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

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson

Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** September 20, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Report on Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022"

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022" was referred, reports favorably thereon, with amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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#### I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On October 6, 2021 Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022" was introduced by Councilmember Gray to officially designate the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as depicted in the plat in the committee report, as Amin Muslim Street, N.E and the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as depicted in the plat in the committee report, as Denise Stanley Street, N.E. The location is in Ward 7. An official naming typically involves the designation of postal addresses and enables the placement of the primary entrance to residences or offices.

#### Official Naming

In 2020, the Council adopted legislation<sup>2</sup> to, in part, dedicate land for new public streets in as part of a D.C. Housing Authority redevelopment known as Kenilworth Courts. The streets dedicated are depicted in S.O. 16-23580, but at the time were not named. This legislation would

<sup>1</sup> Originally introduced as the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> D.C. Law 23-243, Omnibus Kenilworth Courts Redevelopment Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021.

designate official names for the new streets as Amin Muslim Street, N.E. and Denise Stanley Street, N.E.

Amin Muslim Street is the proposed name for the newly dedicated east-west street. Amin Muslim was a respected community leader in Ward 7. He served nearly three years with the Metropolitan Police Department as a community outreach coordinator supervisor. He previously served two terms on the Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizens Affairs under Mayor Vincent Gray. He had excellent communication skills and was especially able to connect with youth. In recognition of Mr. Muslim's efforts, a mentoring program for adolescents and youths was launched in his honor in 2019, dubbed "Amin's Angels." Mr. Muslim passed away in 2019.

Denise Stanley Street is the proposed name for the newly dedicated north-south street. Denise Stanley was a resident of the Kenilworth community for over 40 years and served as President of the Kenilworth Courts Resident Council for over 10 years. Ms. Stanley ran programs focused on seniors and children, including a back-to-school backpack giveaway, a summer meals program, a Mother's Day luncheon, and a Christmas toy giveaway. Ms. Stanley was honored at the 2016 Ward 7 Women of Excellence Awards. Ms. Stanley passed away in May of 2018.

#### Legal Background

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) ("Act") establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, naming public spaces, and other procedures related to streets and alleys. Specifically, the Act authorizes the Council to symbolically or officially designate or change the name of any public space in the District of Columbia, including streets and alleys.<sup>3</sup> In October 2016, the Act was amended to create a clear distinction between official and symbolic street and alley namings and to establish distinct processes and requirements for each type of naming.<sup>4</sup>

An "official name" refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,<sup>5</sup> whereas a symbolic name for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.<sup>6</sup> Streets that do not form an essential part of the rectangular system of streets shall be named after a prominent local feature in their vicinity, or by such other distinguishing designation as the Council may determine to be appropriate.." "Amin Muslim Street, N.E." and "Denise Stanley Street, N.E." will be official street designations.

The Act also establishes notice requirements for official designations. <u>First</u>, at least 15 days, but not more than 60 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator of the proposed designation shall: 1) give written notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to each owner of property and household occupying property that abuts the alley or street, or portion thereof,

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See D.C. Law 21-161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in DC Register Vol 63 and Page 12933.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.02(4).

proposed to be designated with an official name; and 2) post signs that indicate the date, time, and location of the Council hearing at each intersection with any other alley or street of the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated.<sup>8</sup> The initiator shall certify to the Council that the notice required has been given.<sup>9</sup> Second, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator shall submit a copy of the proposed legislation for review and comment to each Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") in which the portion of the alley or street to be designated is located.<sup>10</sup> Third, at least five days prior to the hearing, the initiator shall submit to the Council letters or a petition in support of the proposal that have been signed by a majority of the owners of property and households occupying property that abuts the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated with an official name.<sup>11</sup>

Lastly, prior to consideration of a designation by the Council, the Mayor shall provide to the Council a surveyor's plat of the alley or street and adjacent properties. 12

Regarding Bill 24-436, the spirit of the notice and posting requirements were met by the initiator. Provisions of Bill 24-145 will amend the current notice requirements to clarify ambiguities in the current process in the law. Therefore, the Committee recommends adoption of the Bill 24-436, notwithstanding the notice requirement. The petition requirement was met – the entirety of the lots abutting the new streets are owned by the D.C. Housing Authority.

