

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: February 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 25-7, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 25-7, the “Marion Barry Avenue 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 January 6, 2023 Bill 25-7, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”¹ was introduced by Councilmember Trayon White to officially redesignate Good Hope Road, S.E. as Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. The location is in Ward 8. An official naming typically involves the designation of postal addresses and enables the placement of the primary entrance to residences or offices.

Marion S. Barry, Jr. was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi on March 6, 1936.² As a youth, Mr. Barry was a boy scout and became one of the first African American Eagle Scouts in Memphis, Tennessee.³ Mr. Barry first became involved in the Civil Rights Movement during his undergraduate studies at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis where he served as president of the school’s NAACP chapter.⁴ After graduating in 1958, Mr. Barry went on to earn a Master’s in

¹ Originally introduced as the “Navy Place, S.E., Redesignation Act of 2021”

²*Timeline: The Life of Marion Barry*, WASH. POST, <https://wapo.st/2tRNrQh> (last visited Feb. 4, 2020).

³Arthur S. Brisbane, *Marion Barry Just Wants to be Loved*, WASH. POST (Apr. 26, 1987).

⁴Bart Barnes, *Marion Barry dies at 78; 4-Term D.C. mayor was the most powerful local politicians of his generation*, WASH. POST (Nov. 23, 2014) <https://wapo.st/37kJn8Z> [hereinafter Barnes].

Science in organic chemistry from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1960⁵ and was elected as the first chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (“SNCC”), where he helped develop an organizing project in Macomb, Mississippi. Mr. Barry also began his doctoral chemistry studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville as the only African American in the program.⁶ He left the program to pursue his new role at SNCC.⁷

Mr. Barry moved to Washington, DC in 1965 to open a local chapter of SNCC.⁸ Here, Mr. Barry organized peaceful street demonstrations and a boycott to protest bus fare increases.⁹ Mr. Barry also led the Free D.C. Movement that garnered support for Home Rule in the District. In 1967, he co-founded Pride, Inc., a program to provide job training to unemployed black men that later expanded to provide a variety of services to poor residents of the city.¹⁰

Mr. Barry went on to hold elected office in the District of Columbia for a total of 35 years, beginning with his first campaign victory as an at-large member of the School Board from 1971 through 1974.¹¹ He was elected president of the District of Columbia School Board in 1972.¹² While on the board, Mr. Barry advocated for a larger budget for education and raises for teachers. Following the Congressional enactment of Home Rule in 1974, Mr. Barry was elected as an at-large member of the District’s first elected council where he served until 1979.¹³

In 1978, Mr. Barry was elected the second Mayor of the District, serving three consecutive terms (1979-1990) and earning the moniker, “Mayor for Life.”¹⁴ Mr. Barry announced that he would not run for a fourth term in 1990.¹⁵ Mr. Barry was subsequently elected to District government as the Ward 8 Councilmember. He served in that role from 1993 to 1995. He then mounted a successful campaign for a fourth term as Mayor that he won in 1994. In 2005, after six years out of public office, Mr. Barry returned as Ward 8 Councilmember and served in that capacity until his death on November 23, 2014.

The Committee honored Mayor Barry after his passing by adopting legislation in 2017 to authorize a statue of him at the Wilson Building. In 2020 he was honored when the Council adopted legislation renaming the government building at Judiciary Square as the Marion S. Barry, Jr. Building. The Committee discussed in more detail the life, legacy, and contributions to the city of Mr. Barry in the Committee Reports accompanying those bills.¹⁶ While Marion Barry was at times a divisive figure in the District and nationally, his legacy also includes standing up and

⁵Barry, Marion Jr., BLACKPAST.ORG, <http://bit.ly/37qEUld> (last visited Feb. 11, 2020).

⁶Arthur S. Brisbane, *Marion Barry Just Wants to be Loved*, WASH. POST (Apr. 26, 1987).

⁷Barry, Marion Jr., BLACKPAST.ORG, <http://bit.ly/37qEUld> (last visited Feb. 11, 2020).

⁸Marc Fisher, *In ‘Mayor for Life,’ D.C.’s Marion Barry takes pride in himself*, WASH. POST (Jun. 15, 2014) <https://wapo.st/2UNn3SW> [hereinafter Fisher].

⁹*Timeline: The Life of Marion Barry*, WASH. POST, <https://wapo.st/2tRNrQh> (last visited Feb. 4, 2020).

¹⁰*Id.*

¹¹*Id.*

¹²Ima Moore, *Barry elected to School Board*, WASH. POST (Jan. 25, 1972), available at <https://wapo.st/2URoC1R>.

¹³Barnes *supra* note 4.

¹⁴Fisher, *supra* note 8

¹⁵H.R. Melton, *Barry Announces he Won’t Seek a 4th Term, Calls for the City’s Political ‘Healing’ to Begin*, WASH. POST (Jun. 14, 1990) <https://wapo.st/2SLd9P4>.

¹⁶Committee Report for Resolution 22-307 (effective December 8, 2017); Committee Report for D.C. Law 23-111 (effective July 24, 2020).

advocating for “the last, the least, and the lost.” His actions as both Mayor and Councilmember helped advance a generation of Washingtonians and provide them with lifelong opportunities.

