

**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: October 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon with technical amendments and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On March 29, 2022, Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022” was introduced by Councilmember Trayon White joined by Chairman Mendelson and seven other Councilmembers. This bill would symbolically designate the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126 as Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way. The location is in Ward 8. A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Wilhelmina Jackson was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on September 17, 1916. Following her graduation from high school, she attended Howard University where she earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in political science. She began her career working for the National Negro Congress, an organization founded in 1936 to address police brutality and later advocate for better

conditions for domestic workers.¹ She graduated from the Robert H. Terrell Law School in 1944 and opened her own private law practice in 1947. Wilhelmina Jackson met Calvin W. Rolark in 1960 and the two married in 1963.

Calvin Rolark was born in Texas in 1927. He earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Prairie View College in Texas, and also attended Tennessee State University, Michigan State University, and Cornell University. After moving to the District in the 1950s, in 1964 he established the *Washington Informer*, a weekly newspaper serving the African-American community.² Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark were inseparable in life and worked in tandem to improve the lives of the poor and disadvantaged in the District of Columbia. In 1969, the Rolarks founded the United Black Fund of Greater Washington (UBF) to serve the unmet needs of mostly small and struggling Black and Latino non-profits which were not served by what would become the United Way. UBF would go on to become the first Black non-profit organization to participate in the federal government's Combined Federal Campaign.

In 1976, Wilhelmina J. Rolark was elected to the Ward 8 seat on the Council of the District of Columbia—the second person to hold the position – and she would serve four consecutive terms through 1992. During her time on the Council, Mrs. Rolark chaired several committees including the Committee on Employment and Economic Development, the Committee on Public Service and Consumer Affairs, and the Committee on the Judiciary. She also served on the Sentencing Guidelines Commission of the D.C. Superior court.³ She was responsible for legislation including the creation of an office overseeing District energy concerns, and important banking laws.

Both Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark worked tirelessly to make the District, and especially Ward 8, a better place to live and work for residents through their work and philanthropic efforts. Dr. Rolark worked to establish more UBF affiliates in more than 30 states and supported projects in Africa and the Caribbean through UBF International.⁴ Calvin Rolark unexpectedly passed away from a heart attack on October 23, 1994 at the age of 67.⁵ Upon his death, Wilhelmina Rolark was unanimously elected as the President and Chief Executive Officer of UBF for the next two years. She also served on the National Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Wilhelmina Rolark passed away on February 16, 2006.⁶

¹ DC Historic Preservation Office, "Civil Rights Tour: Political Empowerment - Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark, Crusaders for Justice," DC Historic Sites (available at <https://historicsites.dcpreservation.org/items/show/1058>)

² WI Guest Author, *In Memoriam: Dr. Calvin W. Rolark Sr.*, WASHINGTON INFORMER, May 17, 2017. (available at <https://www.washingtoninformer.com/in-memoriam-dr-calvin-w-rolark-sr/>) [hereinafter WI]

³ The History Makers, "Wilhelmina Rolark: Biography," (available at <https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/wilhelmina-rolark-38>). [hereinafter History Makers]

⁴ WI *supra* note 2.

⁵ Avis Thomas-Lester, *D.C. Publisher, Activist Calvin W. Rolark Dies*, WASHINGTON POST, October 24, 1994 (available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1994/10/24/dc-publisher-activist-calvin-w-rolark-dies/96218d39-d7fb-47e4-8c0e-66dd3a9a2271/>)

⁶ History Makers *supra* note 3.

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.⁷ 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.⁸

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,⁹ whereas a “symbolic name” for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.¹⁰ An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”¹¹ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”¹² As established by Bill 24-736, “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way” is a symbolic alley designation of the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126.

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.

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 names¹³

Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark resided on the 500 block of the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. during their careers serving the community. Symbolically designating that block as Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way is a fitting tribute to honor both of their legacies. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approval of Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

September 16, 2013 Bill 20-435, the “Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark Way Designation Act of 2013” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of Mayor Gray.