After the official street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, DDOT will install signage indicating the official name of the alley or street or portion thereof, and remove signs, if any, with a previous name.<sup>13</sup> The Mayor shall update relevant records of the District of Columbia to reflect the official name of an alley or street, or portion thereof, including: Fire and Emergency Medical Service records, Homeland Security and Emergency Management records, District of Columbia maps, and any other record that the District of Columbia uses for way-finding or address purposes.<sup>14</sup> The Mayor shall also notify the United States Postal Service, other relevant government agencies as determined by the Mayor, and relevant private sector entities.<sup>15</sup> Additionally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of the legislation and the Surveyor's plat in the Office of the Surveyor.<sup>16</sup>

Officially designating these two streets as Amin Muslim Street, N.E. and Denise Stanley Street, N.E. will be a fitting tribute to both of these respected community leaders. For these reasons, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(b).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21 (d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f). However, if the Mayor or a Councilmember introduces the designation without an initiator, then the petition requirement does not apply. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(3). There is no previous name that the Committee is aware of.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

II.	LEGISLATIVE	CHRONOLOGY

October 6, 2021	Bill 24-436 the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022" is introduced by Councilmember Gray.
October 19, 2021	Bill 24-436 is "read" at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
October 22, 2021	Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 24-436 is published in the DC Register.
June 17, 2022	Notice of a Public Hearing on Bill 24-436 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
July 6, 2022	The Committee of the Whole holds a public hearing on Bill 24-436.

September 20, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 24-436.

#### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had "no objection" to the street naming in Bill 24-436.

#### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Dorothy Douglas, ANC 7D03, in which the proposed official designation is located, sent a July 15, 2021 letter to Councilmember Vincent Gray noting her support for the proposed designation. The letter went on to say that "To my knowledge, none of the ANC 7D commissioners object to the proposed street names." The letter is attached.

#### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills, including Bill 24-436, on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 24-436.

Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

Leila Batties, Counsel, Kenilworth Revitalization I JV, LLC (Holland and Knight, LLP), testified in support of the designations and provided background on Mr. Muslim and Ms. Stanley.

*Silas Grant, Public Witness*, testified in support of the legislation with respect to Amin Muslim Street and spoke of Mr. Muslim's work in the community.

**Dorothy Douglas, Commissioner, ANC 7D03**, testified in support both proposed designations. In particular, she spoke to the need to use both the first and last name for both street names to distinguish them from other similarly named streets.

Carl Smith, Former President, Kenilworth Residential Council, testified in support of both designations. He described both Mr. Muslim and Ms. Stanley as mentors to him and spoke to their work in the community.

*Cornelia Mack, Public Witness*, spoke in support of the legislation, and specifically to the street name for Ms. Stanley. She thanked everyone who worked to make the legislation possible.

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division, Office of the Director, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had "no objection" to the street naming in Bill 24-436.

#### VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 24-436 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01<sup>17</sup> authorizes the Council to designate any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.02 authorizes the Council to designate an official name for a street." Further, the Act provides that, with limited exception, no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years. <sup>19</sup> Both Mr. Muslim and Ms. Stanley passed away more than two years ago.

#### V. RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ANALYSIS

#### VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is an estimated \$65 per official sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation, totaling \$950. The cost of Bill 24-436 can be absorbed.

#### VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of Bill 24-436.

Section 2 Officially designates the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.02.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as depicted in the plat in the committee report, as Amin Muslim Street, N.E and the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as depicted in the plat in the committee report, as Denise Stanley Street, N.E (as depicted in the attached plat).

Section 3 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 24-436 as introduced.
- 2. Written Testimony.
- 3. Application Materials.
- 4. Surveyor's Plat.
- 5. Racial Equity Impact Analysis for Bill 24-436.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 24-436.
- 7. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 24-436.
- 8. Committee Print for Bill 24-436.

#### 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: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Subject: Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Wednesday, October 06, 2021. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021", B24-0436

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gray

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

Attachment cc: General Counsel Budget Director

Legislative Services



#### A BILL

#### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To designate the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in 1 Ward 7, as Amin Muslim Street and the street in Square 5116 that connects to Quarles 2 Street, N.E., in Ward 7, as Denise Stanley Street. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this 5 act may be cited as the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021". 6 7 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401 and 421 of the Street and Alley Closing Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-8 204.01 and 9-204.21) ("Act"), and notwithstanding section 402 of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 9 9-204.02), the Council designates the new public street in Square 5116 that runs east and west 10 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as shown on the plat 11 12 recorded in Book 218, Page 4, "Amin Muslim Street".