The lands comprising the District of Columbia were originally settled by the Nacotchtank Native Americans. During the 17th century, Europeans began settling in the area as the Nacotchtank inhabitants were decimated by war and disease resulting from European immigration. European settlement expanded around the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers at Blue Plains in 1662 and Barry Farm in 1663. In 1664, Lord Baltimore (Cecil Calvert), founder of the Maryland Colony granted most of what is now Southeast Washington, D.C. to John Meeks in 1664. The area became part of the District of Columbia in 1791 after Congress adopted the Residence Act to establish the new federally owned capital district. Soon after, the Washington Navy Yard was established in the District on the western shore of the Anacostia.¹⁷

By the early 1800s, the Navy Yard was a major employer in the District creating a need for more housing in the area. In 1818 a private bridge was constructed over the Anacostia River near 11th Street, permitting development of land on the eastern shore. A road was built up connecting the new bridge with Upper Marlboro, Maryland. In 1820s, the Good Hope Tavern was established near the intersection of what is now Naylor Road and Alabama Avenue (formerly Bowen Road).¹⁸ The area grew into the town of Good Hope with a Post Office established in 1847.¹⁹

Map of the Roads in Washington County, D.C. 1870²⁰



Bill 25-7 will officially redesignate of Good Hope Road, S.E. as Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. As amended in the Committee Print, the western terminus of Marion Barry Road will be its intersection with Anacostia Park, and it will run approximately 1.4 miles west to its intersection with Alabama Avenue, S.E. There are well over 2,000 addresses along the proposed designation.

¹⁷ BRYAN, WILHELMUS BOGART. A HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL FROM ITS FOUNDATION THROUGH THE PERIOD OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ORGANIC ACT, 1914

¹⁸ JOHN DEFERRARI, HISTORIC RESTAURANTS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.: CAPITAL EATS (AMERICAN PALATE) (2013).

¹⁹ *Roadside Sketches*, THE EVENING STAR, November 14, 1891 at 7.

²⁰ D.C. Public Library Washingtonian Collection, <https://digdc.dclibrary.org/islandora/object/dcplislandora%3A205>

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.²¹ 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.²²

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,²³ whereas a symbolic name for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.²⁴ 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..²⁵ “Marion Barry Abenue, S.E.” will be an official street designation.

The Act also establishes notice requirements for official designations. First, 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, 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.²⁶ The initiator shall certify to the Council that the notice required has been given.²⁷ These notice requirements may be waived if the ANC has weighed in in support of the designation. 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.²⁸ 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.²⁹

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.³⁰

²¹ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

²² See D.C. Law 21-161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in DC Register Vol 63 and Page 12933.

²³ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

²⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

²⁵ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.02(4).

²⁶ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(b).

²⁷ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(e).

²⁸ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21 (d).

²⁹ 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).

³⁰ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

Regarding Bill 25-7, there was no notice via first class mail or signs posted. There was no resolution of support from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission, however some ANC Commissioners weighted in during the public hearing on the bill. There was no petition of abutting residences, however a petition of general support was shared with the Committee. The Committee Print exempts this designation from the relevant notice requirements. In addition, the Committee Print exempts this designation from the prohibition on officially designating more than one street or public space after the same individual.

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.³¹ 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.³² The Mayor shall also notify the United States Postal Service, other relevant government agencies as determined by the Mayor, and relevant private sector entities.³³ 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.³⁴

Amendments to the Committee Print

Due to the historic nature of the Good Hope Road designation, the Committee believes it is important to preserve the history of the designation and the community. Thus, the Committee recommends amending the Committee Print to symbolically designate the portion of what would now be Marion Barry Avenue as "Good Hope Way." The proposed designation would run from the intersection of Naylor Road, S.E. to Alabama Avenue, S.E., which is in the area formerly known as Good Hope. A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

In addition, the Committee Print adds provisions to provide for replacement government documents, such as drivers licenses, identification cards, motor vehicle registrations, and business licenses. If adopted by the full Council, the proposed redesignation to Marion Barry Avenue would be one of the largest street redesignations in the District, affecting thousands of residents and businesses along the 1.4 mile corridor. Drivers licenses, for example, currently cost \$20 for a reissued replacement. A letter from the District Department of Transportation (attached) outlines many of the costs that would be incurred if not waived by the legislation.

The Committee notes that the Committee Print waives several notice provisions that would normally apply to an official redesignation. Those waivers are described above. The Committee recommends waiving these provisions of law based on the recommendation of the Ward 8 Councilmember who introduced this bill, as well as based on input from many community supporters of the designation. The waiver of the notice requirements is mitigated by the provisions

³¹ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(3). There is no previous name that the Committee is aware of.

³² See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(1).

³³ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(2).

³⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

of the Committee Print to waive the various fees associated with a name change, meaning that impacted residents and businesses are held harmless for any costs incurred by the name change.

Conclusion

Officially redesignating Good Hope Road, S.E. as Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. is a fitting tribute to the Mayor for Life. The proposed designation would intersect with Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and would be just miles away from Malcom X Avenue. In all, three major thoroughfares in the Southeast neighborhood would be named for important civil rights icons revered by Washingtonians. For these reasons, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 25-7, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| October 24, 2022 | Bill 24-1064 the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022” is introduced by Councilmember Trayon White and 11 Councilmembers. |
| November 4, 2022 | Notice of a Public Hearing on Bill 25-7 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> . |
| January 6, 2023 | Bill 25-7 the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022” is introduced by Councilmember Trayon White and 11 Councilmembers. |
| January 13, 2023 | Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 25-7 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| January 17, 2023 | Bill 25-7 is “read” at a regular legislative meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official. |
| February 21, 2023 | The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 25-7. |

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 25-7.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

ANC 8A, in which the proposed official designation is located, voted on February 4, 2020 (4-3-0) to support renaming the street as “Marion Barry Avenue.”