⁷ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

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

⁹ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

¹⁰ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

¹¹ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹² D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

¹³ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

- November 14, 2013 The Committee of the Whole holds a public hearing on Bill 20-435.
- September 19, 2017 Bill 22-463, the “Rolark Place and Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark Way Designation Act of 2017” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson and three other Councilmembers.
- December 14, 2017 The Committee of the Whole holds a public hearing on Bill 20-435.
- March 29, 2022 Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022” is introduced by Councilmember T. White with Chairman Mendelson and seven other Councilmembers.
- April 5, 2022 Bill 24-736 is officially read at a Legislative Meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is complete
- April 8, 2022 Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 24-736 is published in the *DC Register*.
- June 17, 2022 Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-736 is published in the *DC Register*.
- July 6, 2022 The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 24-736.
- October 18, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 24-736.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic street namings in Bill 24-736. DDOT testified at the hearing that the cost of the signage contemplated in the bill is \$190. His testimony is attached.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received not testimony or comments from and Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on Bill 24-736 on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. The testimony is summarized below. Copies of the written testimony are attached to this report.

Lafayette Barnes, Public Witness, testified in support of the proposed designation and described the namesakes as proud residents of Ward 8 who resided on the block that is the subject of the designation.

Denise Rolark-Barnes, Public Witness, testified in support of the legislation and spoke of her father, Calvin Rolark and her stepmother, Wilhelmina Rolark. She stated that this recognition would raise the profile of the Rolarks' contribution to their community.

Dan Emerine, Manager, Policy and Legislative Affairs, 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 24-736.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 24-736 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01¹⁴ 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."¹⁵ Bill 24-736 symbolically designates the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126 as Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way. Additionally, "a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza," such as proposed by Bill 24-736.¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ Wilhelmina Rolark passed away in 2006 and Calvin Rolark passed away in 1994.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

According to the October 17, 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement of the Chief Financial Officer, funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is estimated at \$190 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 24-736 can be absorbed.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of Bill 24-736.

Section 2 Symbolically designates the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126 as Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way.

¹⁴ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

¹⁵ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

¹⁶ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹⁷ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

Section 3 Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.

Section 4 Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

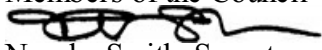
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 24-736 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Map of Proposed Designation.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 24-736.
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 24-736.
6. Committee Print for Bill 24-736.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, April 4, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022", B24-0736

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers T. White, Gray, Nadeau, Silverman, Allen, R. White, McDuffie, Henderson, and Chairman Mendelson

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

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

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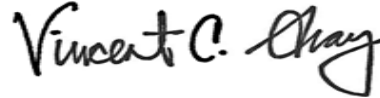
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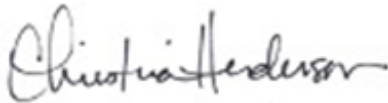
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35 Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way, S.E.

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37 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
38 act may be cited as the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of
39 2022”.

40 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401,403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
41 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C.
42 Official Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03, and 9-204.23) ("Act"), and notwithstanding the
43 requirements of section 42l(f) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.2l(f)), the Council
44 ceremonially designates the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126, in Ward 8 as
45 "Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way".

46 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

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

49 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

53 Sec. 5. Effective date.

54 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
55 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
56 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
57 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
58 Columbia Register.

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
Bill 24-736 the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way
Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022”**

Testimony of Denise Rolark Barnes
before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
Public Space Namings
July 6, 2022

Greetings, Councilmember Mendelson and members of the Committee of the Whole. It is indeed a sincere pleasure to sit before you once again to thank you you for introducing Bill 24-736, the “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022,” that, if passed, will symbolically designate the 500-block of Foxhall Place, S.E. as Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark Way, S.E.

I am proud to note that the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark is my father and Wilhelmina J. Rolark is my stepmother. They were proud homeowners of 524 Foxhall Place, S.E., for more than 30 years. It is the first and only home they owned together. They loved living on Foxhall in their small two-bedroom semi-detached house alongside neighbors who shared common interests. Their neighbors supported my stepmother's five campaigns for election to the Ward 8 Council seat. And it was those neighbors who served in leadership positions on her campaign committee, held fundraisers at their homes, rode in motorcades throughout the Ward, and worked on her staff when she was first elected in 1976.

