During her over 35 years of public services, Ms Hawkins served in many capacities to include orator, lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons, and an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.



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This afforded her the opportunity to advocate face-to-face with various mayors, Congressional members and staff; and First Lady Michele Obama on behalf of her community. Ms Hawkins never missed an opportunity to use her voice to fight for the disenfranchised. Her most rewarding role was as founder of The Children of Mine Youth Center, Inc, which has served the community for over 30 years.

Hannah Hawkins' commitment to service positioned her to receive a plethora of accolades (i.e. Freedom Fund Award, Unsung Heroines Award, Jefferson Award, Anacostia Economic Development Corporation Award, MLK Jr. Award, and Chanel 9 "The One & Only Community Service Award and The Distinguish Black Women's Award, etc) for her never-ending contributions to the betterment of her community.

Who was Hannah Hawkins? Mother, Grand-mother, a Voice for the Voiceless, Tireless Champion for all; a "Foot Soldier" in God's army; a Pillar in the community; Leader, Advocate for the least, lost and lonely; and a Woman who loved and served her Community and City well.

Hannah Hawkins didn't just talk the talk; she walked the walk. Hannah Hawkins wasn't a bump on the log; she placed the log there for someone to rest. Some people sat on the "Stools of do Nothing" but not Hannah Hawkins; there was worked to be done and she was not standing by watching people in need. No, that was not Hannah Hawkins.

Two of Ms. Hawkins mottos were: "The Cost of Real Love Is No Charge" and "Never Look Down On A Man Unless You Are Picking Him Up"

Hannah Hawkins gave her life to service; and greatly impacted and inspired many in the Anacostia Community and Washington DC. Hannah Hawkins passed away May 7, 2015, at the age of 75, leaving behind an enduring legacy in her Community and throughout Washington DC.

Chairman Mendelson, Councilmember Trayon White Sr., Councilmembers and Staff, my family and I are humbly grateful for your consideration in naming a street after our mother, Hannah Hawkins. Her legacy will forever live on in the many lives she touched and the impact she had on the Anacostia Community and Washington DC.

Dated January 22, 2020

Very Respectfully,

Kim Hawkins - Ponder

Daughter of Hannah Hawkins

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Good Morning Chairmen Mendelson and fellow council members of Washington, DC, thank you for inviting me to testify today.

My name is Ella McCall Haygan, and I serve on the Board of Directors for the Children of Mine Youth Center. Also, I am a licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and was formerly employed by the Dept. of Human Services Emergency & Support Homeless Shelter Services.

Today, I run a free volunteer non-profit 501©3 Social Service organization called, From Streets to Skills Social Services on Wheels. We provide mentoring, counseling, emergency funds to prevent homelessness. I'm here today in support of Mrs. Hannah Hawkins, the founder of the Children of Mine Youth Center.

I met Mrs. Hawkins in 1984 through Ms. Cathy Hughes of Radio Station WOL. I was a volunteer for WOL and assisted Ms. Hughes, who sent me over to meet Mrs. Hawkins with a monetary donation to help her feed the children she was providing for in her afterschool program.

For over a decade, Mrs. Hawkins had been lifting lives in the crime-ridden forgotten neighborhoods of ward 8. In the 1980s, Mrs. Hawkins watched children in her neighborhood, growing up on their own because their parents were addicted to alcohol and drugs.

Hannah Hawkins was a widow with five children of her own, a retired administrative aide in DC's Public-School system, and an ANC Commissioner. She was determined to save these children with the simple act of opening her home for Bible Study and a homecooked meal. Her retirement check funded her homegrown efforts.

In 1995 she named the program Children of Mine Center and incorporated it as a non-profit organization. Her small house soon overflowed with children, and she eventually had to move into two vacant units on Sheridan Terrace, a public housing unit that was approved by the Ward

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8 Officials. The apartment soon began to overflow again with more children. Word quickly spread about the free tutoring, hot meals & snacks, that children received each afternoon at the center.

Mrs. Hawkins relocated to a facility called the South East Neighborhood House, a former community center & property that was owned by the South East Neighborhood House organization that had closed down. Today, the building is in C/o of Children of Mine Youth Center and South East Neighborhood Settlement House. The deed was awarded to Mrs. Hawkins, by the Government of the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Hawkins always thought that her work was not a career, but rather a calling her ministry. She said, "it is different from a job. A job is something you do to pay the bills, a career is something you aspire to be, but a calling is something that came from God."

I am here to ask that the Council approve the ceremonial naming of Mt. View Place, SE, as Hannah Hawkins Way, SE.

January 22, 2020

Respectfully,

Ella McCall-Haygen

Ms. Ella McCall - Haygen

Board of Directors

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Good morning, Honorable Mendelson and fellow council members.

My name is Gloria Ward-Ravenell and I am the secretary of the board of directors of the Children of Mine Youth Center located in Ward 8's Historic Anacostia neighborhood.