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on Bill 24-1064, on Tuesday, December 13, 2024. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 24-1064 which was reintroduced as Bill 25-7. Pursuant to Council Rule 501(a)(2), a separate hearing shall not be required when a hearing on the same or a similar bill was held in the immediately preceding Council Period.

Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

Rev. Willie Wilson, Pastor Emeritus Union Temple Baptist Church, testified in support of the designation.

Salim Adofo, Chairperson, ANC 8C, testified in support of the designation.

Aristotle Theresa, Stoop Law, testified in support of the designation.

Jamila White, Public Witness, testified in support of the designation and noted that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A passed a resolution of support of the designation.

Dietrich Williams, Cofounder, Capital Hill Boys Club Arts Program, testified in support of the designation.

Tenika Brown, Cofounder, Bullying Is Not Dope, testified in support of the designation.

Rev. Anthony Motley, Ward 8 Resident, testified in support of the designation.

L. Jeannette Mobley, President, DC Democratic Women's Club, testified in support of the designation. In addition, Ms. Mobley read the testimony of Michael Rogers into the record in support of the designation.

Holly Muhammad, Commissioner, ANC 8A01, testified in support of the designation.

Graylin Presbury, Fairlawn Citizens Association, testified that the Fairlawn Citizens Association was dropping its opposition to the designation.

Barbara Cooper, Ward 8 Resident & President of Marbury Plaza Tenants United, testified in opposition to the designation and that Good Hope Road isn't a fitting road to name for Mr. Barry.

Robert Vinson Brannum, Commissioner 5E08, testified in support of the designation.

Pho Palmer Murphy, Public Witness, testified in support of the designation.

Carolyn Baker, Member, Anacostia Historic Association, testified that she has extreme respect for Marion Barry, but that there are more important issues affecting Ward 8 that should be considered by the Council and that any funds used to designate the new name should be reinvested in the community.

Lindsey Papion, Public Witness, testified in support of the designation.

Kemry Hughes, Public Witness, testified in support of the designation.

Ronald Williams, Ward 7 Resident and Ward 8 Business Owner on Good Hope Road, testified in support of the designation.

Carmel Henry-Smith, Vice President, NAACP DC Branch, testified in support of the designation.

Ronald Moten, Cofounder, Don't Mute DC, testified in support of the designation.

Monique Diop, Commissioner ANC 8D04, testified in support of the designation.

Barbara Jones, Public Witness, testified in support of the designation.

Calvin Hawkins, Member, Prince George's County Council, testified in support of the designation.

Norman Nixon, President, Mayors Youth Leadership Institute Alumni Association, testified in support of the designation.

Barbara Clark, Commissioner, ANC 8A, testified in support of the designation and that the street should be improved to reflect the honor.

Kymone Freeman, We Act Radio, testified in support of the designation.

Cedric Carter, Ceasefire Don't Smoke The Brothers and Sisters, testified in support of the designation.

Monica Ray, President, Congress Heights Community Association, testified in support of the designation.

Matthew Marcou, Chief of Staff, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the street naming in Bill 25-7.

The Committee received additional testimony for the record, which is available in the hearing record for Bill 24-1064.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 25-7 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01³⁵ 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.”³⁶ Further, the Act provides that, with limited exception, not more than one public space be named for the same person, and 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.³⁷

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

According to the February 21, 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement of the Chief Financial Officer, funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 budget and proposed fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 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 \$4,750, the cost of Bill 25-7 can be absorbed. The cost to other agencies is XX which cannot be absorbed.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of Bill 25-7.

Section 2 Officially redesignates Good Hope Road, S.E. as Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. (as depicted in the attached plat) and symbolically designates a portion of Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. as Good Hope Way.

³⁵ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

³⁶ D.C. Code § 9-204.02.

³⁷ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

- Section 3 Waives fees for new documents for residents and businesses necessitated by the redesignation.
- Section 4 States the applicability of the legislation is July 1, 2023, or upon the date of its inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, whichever is later.
- Section 5 Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.
- Section 5 Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day Congressional review language.

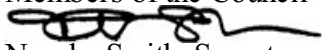
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 25-7 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Surveyor's Plat.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 25-7.
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 25-7.
6. Committee Print for Bill 25-7.

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, November 1, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, October 24, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022", B24-1064

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers T. White, Nadeau, Gray, Bonds, Henderson, Lewis George, McDuffie, R. White, Pinto, and Allen

CO-SPONSORED BY: Councilmember Silverman

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

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services

1 Janeese Lewis George
2 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

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4 K. R. McDuffie
5 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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12 BE Pinto
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16 Charles Allen
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Trayon White
Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

Brianne K. Nadeau
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Vincent C. Gray
Councilmember Vincent Gray

Anita Bonds
Councilmember Anita Bonds

Christina Henderson
Councilmember Christina Henderson

22 A BILL

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27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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31 To officially designate Good Hope Road S.E. within Squares 5769, 5768, 5767, 5766, 5765,
32 5764, 5763, 5619S, 5718S, 5612, 5611, 5606, 5627, 5763, 5630, 5635, 5631, 5734, and
33 5633 in Ward 7 and Ward 8 as Marion Barry Avenue S.E.

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35 BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
36 act may be cited as the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”.