When Dr. Calvin Rolark began the United Black Fund in 1969, he ensured a table was set-aside at each UBF Annual Awards Luncheon for his Foxhall Place neighbors. Many talented young people who grew up on the block performed at the UBF luncheons and various other functions in and outside the ward. And Dr. and Mrs. Rolark would

occasionally show up at the school of a Foxhall Place student to provide encouragement and support for their education, which was extremely important to both of them.

Wilhelmina Jackson Rolark, who died at 89 on February 14, 2006, was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. She was a 1937 graduate of Howard University, receiving her Bachelor of Arts and master's in Political Science. She worked for the Treasury Department during the day, while at night, she attended Robert H. Terrell Law School in Washington, D.C., where she earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1944. She practiced law in the District for more than 50 years and proudly served many years as secretary to the National Bar Association. She was also an active member of the Washington Bar Association. Her focus on gender bias in the legal profession, which she experienced, led her to establish the National Association of Black Women Attorneys, which supported the careers of African American women in the legal profession and provided mentoring for young women entering the field of law. She focused her career on civil rights and was praised as a champion for working people by the AFL-CIO. She was also remembered as a "Soldier for Home Rule" in an obituary published by The Washington Post.

Wilhelmina Rolark served on the D.C. City Council as the Ward 8 representative for four terms from 1977 to 1993. She chaired the committees on Employment and Economic Development, Public Service and Consumer Affairs, and the Judiciary Committee. She was a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission of the D.C. Superior Court. On the D.C. City Council, she oversaw the establishment of Cable Television in the District of Columbia. As chair of the Judiciary Committee, she fought for more police foot patrols and protections for juvenile defendants. In addition, she introduced legislation that created the D.C. Energy

Office, the Bank Depository Act. She established stricter drug laws that made selling certain drug paraphernalia in non-tobacco stores illegal.

Councilmember Rolark was also responsible for renaming two main streets in Ward 8: Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, formerly Nichols Avenue, and Malcolm X Avenue, formerly Portland Street. She co-founded the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Parade, her husband, Dr. Calvin Rolark, and radio talk show host and community activist Ralph Waldo “Petey” Green.

My father, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., a native of Texarkana, Texas, died on October 23, 1994. He was a community activist, journalist, and philanthropist. Before establishing The Washington Informer, he was among local activists, including Stokely Carmichael, Marion Barry, Reverend Douglass E. Moore, and others who found the Black United Front. They worked with the District’s first elected Mayor, Walter E. Washington, to help calm and protect the citizens of the District, and local businesses, from the violence that ensued following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in April 1964. The group also fought against police brutality and to end the MPD’s discriminatory practices in hiring and promoting African American police officers.

Dr. Rolark established The Washington Informer in 1964, one of the leading African American and community newspapers in the Washington area, now in its 57th year. He later went on to co-found the United Black Fund in April 1969.

To help meet the unmet needs of Washington area residents by providing support to local non-profit organizations, Dr. Rolark and UBF’s general counsel Attorney Wilhelmina Rolark fought the U.S. Civil Service Commission for UBFs inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign to solicit payroll deductions from federal employees. They worked tirelessly to

establish a fundraising partnership with the United Giver's Fund, now the United Way. Under Dr. Rolark's leadership, millions of dollars were raised to assist hundreds of local and small non-profit organizations serving residents of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, ages, and sexual orientations throughout the metropolitan area.

Though Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark are no longer with us, their legacy lives on with those who remember their innumerable contributions to this community.

New residents on Foxhall Place today never got to know the Rolarks, but this street designation will help keep their names and legacy alive. It will come with a sense of pride that while they dedicated their lives to helping others across this city, the nation, and the world, they always came home to Foxhall Place.