13	Sec. 3. Pursuant to sections 401 and 421 of the Street and Alley Closing Acquisition
14	Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-
15	204.01 and 9-204.21) ("Act"), and notwithstanding section 402 of the Act (D.C. Official Code §
16	9-204.02), the Council designates the new public street in Square 5116 that runs north and south
17	parallel to 45th Street and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as shown on the plat recorded in
18	Book 218, Page 4, "Denise Stanley Street".
19	Sec. 4. Implementation of street designations.
20	(a)(1) The name designated pursuant to Sec. 2 shall be the official name of the street
21	described in that section and the name designated pursuant to section 3 shall be the official name
22	of the alley described in that section.
23	(2) For the purposes of this act, the term "official name" means the legal
24	designation of the alley for mailing address and other official purposes.
25	(b) The Mayor shall:
26	(1) Update relevant records of the District of Columbia to reflect the official
27	names of the alleys, including:
28	(A) Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department records;
29	(B) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency records;
30	(C) District of Columbia maps; and
31	(D) Any other record of the District of Columbia used for way finding or
32	address purposes;
33	(2) Notify the United States Postal Service, other relevant government agencies,
3/1	and relevant private sector entities of the official names of the streets: and

35	(3) Install signage indicating the official names of the alleys using procedures
36	established by the District Department of Transportation, and remove any signs with a previous
37	name.
38	Sec. 5. Transmittal.
39	The Council shall transmit a copy of the act, upon its effective date, to the Mayor, the
40	District Department of Transportation, and the Office of the Surveyor.
41	Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.
42	The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement in the
43	committee report as required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
44	approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).
45	Sec. 7. Effective date.
46	This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
47	Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
48	provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
49	24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
50	Columbia Register.

#### B24-0436 KENILWORTH COURTS STREET DESIGNATION ACT OF 2021

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Public Hearing July 6, 2022 at 9:30 am

Testimony of Attorney Leila Batties
Holland & Knight LLP
Counsel for Kenilworth Revitalization I JV, LLC

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers. For the record, my name is Leila Batties with the law firm of Holland & Knight, representing Kenilworth Revitalization I JV, LLC. This is an entity that is comprised of the Warrenton Group and Michaels Development Company, the development partners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA).

I would like to provide some brief remarks in support of B24-0436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021".

This legislation seeks to name two newly constructed public streets in Square 5116 in Ward 7. The first street runs east and west between 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NE and Kenilworth Avenue, NE, and would be named **Amin Muslim Street**. Before his death in 2019, Amin Muslim served nearly three years as a supervisory community outreach coordinator with the Metropolitan Police Department. He also served two terms on Mayor Vincent Gray's Commission on Reentry Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizens Affairs. With excellent communication skills and a special ability to connect with the youth, Mr. Muslim repeatedly proved to be an invaluable resource to the community and the city at-large. In recognition of Mr. Muslim's many notable efforts, a mentoring

program for DC adolescents and young adults called "Amin's Angel's" was recently launched in 2019 and named in his honor.

The second street runs north and south parallel to 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NE and Kenilworth Avenue, NE, and would be named **Denise Stanley Street**. The late Denise Stanley was the Kenilworth Courts Resident Council President for over 10 years, and was a resident of the community for over 40 years. She made her mark running programs focused on seniors and children including a back to school backpack giveaway, a summer meals program, a Mother's Day luncheon, and a Christmas toy giveaway. Ms. Stanley was honored at the 2016 Ward 7 Women of Excellence Awards. She passed away in May of 2018.

As background, the land for the streets was dedicated as part of the planned unit development ("PUD") and related Zoning Map amendment approved by the Zoning Commission pursuant to Zoning Commission Order No. 15-21. The PUD and Zoning Map amendment will facilitate the redevelopment of the 14.24-acre Kenilworth Courts residential community, which is controlled by the DCHA. Overall, the approved PUD will provide up to 530 residential units, including public housing replacement units, tax credit rental units, and market-rate units for rent and sale. Notably, the majority of the approved housing units will be affordable. The first phase is currently under construction and will provide up to 166 new residential units, ranging from one to five bedroom units. The first phase also involves approximately 2,980 square feet of non-residential uses, which will include a grocer, food co-op, or fresh food use.

To date, we are unaware of any objections to the proposed street designations. The passage of the street naming legislation is time sensitive because until the streets are named, the subdivision plat for the Phase 1 property cannot be finalized and recorded. As such, we respectfully urge your support for the timely passage of the legislation.

Thank you very much for your time and attention this morning.

#### **Silas Grant - Mentee of the late Amin Muslim**

Greetings. I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 24-436, which would designate the street between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as Amin Muslim Street. Amin's legacy in the city as a connector reigns supreme. There are very people who have ever been able to connect others and communicate effectively with everyone in the fashion that the late, great Amin Muslim did. It is fitting that his legacy is being upheld with a street renaming. While one block on one street doesn't represent a significant impact in the grand scheme of things, take out one block and you will see how much more difficult it is to navigate an area. Using directions to get to your destination requires following each step to a tee. One missing step can leave you completely lost. Despite how insignificant you see each step being when analyzed alone, together those steps are powerful.