37 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403, and 421 of the Street Alley Closing and Acquisition
38 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-
39 204.01, 9-204.03, and 9-204.21) (“Act”), and notwithstanding section 404 of the Act, the
40 Council officially designates the entire portion of Good Hope Road S.E. within Squares 5769,

1 5768, 5767, 5766, 5765, 5764, 5763, 5619S, 5718S, 5612, 5611, 5606, 5627, 5763, 5630, 5635,
2 5631, 5734, and 5633 in Ward 7 and Ward 8 as “Marion Barry Avenue S.E.”

3 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

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

6 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

7 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
8 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
9 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

10 Sec. 5. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
12 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
13 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
14 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of
15 Columbia Register.



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8A05
COMMISSIONER JAMILA WHITE**

December 19, 2022

RE: Renaming Good Hope Road SE to Marion Barry Jr. Ave SE

Chairperson Phil Mendelson
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004
Via Email

Dear Chairperson Mendelson,

This letter represents my testimony and support of renaming Good Hope Road S.E. to Marion Barry Jr. Avenue S.E.

The Honorable Marion Barry Jr. influenced, inspired, and has been a beacon of freedom worldwide. He started his career as a civil rights activist and founding member of The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), dedicating his life to humanity, liberation, justice, and self-determination, often costing him his freedom and blood during the Black Power and Civil Rights Movement. Marion Barry Jr. continued to work for Black liberation, serving as the only four-term Mayor and Councilmember. His work has impacted countless communities and families to obtain education, wealth, prosperity, pride, and community love. His legacy is vibrant today and unmatched.

We are stewards of the sacred native land of first nation people and Freedman's Land where our African Ancestors escaped enslavement. We have so much history, past and present, and our unique Black DC culture is part of why millions of tourists worldwide flock to the district each year. Renaming Good Hope Road to Marion Barry Jr. Ave reunites in spirit Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and Malcolm X, creating a Black Liberation triangle with Frederick Douglas House as the Northern Star, providing the opportunity and duty to invest and develop our arts, culture and innovation industry so that our residents are the ones to benefit from their own culture and allow residents to reclaim the narrative of East of the River through rebranding the community by the community. Helping to fulfill the dream these men and so many other ancestors and present liberators have fought, worked, and died for.

To fully honor his legacy and end the decades-long public health and human rights crisis on Good Hope Road, we ask for \$10 million for the emergency GHR Corridor Transformation Plan, which includes a one-year trauma-informed intervention plan to start addressing the root causes of this



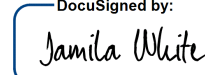
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COMMISSIONER JAMILA WHITE**

complex challenge and relocating the BHG clinic to a medical campus so patients can access safe and dignified care.

We envision the intervention would equally dedicate resources and investments to funding the trauma-informed public health plan (mental, behavioral, substance, and housing for unhoused) and equitable economic growth to include investment in local small businesses, workforce development, and investing in arts, culture, and innovation ecosystem. As the budget season approaches, we have an opportunity and duty to revolutionize to realize the communities we deserve.

I support Bill 24-1064, the Marion Barry Jr. Avenue Designation Act of 2022, and request that it includes a 10 million dollar investment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter.

Respectfully,

DocuSigned by:

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Jamila White (She/her/hers)

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A

ANC Commissioner SMD 8A05

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Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Ari Theresa <aitheresa@stooplaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)

Aristotle Theresa Testimony

As long as I have been alive family members I have referred to Good Hope Rd as no hope road. I have two uncles in their 80s who live right off Good Hope Rd, in Fairlawn. I look at the conditions on Good Hope and can see why they would call it that. Its a nice play on words, if not really sad. Especially considering why it is named Good Hope Rd. I have heard, though Im not sure how true it is, that people escaping slavery had good hope of freedom once they reached the top of the road. From good hope to no hope. Whatever usefulness that name once had is dead. Has become a joke.

I have heard some of the objections to naming the street after our Mayor for Life who has meant so much to so many people and it just does not make sense to me. You will see some of it comes from people that are very new here. I just wish for once theyd pipe down. Maybe learn something about the place they have moved to rather than thinking they are what has been lacking this whole time.

Other objections come from those that are more vested in DC and maybe even knew Marion Barry. Did not like him for one reason or another or are judgmental of his struggles. Ive even heard some nonsense about the name change negatively effecting home values, to which Id say, really?

Some say Good Hope Rd is so bad off Barry would take it as an insult. Thats funny because I have not heard that from anyone that knew him best. Barry had many of the same struggles as some of the people we see today on Good Hope Rd. Barry also has great historic achievements to his name. Naming Good Hope Rd after him would give the road New Hope. If nothing else itd be a shot at chance conversation to help bridge the generation gap between older people and youth, who may be inspired by Barrys story.

I look around the city and much of it is unrecognizable from when I was growing up. All over neighborhoods have new names. Entire histories being written over. Along with the name change Id ask for a 150 year moratorium on changing this street name again because those folks, the ones eager to write over what is here, are coming to and already in Anacostia, and Barrys history is one that must not be written over or forgotten. It is our history.