I cannot end without extending my appreciation to Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, who introduced this bill and similar bills recognizing Theresa Jones, a close friend and ally of the Rolarks, and Cardell Shelton, a noble fighter on behalf of minority contractors. Thanks to Councilmember White, residents will not have to change their addresses to honor the Rolarks. This symbolic street renaming is a win-win for everyone.

Dr. Rolark's mottos were, "No One Can Save Us For Us But Us"; and "If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me." I thank you, the committee, and the residents of Foxhall Place for your support of this long-overdue recognition.

Thank you.

July 3, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
The John Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am Lafayette Barnes, a longtime Ward 8 resident, husband of Denise Rolark Barnes, and a former employee of the District of Columbia who served in the Executive Offices of Mayors Anthony Williams, Adrian Fenty, Vincent Gray, and Muriel Bowser.

Today, I am presenting written testimony in support of Bill 24-736 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. As you know, Calvin and Wilhelmina were proud residents of Ward 8 who lived at 524 Foxhall Place, S.E. for over thirty years.

This is my second opportunity since December 2017 to testify before the Committee of the Whole in support of such legislation to recognize the tremendous contributions made by the former Ward 8 Councilmember Wilhelmina J. Rolark and Dr. Calvin W. Rolark to improve the quality of life in the District of Columbia and especially the underserved in Ward 8.

At a time when many D.C. residents do not know the Rolark's long history of public service to "Meet Unmet Needs" of Black folks in the District, the nation, and internationally, it is incumbent on all decent Washingtonians to promote public spaces that educate our community, especially the youth, about Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark and other distinguished African American trailblazers.

The public needs to know that Wilhelmina served for 16 years on the D.C. City Council during which she chaired the Committee on Employment and Economic Development. She led efforts to establish Cable TV and offer its first services to Ward 8 residents. She also chaired the Judiciary Committee where she passed legislation to reform the District government's sentencing guidelines, especially those affecting our youth.

The public needs to know that Calvin and Wilhelmina were a powerful team who founded the United Black Fund of Greater Washington which hosted the Annual UBF Victory Luncheon - a who's who event for Lottie, Dottie, and Everybody; the Annual MLK Jr. Parade; the Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet, and the I Love Life and I Want to Live Campaign. The Rolark's also established the renowned Washington Informer Newspaper which publishes positive weekly news about the African American community for over 55 years.

The passage of Bill 24-736, the Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Symbolic Street Designation Act of 2022 will help to educate and memorialize the distinguished legacy of the Rolark's and more importantly inspire other Washingtonians to pick up the banner of economic and social justice to move the District of Columbia onward and upward until victory is won. Again, I stand before you to urge the Committee of the Whole to pass Bill-24-736 to honor the Rolark's many contributions to the District of Columbia. This concludes my written testimony before you Chairman Mendelson and other members of the Committee of the Whole. I am available to answer questions that you might have at this time.

Thank you,
Lafayette A. Barnes

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
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Council of the District of Columbia

Wednesday, July 6, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
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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.