Amin looked at his life as if he were that one street in a series of streets that would be driven on in the process of getting to a destination. He never saw himself as overly important individually. But he played his role diligently because he knew that standing on guard and being in position to help just as a street sign does gave so many Washingtonians "direction". Amin was my mentor. He was an admirable man that fundamentally improved my life with his wisdom and sage advice. Currently, I work on the Council. A part of my work involves interacting with thousands of residents. Until this day, I have not seen anyone duplicate the effectiveness of constituent service related work to mirror or come close to the approach that Amin had. Much of my work is informed by what I observed from Amin as he loved on every person he engaged with. He was the ultimate connector. He was a connector to resources, people, and ideas. Many thanks to the members of the Council who are supporting this effort to honor his life. Peace and blessings to his family. And may the legacy of Amin Muslim live on forever.

-Silas Grant-

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District Department of Transportation



#### Public Hearing on

Bill 24-417, the "Theresa Howe Jones Way Designation Act of 2021"
Bill 24-422, the "Torres Strait Way Designation Act of 2021"
Bill 24-427, the "River Rock Court Designation Act of 2021"
Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021"
Bill 24-528, the "W. Cardell Shelton Way Designation Act of 2021"
Bill 24-736, the "Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022"

Bill 24-761, the "Overbeck Alley Designation Act of 2022"

Testimony of
Dan Emerine
Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs Division
District Department of Transportation

Before the Committee of the Whole Council of the District of Columbia

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 9:30 a.m. Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20004







Good morning, Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Dan Emerine, Manager of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Division 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 Everett Lott regarding Bill 24-417, the "Theresa Howe Jones Way Designation Act of 2021"; Bill 24-422, the "Torres Strait Way Designation Act of 2021"; Bill 24-427, the "River Rock Court Designation Act of 2021"; Bill 24-436, the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021"; Bill 24-528, the "W. Cardell Shelton Way Designation Act of 2021"; Bill 24-736, the "Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022"; and Bill 24-761, the "Overbeck Alley Designation Act of 2022."

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-417** is to symbolically designate the 4020 block of First Place, S.W., in Square 6172, in Ward 8, as *Theresa Howe Jones Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 4020 block of First Place, S.W. 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 24-422** is to *symbolically* designate the alleyway between 1601 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. and 1603 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., in Ward 2, as *Torres Strait Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this

testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the alleyway between 1601 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. and 1603 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Sufficient signage requires one sign, totaling \$190, as the alleyway only has one entrance.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-427** is to *officially* designate the public alley system within Square 969, bounded by 10th Street, S.E., Independence Avenue, S.E., 11th Street, S.E., and C Street, S.E. in Ward 6, as *River Rock Court*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated alley. Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-436** is to designate the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward 7, as *Amin Muslim Street* and the street in Square 5116 that connects to Quarles Street, N.E., in Ward 7, as *Denise Stanley Street*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated streets. Sufficient signage requires five total signs, totaling \$950. DDOT notes that, as introduced, the bill does not make explicit whether the designation is symbolic or official. For purposes of this testimony, DDOT assumes the designation is official, but recommends that the committee specify the type of designation.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-528** to *symbolically* designate the 100 block of Upsal Street, S.E., in Square 6094, in Ward 8, as *W. Cardell Shelton Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-

generated map highlighting the 100 block of Upsal Street, S.E. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-736** is to *symbolically* designate the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126, in Ward 8 as *Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way, S.E.* For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. Sufficient signage requires one sign, totaling \$190, as the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. only has one entrance.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-761** is to *officially* designate a portion of the public alley system within Square 1009, bounded by 12th Street, N.E., D Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6, as *Overbeck Alley*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated alley. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380. The portion of the public alley system addressed in the bill only has two entrances where DDOT would normally post signs: one at the north entrance of the alley, and the other at the south entrance of the alley.

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

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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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June 27, 2022

#### **VIA E-MAIL**

The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building, Suite 504 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Re: B24-0436 – Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021 Certification of Compliance with DC Code § 9-204.21(b) and Request for Limited Waiver for Posting

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On behalf of the Warrenton Group and Michaels Development Company (Kenilworth Revitalization IJV, LLC), the development partners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (collectively, the "Initiator"), we hereby submit this correspondence pursuant to DC Code § 9-204.21(e) to certify compliance with the notice requirements under DC Code § 9-204.21(b). The public hearing on the above-referenced legislation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

As shown on the plat and the property owner list attached at **Exhibit A**, the Initiator owns all of the property abutting the streets to be designated. Thus, the Initiator is not required to provide written notice as required under subparagraph (b)(1). As demonstrated by the affidavit of posting and accompanying photographs attached at **Exhibit B**, the Initiator posted four (4) signs at the appropriate intersections in accordance with subparagraph (b)(2). However, the signs were posted on Monday, June 27, 2022, which is less than 15 days before the date of the Council hearing. Accordingly, we respectfully request a waiver from DC Code § 9-204.21(b)(2), which requires the posting to occur not less than 15 days before the date of the Council hearing.