As a former Ward 8 resident in both Anacostia and Congress Heights, I have over 40 years' experience working in both neighborhoods as a community activist to improve the quality of life for children and families. I was appointed to the Historic Preservation Review Board and was instrumental in the designation of Anacostia as a historic district. I am the Vice Chair of the National Congress of Black Women, DC Metropolitan Chapter where we make the College for Kids program at Howard university available to the children of Ward 8.

I am here to testify in support of the bill (B23-0289 - Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019) that has been referred to the Committee of the Whole by Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, Sr and his Legislative Director, Dr. Tracy Jackson for the Ceremonial Street Naming for Mrs. Hannah Hawkins.

Mrs. Hannah Hawkins was a pillar in Ward 8 and founded the Children of Mine Youth Center in 1981 out of her home. In 1992 she was instrumental in relocating to Mt. View Place, SE where the center is currently located. The number of children served quickly increased, most of which were latch-key, homeless, neglected or exposed to chronic substance abuse. In 1993, Mayor Sharon – Pratt Kelly by proclamation named September 30th, Hannah Hawkins day in Washington DC. Moreover, in 2016 the DC Council passed a Resolution to honor Mrs. Hannah Hawkins.

I am here to ask that the Council approve the ceremonial naming of Mt. View Place, SE, as Hannah Hawkins Way, S.E.



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Dated January 22, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Member of the DC City Council,

I am honored to have the opportunity to address you today. My name is Wanda Layne, Executive Director, and a board member of the Children of Mine Youth Center, Inc. The Children of Mine Youth Center is a 501 (c) (3) volunteer-based afterschool program dedicated to providing a clean and loving environment for youth across the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

I have been a volunteer with the COMYC for the past 30 years. I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to serve alongside Hannah M. Hawkins. The mission of the Children of Mine Center is to provide at-risk children and families with the intellectual, nutritional, and emotional support necessary to succeed and become exceptional members of their community and the world. Ms. Hawkins lived this mission.

Ms. Hawkins cared about the wellbeing of the participants in the program and would regularly visit their schools to check on the status of their grades and obtain scholarships to schools that they may not have had the opportunity to experience.

Unfortunately, a lot of the children come from differing social and economic backgrounds. One instance, the parents of a family that attended the center were no longer able to provide for their children due to drug addiction. After this incident, Ms. Hawkins realized that the need was not only for the children, but there was a need to help the families as well. Ms. Hawkins fed and clothed the homeless daily and provided them with personal hygiene products. This spearheaded our current program Hannah's Pantry and The Community Breakfast program.



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Ms. Hawkins not only assisted the Ward 8 residents, but she also helped so many others:

- Nathan Bennett- Fleming, who with the assistance of Ms. Hawkins, attended St. Andrew and later went on to attend Morehouse and UC Berkeley, where he received his Juris Doctorate. Nathan also served as the shadow senator and worked in Trayvon White's office.
- Sulamian Harris, who, with the assistance of Ms. Hawkins, obtained a scholarship to attend Archbishop Carroll High school. He later went on to attend the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Akeem Nelson is a Baltimore Police Officer.
- Ieshia Nelson attended St. Andrew's High School and later attended Temple University. After obtaining her bachelor's degree at Temple, Ieshia became a director of an afterschool program; she sought after Ms. Hawkins to obtain advice as to how she started and maintained the Children of Mine Youth Center, Inc.

Sincerely,

Wanda Layne

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Executive Director

Committee of the Whole (Council)

Subject: FW: Notice for Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019
Attachments: Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019 May 3 2019.pdf

From: Jackson, Tracey (Council)

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 2:32 PM

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Subject: Notice for Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019

Commissioner Tyon Jones and Commissioners of 8A,

I hope this email finds you well. This email is to comply with the requirements of §9-204.21.(d), §9-204.22.(a), and §9-204.23.(b) of the Code of the District of Columbia. Please see the attached legislation for the Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2019. The hearing is anticipated to be held toward the end of October, however a specific date has not been provided.

Have a great weekend.

Tracey G. Jackson, PhD, JD (pronouns: she/her/hers)

Legislative Director

Council of the District of Columbia

Councilmember Trayon White, Sr., Office (Ward 8)

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Bill 23-289, Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020



THE AREA SHOWN THUS  IS SYMBOLICALLY DESIGNATED AS HANNAH HAWKINS WAY




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: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-289, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 19, 2020

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 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E., in Ward 8, as “Hannah Hawkins Way”.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Sufficient sign installation will cost approximately \$760, which the District Department of Transportation can absorb within its existing resources.

DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT
Committee of the Whole
July 21, 2020

A BILL

23-289

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E., as Hannah Hawkins Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Hannah Hawkins Way Designation Act of 2020”.

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, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 2200 block of Mount View Place, S.E., as “Hannah Hawkins Way.”.

Sec. 3. 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).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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