He has a building and a statute in his honor and now he needs a road. Then I would go for a metro station or museum. He has done a lot for this city and its inhabitants and is deserving of every honor that can be bestowed.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Dietrich Williams <williamsdietrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:51 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: written testimony

Good morning members of the council: My name is Dietrich Williams and I am here to testify for the naming of Marion Barry Avenue and the impact he has had on my life here in DC. I am native Washingtonian and I am from SE Dc Hill East. My mother worked in government with DC superior court, and councilman Gray during the 90s when he was director of D.O.E.S , she went to GWU where she received her degree in business administration. I was product a of the SYEP program for many years while the city was ravaged with drugs and crime. That program aided with providing stability within my household and for myself. During those years I attended programs and workshops held by then Mayor Marion Barry. Those programs, workshops and opportunities would eventually shape me into who I am today. Entrepreneurship and public speaking opportunities were abundant for teens. I was the youth of the year for dc BGCGW and I can remember being asked to speak with Mayor Marion Barry & the president about youth programming on Capitol Hill. I told him and president Bill Clinton about my family and things I needed to help them help me. Mayor Marion Barry quickly assisted my family by providing work opportunities for my mother when she was released from prison for drug usage. He would call my home to make sure she was on track for at least 6 months. He made it his business to ensure my family did not fall through the cracks. Marion Barry is a local and national community legend of service.

From the age 14-17 I did public speaking on behalf of teenagers and my community at events and programs. While working in the SYEP program I was able to attend college early. Mayor Marion Barry introduced me to the word "Philanthropist" but more importantly he showed me what community figures should be doing in close quarters with their constituents they serve. After graduating from GWU, I worked at THARCH where I would meet Councilman Barry but this time as an adult. At this time I represented my community Boys & Girls Club at THEARCH and stayed in touch via our community events. He saw me speak at the Tim Russet Dinner and pulled me to the side and told me to get into public service if I wanted to make more of a change. So I co-founded Capital Hill Boys Club nonprofit with the spirit of Marion Barry to be able to serve my community directly.

Now, that nonprofit I co-founded sits is the middle of Good Hope Rd SE and I am a homeowner in the Skyland community, which sits at the top of Good Hope Rd SE. My nonprofit, which opens next month will directly serve the good hope rd community via the arts. This is the same community Marion Barry told me to do public service with 15 years ago and I have never left. Now, it just feels full circle, being a philanthropist and running my own foundation in this same community. I am providing the same community the same opportunities that were afforded to my peers and me growing up in SE. That's all rooted from Marion Barry. We are giving artist living in ward 7&8 equity and an opportunity to gain a financial footing for themselves via all mediums of the arts. That's rooted in Marion Barry. So having this avenue changed to Marion Barry is not only needed but it is required and the many lights of his public service can be seen in ward 8 making an impact and how amazing would it be , if it were on Marion Barry Avenue. Thank you!



Written Testimony before the District Government Council
The Committee of the Whole Public Hearing
Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Bill 24-1064, The Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act 2022

Tenika Brown, Co-Founder, *Tenika Brown*
Bullying Is Not Dope



Good morning, Chairperson Mendelson, and members of the council. My name is Tenika Brown, and I am a native Washingtonian, proud DC resident, and Co-Founder of Bullying Is Not Dope; where our focus daily is to bridge the gap between the affects of bullying and mental illnesses in urban communities through various workshops, peer coaching, youth engagement activates, community events, and more. I am seated before you today to testify *in support* of Bill 24-1064, The Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act 2022, that was introduced on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Marion Barry has shown himself as a DC Leader for change since his onset into the city I call home since the year 1965. Mr. Barry lived a life of activism, he was highly educated, earning a Master's degree in Organic Chemistry from Le' Moyne College in Tennessee in the year 1960. Mr. Barry was a veteran civil rights organizer, and once in office, he moved systematically, structure by structure, to bust the doors open to the city's ethnic majority, the descendants of the enslaved people who built this country for free (Hopkinson, 2022).

In 1966, Mr. Barry led the **"Free DC Movement"** which supported Home Rule for the District which is how you can sit as elected official today on the DC Council. So now I ask myself, is the process for this bill the true standard and/or is it another gentrification tactic used on the residents within the Great Ward 8 to delay the request of the people. Mr. Barry was the only leader of his set time that identified we had *major issues in our city like every other urban community in America although we are not a state*. We had entire sections of our city which have been abandoned and neglected by the mainstream of economic activity; however, he was



the only leader bold enough to admit that the private enterprises neglected and abandoned areas of our city which led to *his* blueprint of the cooperative movement let's not forget. Places where Black people were locked out, Mr. Barry forced them in (Hopkinson, 2022). Black people were employed in positions like leading our schools, in the police and fire departments, government agencies, and received billions of dollars in government contracts, according to historian Laura Pearlman (2019) as she explained in "Democracy's Capital." Mr. Barry used his position to create the region's Black middle class of his time that is arguably the most powerful in the world (Hopkinson, 2022).

As a young leader in his twenties, he organized the young/disenfranchised and even grabbed the attention of the street guys and taught them about city politics. After Mr. Barry's appointment as Mayor in 1978, he initiated the conception of the **District Youth's Employment Act of 1979** which guaranteed a summer job to every young person living in the District of Columbia regardless of economic status. I benefited from the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program receiving my first job at the age of thirteen (13). Mr. Barry was very unapologetic about standing for his people. When he was elected mayor, the city was more than 70% Black, earning it the "Chocolate City" moniker (Hopkinson 2022). Mr. Barry believed the issue was whether people outside can come in (politics). Barry's administration modernized the district government, and he boosted the city's black middle class.