The Initiator believes that a waiver is justified for several reasons. First, the Initiator owns all of the abutting lots. Second, the Notice of Public Hearing was only just issued on June 14, 2022, and the Initiator did not learn of the Notice of Public Hearing until after the 15-day posting deadline

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had passed. Third, the legislation has been pending for a considerable amount of time. Finally, the street naming has support from community stakeholders. A copy of the letter of support provided by the then Single-Member District Representative, which was also signed by the Kenilworth Courts Resident Council President, is attached hereto at **Exhibit C**.

For the aforementioned reasons, we believe that the grant of a limited waiver would not be prejudicial or contrary to the intent of the notice requirement under subparagraph (b)(1). Thank you for your considerate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

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Leila M. Jackson Batties

Christopher S. Cohen

Attachments

cc: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray c/o Mr. Terrance Norflis

(via e-mail; w/ attachments)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The bill was first introduced by Councilmember Gray over seven months ago, on October 6, 2021, and shortly thereafter referred to the Committee of the Whole on October 19, 2021. The Notice of Intent to Act on the legislation was published in the District of Columbia Register on October 22, 2021 (68 DCR 11024).

## **EXHIBIT A**

STREET DEDICATION, PUBLIC ALLEY CLOSED AND BUILDING RESTRICTION LINES ELIMINATED SQUARE 5116 23-604 , EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_1/13, 20\_21 , THE ALLEY SHOWN THUS: IS CLOSED AND TITLE VESTS AS SHOWN UPON RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT. PURSUANT TO D.C. LAW 23-604, EFFECTIVE 1/13, 2021, THE LAND SHOWN THUS: | IS DEDICATED IN FEE SIMPLE FOR STREET THE BUILDING RESTRICTION LINES ARE HEREBY ELIMINATED AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT. OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR, D.C. \_\_\_\_\_January 19, 20<u>21</u> OF-175 OF-178 OF-179 SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, D.C. Made for: SAUL EWING Drawn by: L.E.S. Checked by: \_ Record and computations by: \_\_\_\_B. MYERS Recorded at: <u>11:40 a.m. on January 19, 2021</u> Recorded in Book <u>218</u> Page <u>4</u> Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet File No. 16-23580 2016/STREET\_DEDICATION/SR-16-00938-SQ.5116

#### Exhibit A

### Ownership of Lots in Square 5116

as reflected on Street Dedication, Public Alley Closed and Building Restriction Lines Eliminated
Source: https://mytax.dc.gov//

Lot Number	Owner
OF-173*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-174*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-175*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-176*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-177*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-178*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
OF-179*	District of Columbia Housing Authority
172	District of Columbia Housing Authority
180	District of Columbia Housing Authority
841	First Liens LLC
161	Ray, Alice G.
187	Patalapati, Bhaskar A.
158	Williams, Benjamin
157	Williams, Benjamin
844	Szanto, Kyra M.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes lot that abuts street to be designated with an official street name

## **EXHIBIT B**

### BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL

In re: Bill 24-0436 ("Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2021")

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

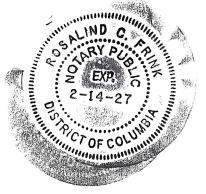
I, Freda Zamer-Hobar, on June 27, 2022, personally posted four (4) public hearing notice signs indicating the date, time and location of the public hearing for Bill No. 24-0436 at the appropriate intersections in accordance with D.C. Code § 9-204.21(b)(2). Photographs of the signs have been taken for the record and are attached hereto.