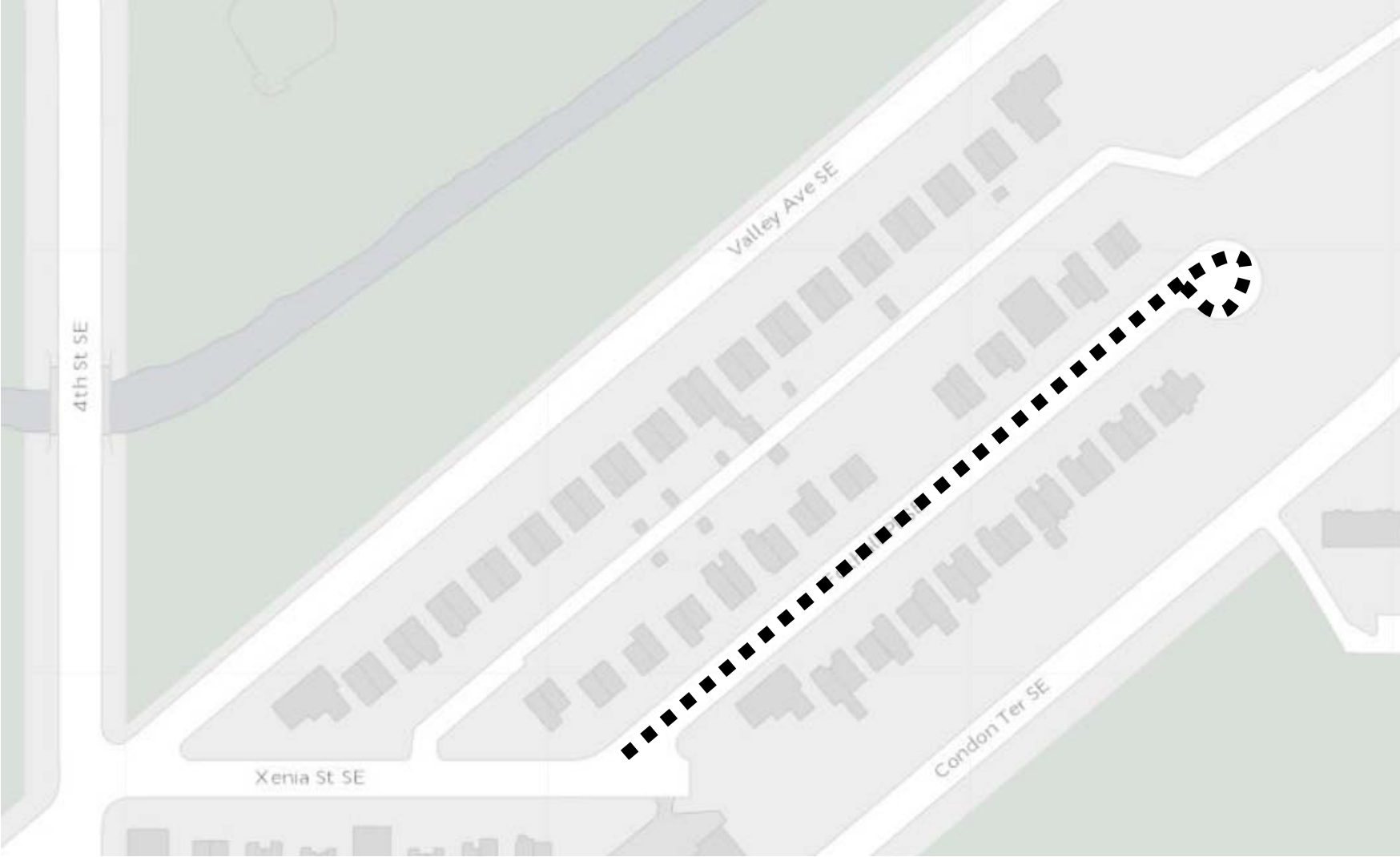
The stated purpose of **Bill 24-761** is to *officially* designate a portion of the public alley system within Square 1009, bounded by 12th Street, N.E., D Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6, as *Overbeck Alley*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony 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

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.

Bill 24-736, Wilhelmina and Calvin Way Designation Act of 2022



THE AREA SHOWN THUS ■ ■ ■ ■ IS SYMBOLICALLY DESIGNATED AS WILHELMINA AND CALVIN ROLARK WAY



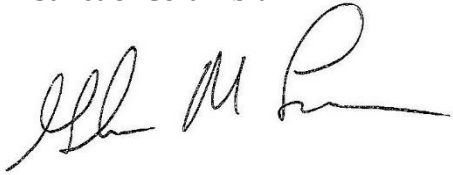
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Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way
Designation Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-736, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on October 7, 2022

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill symbolically designates the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E.¹, in Ward 8, as “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way”.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Signage for the new symbolic designation will cost \$190, which the District Department of Transportation can absorb within its budget.

¹ Located in Square 6126.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **October 18, 2022**

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15 To symbolically designate the 500 block of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126, as Wilhelmina
16 and Calvin Rolark 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 “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way Designation Act of 2022”.

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 500 block
23 of Foxhall Place, S.E. in Square 6126, as “Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark Way.”

24 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

28 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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