The DC Council has a selective way about handling matters differently in Ward 8 compared to other wards across the city. For example, a street formally known as *North Massachusetts Avenue* is now known as *Noma*, changed without this said public hearing process. The neighborhood was discovered, it was gentrified, new residents migrated here, the rent prices



increased suddenly and the process was completed. However, the effort to start naming streets and buildings after Mr. Barry began immediately after his passing in 2014 and later resurfaced in 2019. So, the truth is this conversation is not new; the decision is long overdue.

The Anacostia neighborhood where the existing Good Hope Road is located is the last border for gentrification and black empowerment (Hopkinson, 2022). It has the largest concentration of Black-owned businesses in the city which embodies the essence of Mr. Barry. It also is benefiting from city grant programs that help legacy Black businesses acquire their properties to stop displacement (Hopkinson, 2022). It matters to me (us) who gets to decide when it is time to speed up or slow down the naming of things. Therefore, our community's fight to keep Barry's name alive is not only significant it's critical.

We do not take lightly Mr. Barry's contributions to our city, and we want the street name changed. Having Barry on the street name is homage paid to a man that laid a solid foundation for others like you to follow despite his short comings. Many of us perceive the Anacostia district as hope for developing a model for doing community development in a way that includes Black people. In closing, I urge you pass this bill and to give the people what they want – and we want the street name changed from **Good Hope Road** to **Marion Barry Avenue**. In the archives of Black Power, voters have zero tolerance for any defamation or disrespect toward the name and likeness of the late “Mayor for Life” Marion Barry Jr.



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**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF THE COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARION BARRY AVENUE NAMING DESIGNATION ACT OF 2022
BILL 24-1064**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

**By
Reverend Anthony J. Motley, M.Div.**

Mr. Chairman, members of the Council of the District of Columbia, my name is Reverend Anthony J. Motley, a resident of Congress Heights, Southeast, Washington, DC., graduate of Anacostia Senior High School, and an Army Disabled Veteran who served two tours during Viet Nam, one with the 82nd and one with the 101st Airborne Divisions. It was on Good Hope Road, SE, where I enlisted into the Army in 1968.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to publicly thank you for the support you gave to my friend in his last days, and your unwavering efforts to ensure his final wishes were honored in the most dignified and ceremonial ways we have had in the District of Columbia. I also want to thank you for this hearing so that the people's voices, "We the People" can be heard, live and in color. Thank you!

My longstanding relationship with Marion spanned many decades. While he and I had several meaningful aspects of our relationship the one I cherish the most was as a confidant and friend. In that capacity I traveled with him to China, served as his Power of Attorney over his Living Will, eulogized his mother the Late Mrs. Mattie Cummings in Memphis, Tn, and served as the Best Man in my wedding. Marion and I have argued and fussed about a lot of things, and people too. However, one thing for certain we never called one another names in

public or criticized one another for the work we did in the community, or lied to, or on one another.

Let me say for the record, there is a myth concerning a slave market in Anacostia. According to the late Louise Hutchinson who wrote the Anacostia Story, and a resident of Fort Stanton, and Professor Carroll Gibbs, Historian, a member of a prominent church located in Anacostia, there have no findings of a slave market found in Anacostia. However, according to Professor Gibbs during a recent conversation I had with him "...after Lincoln freed the slaves, those in Maryland, ran from Prince Georges County and ran down Good Hope Road to freedom".

In closing, whether you do a commemorative marker, or a formal designation, Marion's name should and must be on this street. Here are also a few ideas you might want to also consider as you name the street:

- A) The **Marion Barry, Jr. Community Museum**, to be housed on the grounds of the Children of Mine property, in honor of the late Hannah Hawkins who wanted a museum on the property in honor of all the late mayors. B) The **Marion Barry, Jr. Youth Safety Patrol**, assigned to all the schools East of the river, and C). The **Marion Barry, Jr. Civic, Social and Political Engagement Symposium**, convened in March 2024 to coincide with his birthday and the 2024 political season, an annual event bringing students, political leaders, community activists and organizers, legislators, and mayors, from around the country, to be held **East of the River**.

Thank you for your time and attention and will remain if you have any questions.

Testimony of L. Jeannette Mobley
Bill 24-1064, Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson and Members of the Committee of the Whole and Staff.

My name is Jeannette Mobley, and I am in my second term as President of the DC Democratic Women's Club, and I have the honor to provide testimony on behalf of my organization's support of the renaming of Good Hope Road SE to the Marion Barry Avenue. Several of our members live in Ward 8.

By way of background, The D.C. Democratic Women's Club (DCDWC) was chartered in 1966. The mission of the Club is to support women who aspire to seek leadership positions within the Democratic Party and to support male and female candidates at both the local and national level through voter registration, phone banking, texting, canvassing and other political strategies. Annually, we lobby and advocate Congress, the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia on policies and legislation that we feel will advance the quality of life for children, women, and families.

Marion Barry is due this honor because he was a transformational figure as he changed the District of Columbia to a vibrant and diverse center of economic opportunity and prosperity for residents and businesses. Marion brought stability to the city and opened employment opportunities that led developers to reinvest in the revitalization of downtown, thus Gallery Place, Georgetown Park, Market Square and Washington Harbour just to name some.

Moreover, Marion's personal life story and his early involvement in civil rights made him overly sensitive to the plight of others. He committed himself to a "people's government," and was successful in rebuilding a community that had suffered for years by federal neglect and congressional political maneuvers. Under his leadership he achieved one of the highest bond ratings on Wall Street from Moody's and Standard and Poor's, he attracted new business through the establishment of the Office of Business Development, he embellished the Office of Aging, founded the Mayor Youth Leadership Program and the Summer Jobs Program, both still thriving today.