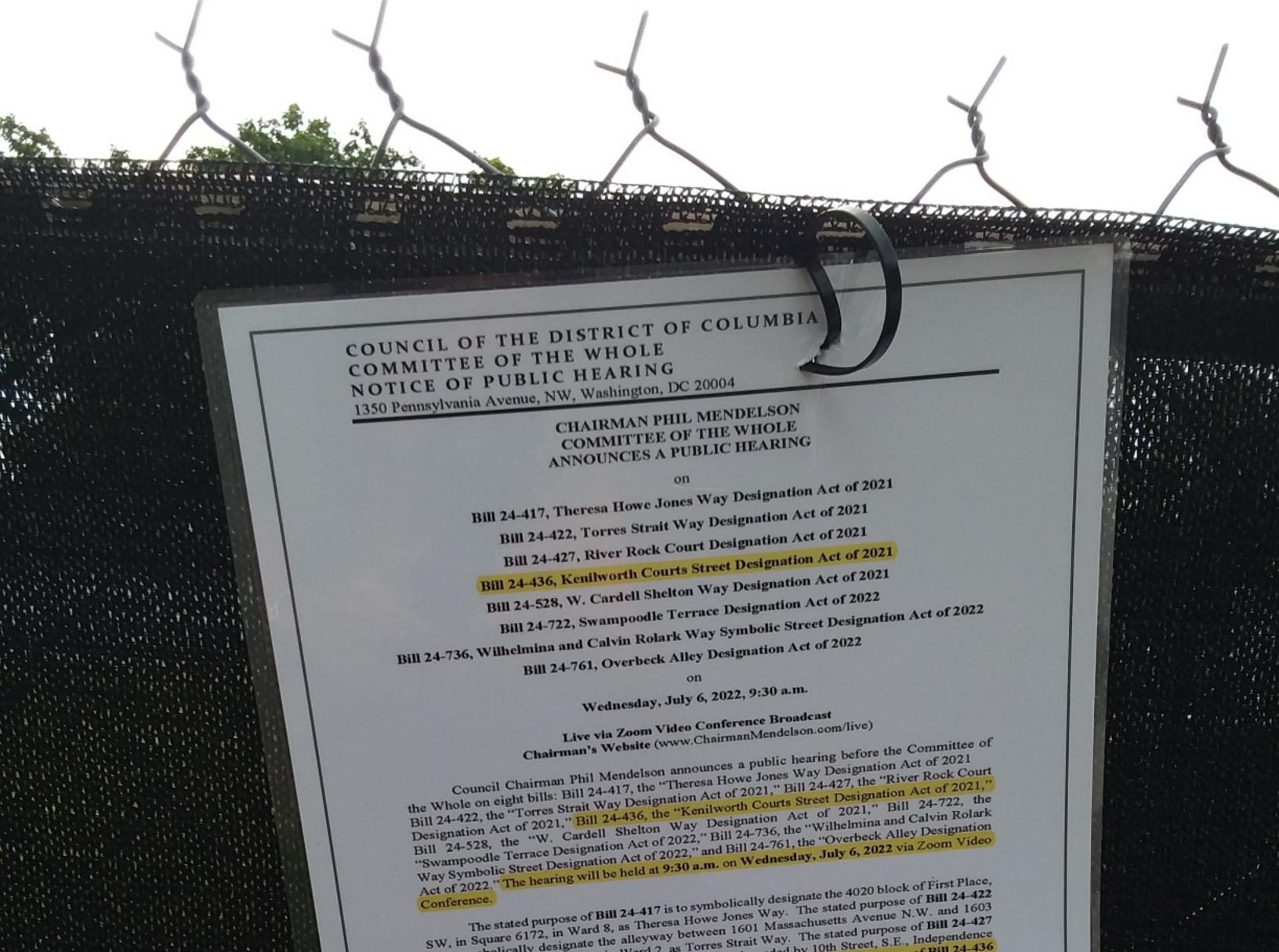
Freda Zamer-Hobar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of June 2022.

Notary Public, D.C.

My commission expires:



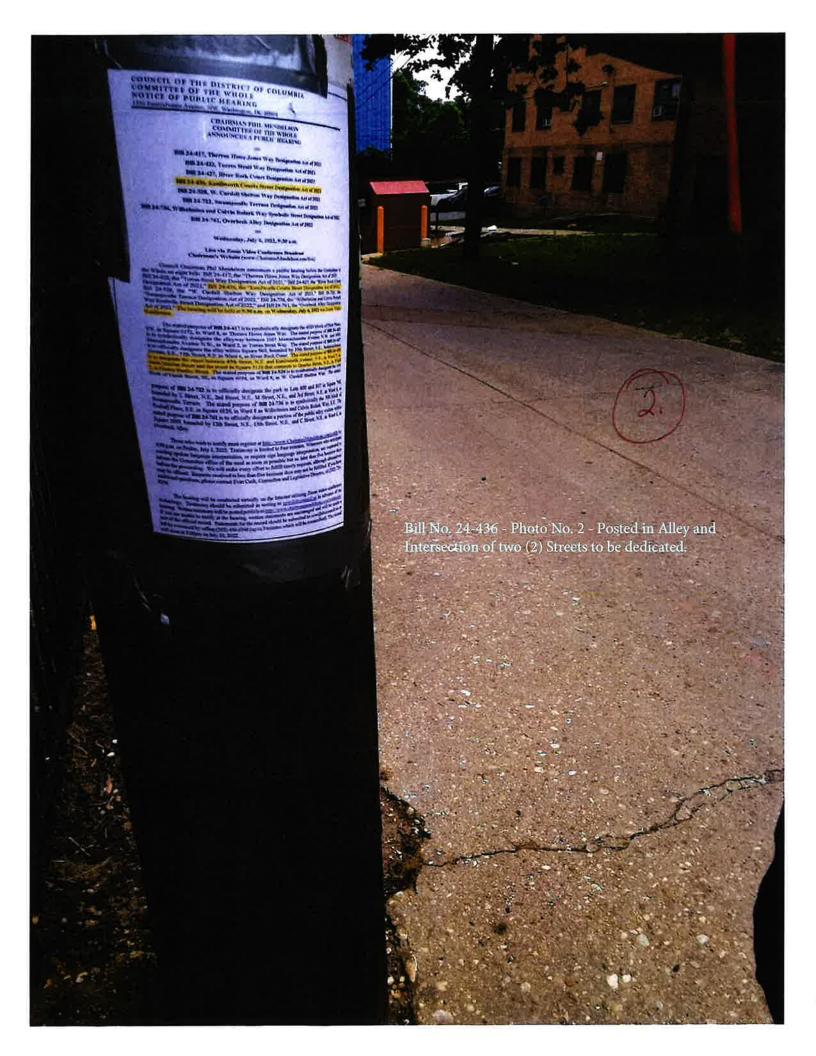


The stated purpose of **Bill 24-417** is to symbolically designate the 4020 block of First Place, SW, in Square 6172, in Ward 8, as Theresa Howe Jones Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-427** is to symbolically designate the alleyway between 1601 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. and 1603 is to symbolically designate the alleyway between 1601 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., in Ward 2, as Torres Strait Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-427** Massachusetts Avenue N.W., in Ward 2, as Torres Strait Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-436** Massachusetts Avenue within Square 969, bounded by 10th Street, S.E., Independence is to officially designate the alley within Square 969, bounded by 10th Street, N.E., in Ward 7, as Avenue, S.E., 11th Street, S.E. in Ward 6, as River Rock Court. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-436** is to designate the street between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward is to designate the street between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., in Ward 3, as Denise Stanley Street. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-528** is to symbolically designate the 100 Amin Muslim Street and the street in Square 6094, in Ward 8, as W. Cardell Shelton Way. The stated block of Upsal Street, SE, in Square 6094, in Ward 8, as W. Cardell Shelton Way.

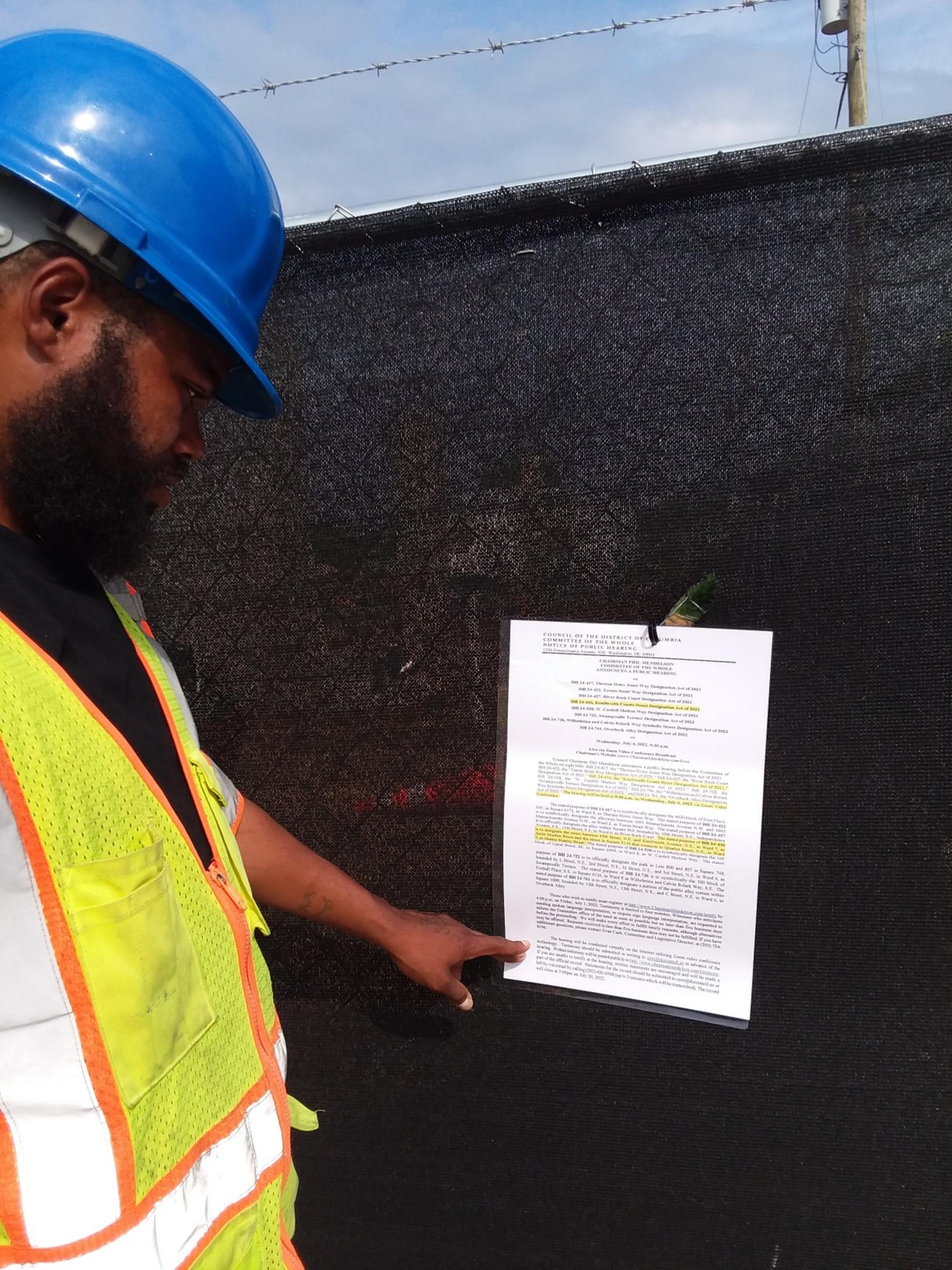
purpose of **Bill 24-722** is to officially designate the park in Lots 800 and 807 in Square 748, bounded by L Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E., M Street, N.E., and 3rd Street, N.E. in Ward 6, as Swampoodle Terrace. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-736** is to symbolically the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126, in Ward 8 as Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way, S.E. The Stated purpose of **Bill 24-761** is to officially designate a portion of the public alley system within stated purpose of **Bill 24-761** is to officially designate a portion of the public alley system within Square 1009, bounded by 12th Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6, as Square 1009, bounded by 12th Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6, as