He not only believed that every man, woman, and child was worthy of respect, the right to have employment, and to have access to decent housing and a good education, but showed it, through his actions not only as Mayor but as the Ward 8 Councilmember.

His love for humanity, his dedication, his drive, and his love for his people, earned him the beloved title, "Mayor for Life."

Renaming Good Hope Road, is a dedicated effort to remind people of his sacrifices and contributions to our great city.

So, it is only appropriate that our Mayor for Life, who has been honored by a statue and building name after him in other parts of our city should have a permanent remembrance of him in his beloved Ward 8, thus the DC Democratic Women Club of the District wholeheartedly endorse and welcome in our city, a street named Marion Barry Avenue.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify and I am open to answering any questions you have.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Barbara Cooper <cooperbarbara199@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 6:25 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Against changing the name of Good Hope Road

First of all I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my feelings. It is very important to hear from the people of the city. So let me properly introduce myself to you all. My name is Miss Barbara Cooper II. I am the President of Marbury Plaza tenant United for change. I always had a fear of living in southeast but once my voucher came through and it was very hard for me to find a place. So I did wind up moving to Southeast. At Marbury Plaza I have lived here for the past 8 years. My first two years was wonderful the next 6 years total hell. I never knew that tenants had rights. Until I see the flyer on the door in the hallways. So I took it upon myself to stand up and start fighting back with the help of other organizers. I am a black single mother and I am very honored that you all would like to name a street after Marion Barry. But not Good Hope Road and the reason why I say this is because. You're focusing on the wrong thing. You should be focusing on cleaning the street up. That drug Clinic has been down there for years well anyway since I didn't move over on this end. I do not see it helping people I see it hindering and killing our people. See it's one thing to want help and it's another thing to abuse your help and it turns into another addiction. I know for a fact first hand that some people has been on these drugs that you all allow the government or whoever to continue to give it to them. They sell it so how does that helping they use it over 20 years you're still on it. You walk down Good Hope Road and all you see is people hanging out life going to waste a mind wasted. You see needles all up and down Good Hope Road. My thing is it's a school right there what about our children. Put yourself in my place and just think about it for one minute. I have a child that used to go to Ketchum Elementary School. One day out on the playground I seen a child pick up a syringe and started running around saying let me give you a shot. And if it was not for me being out there this baby could have stuck another baby with a needle. And also Mr Trayvon Martin he talk a good game but he don't walk a good wall in my eyesight I'm speaking for myself. And the reason being is we have reached out to him several times for help here at Marbury Plaza. The first thing came out of his mouth was you all don't stick together you have two different organizations what difference does it make. If he knew the law and the bylaws of tenants rights we can have more than one organization. I have never seen him do a fundraiser or just the event over here on Marbury Plaza we got one of the biggest complexes in southeast Washington DC 674 units and he has never done anything for us. I am so sick of Trayvon Martin living under the wings Marion Berry. First of all he has to work hard do all the people right in order to get the recognition. My thing is you got MLK Martin Luther King Avenue Malcolm X and we also got the Frederick Douglass building over here. This being said I do not have a problem with honoring the late former deceased Mr Berry. You got Mississippi Avenue you got Alabama Avenue now if you think back and you look back in your history what was they doing in them days. It was so much hatred and racism in Mississippi and Alabama they was killing our black men hanging out black men lynching our black men raping our women. So for me if you want to honor anything or anybody rename them streets leave Good Hope Road alone. Keep hope alive we live here you don't. There is a lot of senior citizens that live on Good Hope Road do you know how much they would have to go through in order to get everything changed over. Their IDs number one is the government going to pay for it or better yet Trayvon is you going to pay for it. Not talking about everything else they have to do paperwork with their doctors paint papers life insurance papers a lot of things people got to do and it's bad enough that people that live on Good Hope Road it's already going through enough problems. So yes I would like to be heard I would like to dress this name change of Good Hope Road I'm not against it far as Good Hope Road I'm not saying we should not honor the late Marion Berry but not good Hope Road. Trayvon Martin this is what I got to say to you personally. You need someone to guide you and the right direction. So you have your certain people that you deal with you're very arrogant self-centered and you really don't care about the people or let me put it this way you care about certain people in certain areas. And I also would like to take the opportunity to say thank you Mr Phil menderson for the opportunity to speak because it seemed like the other 11 people that sit there and said yes didn't even care about how we would feel about anything. First of all you all don't live around here either so stop making decisions for the people that do. Thank you so very much sincerely Miss Barbara Cooper II

Statement of
Commissioner Robert Vinson Brannum – 5E08
on Bill-24-1064, Marion Barry Avenue Designation
Act of 2022
before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Greetings and salutations Chairman Mendelson and Councilman White. I am Commissioner Robert Vinson Brannum, 5E08. I am pleased to testify strongly in support of Bill-24-1064, Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022.

Mr. Chairman, former Mayor Barry deserves this honor for his service to the residents of the District of Columbia. My first interaction with former Mayor Barry occurred as a young man in the early 1970's participating in the PRIDE, Inc., program. This program served as a roadmap for my

getting a scholarship to attend the American University. My interaction later.

There are many people today calling themselves progressives bellowing they care about the residents of the District of Columbia. They need to learn the meaning of words. Marion Barry was a true progressive in the fight for civil rights, equal justice, support for DC youth and seniors in all eight Wards.