Those who wish to testify must register at <a href="http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify">http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify</a> by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022. Testimony is limited to four minutes. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days inform the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Cash, Committee and Cash, C

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to <a href="cow@decouncil.us">cow@decouncil.us</a> in advance of the technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to <a href="cow@decouncil.us">cow@decouncil.us</a> in advance of the technology. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <a href="http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony">http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony</a>. Hearing. Written testimony will be made a lif you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted to <a href="https://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony">com/testimony</a>. The record left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on July 20, 2022.







## **EXHIBIT C**

#### Commissioner Dorothy Douglas Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D-03

July 15, 2021

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Re: Support for Naming of New Public Streets in Kenilworth Courts PUD

Dear Councilmember Gray:

As the Single Member District representative for the property that includes the Kenilworth Courts Planned Unit Development ("PUD"), I am pleased to offer my support for the proposed official naming of two newly created streets within the development:

- The first street runs east and west between 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NE and Kenilworth Avenue, NE, and would be named **Amin Muslim Street**.
- The second street runs north and south parallel to 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NE and Kenilworth Avenue, NE, and would be named **Denise Stanley Street**.

The land for the streets was dedicated to the District in connection with the PUD and related Zoning Map amendment approved by the Zoning Commission pursuant to Zoning Commission Order No. 15-21. The zoning approval will facilitate the redevelopment of the 14.24-acre Kenilworth Courts residential community, which is controlled by the DC Housing Authority. The City Council accepted the dedication of land for the new public streets by virtue of D.C. Act 23-584, the "Omnibus Kenilworth Courts Redevelopment Act of 2020."

To my knowledge, none of the ANC 7D commissioners object to the proposed street names. I will present the proposal at an upcoming ANC meeting. In the meantime, I respectfully urge your support of legislation for the proposed street names.

Sincerely.

Dorothy Donglas

Single-Member District Representative, ANC 7D-03

cc:

Chairman Phil Mendelson

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2022/STREET- NAMING SR-22-0000 - ("DENISE STANLEY STREET, N.E. □ AMIN MUSLIM STREET, N.E. ")

1	DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT
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15	To officially designate the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth
16	Avenue, N.E. as Amin Muslim Street and the street in Square 5116 that connects to
17 18	Quarles Street, N.E. as Denise Stanley Street.
19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
20	act may be cited as the "Kenilworth Courts Street Designation Act of 2022".
21	Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 402(4), and notwithstanding section 421 of the Street
22	and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law
23	4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.02(4), and 9-204.21), the Council officially
24	designates the street in Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as
25	depicted in the plat in the committee report, as "Amin Muslim Street, N.E" and the street in
26	Square 5116 between 45th Street, N.E. and Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., as depicted in the plat in
27	the committee report, as "Denise Stanley Street, N.E.".
28	Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.
29	The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
30	impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
31	approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).
32	Sec. 4. Effective date.
33	This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
34	Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as

- 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.