He inspired people to serve others regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation , and yes, their politics. Marion Barry was not alone as a steadfast community servant to others and to me. Growing up in Marshall Heights, Southeast DC I heard not only Marion Barry's voice in the true sense of progressive civil rights movement, I also heard the voices of Flaxie Pinkett, Dovey Roundtree, Charles Sumner Lofton, Lois Rice, Paul Phillips Cooke, Dr. Floretta Dukes McKinsey, Dr. Marilyn Tyler Brown, William Lockridge, Calvin and Wilhelmina Rolark, the famed Tuskegee Airman, General Daniel "Chappie" James, the first African American four-star general in the United States Armed Forces, my cousins, Rev. David Eaton former pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church, Dr. Kenneth Tollett, former law professor at the Howard University, and I would not get into heaven if I did not shout out the name of my greatest source of inspiration, my mother, Joyce Vivian Scruggs Brannum.

I call this roll of honor and invoke their names because they all with Marion Barry epitomize the District's values of service, heart, and dedication. They will not have a street, avenue, or place named after them; yet Marion Barry deserves this recognition so the people who call themselves progressives will know the true meaning of progressive service and politics.

The legacy of Marion Barry of building the District's Black middle class, racial equity of government service to include seniors and young people in all eight wards through true progressive activism and collaboration should be remembered.

Hello,

My name is Carolyn Baker. By way of introduction, I am a former resident and currently a present landlord of the old family home in Anacostia. I grew up in Anacostia. I played on the hill owned by Thomas Bowie on Bowen Road where the Oxford Manor Apartments now sit (then labeled as part of Barry Farm). I am a graduate of Anacostia High School. As a teenager I enjoyed the "Summer in the Parks" program in Anacostia Park. So that gives you some idea of who I am and why I am concerned about this project.

Let me add that I am also a fan of Marion Barry's. I know his path. My Mom was also from Mississippi. She left home 10 years ahead of Marion Barry to attend the same high school he would attend, Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis because Mississippi didn't offer public high school to Blacks. My grandfather was flown from Mississippi to testify before Congress that he'd been denied the right to vote. I know Marion Barry's roots, I know and I value his struggle; his family and mine are from the same cotton patch so to speak.

I ask the council, is this change being proposed to honor the memory of former Mayor Marion Barry? If so, it makes me question the council members' judgment in proposing to do so at this time.

Within a mile of Good Hope Road, "as the crow flies", there are 40+ homes in this ward that are about to fall off a hill. Who can guess what the impact might be on neighboring properties and residents should these properties continue to slide. I suggest that if this problem isn't solved it will snowball collecting momentum and damaging more properties and possibly resulting in injury to residents. The fact is, these 40+ residents are displaced with homes condemned. I suggest they are disheartened as well. Who is their council representative? "Is there no balm in Gilead for them?" I'm not saying that the DC Council can solve this problem but what I am suggesting is that these resources, time, and energy should be directed towards resolving this much bigger, much more important

problem. Where is the council's sense of priorities? What has happened to doing the right thing? Are council members so desperate for visibility and to be recognized that you will put these residents, now homeless, and their neighbors in further peril?

How dare you take valuable time, energy, and resources from solving their problem. Changing the name of a street at this time should be at the bottom of our priorities for Anacostia.

I don't believe that former Mayor Barry would approve of or be honored letting these Ward 8 residents, homeowners and tenants, be propelled into homelessness while naming a street after him.

In 2014 when neighboring Prince George's County had homes sliding off a hill in Fort Washington the local government took action and found a resolution. History reminds me of the cost and inconvenience in 1971 when Nichols Avenue was renamed Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue. That was 51 years ago. \$1 in 1971 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$7.36 today, an increase of \$6.36 over 51 years. What will this change cost the city? What will it cost the businesses on Good Hope Road? Whatever, "the number" is, it should be redirected to assisting Ward 8 homeowners faced with homelessness as a result of shoddy workmanship, inspections, whatever.

I guess the now homeless residents of Talbert Street can put up tents and live on the renamed Good Hope Road. That would be a real tribute to Mayor Barry.

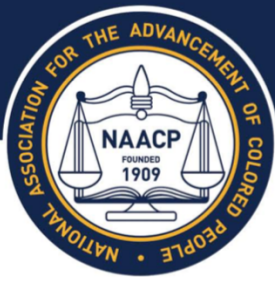
Ron Williams Jr Statement in **Support** of the renaming of Good Hope Road to Marion Barry Avenue.

Good Morning Mr. Chairman,

My name is Ron Williams Jr and I am here today to express my **support** for the renaming of Good Hope Road to Marion S Barry Road/Avenue. I am a generational Washingtonian and current Ward 7 resident. Although I did not get my first job in/from the Marion Barry Summer Youth Program, I respect the work, the fight, and the impact the former Mayor for Life had on Washington, DC and the life of Black-Americans living, struggling, and prospering in the Capital City. As a black business owner that will be located on Good Hope Road, I think it would be fitting to have MLK and Marion Barry Avenue side-by-side because of the fight and struggle they both lead nationally and locally for the black diaspora as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

Ron Williams Jr



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**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on the Whole**

Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE TESTIMONY

Greetings, Chairman Mendelson, Councilmember White, and other Councilmembers. Thank you for the opportunity to testify about the renaming of Good Hope Rd SE to Marion Barry Ave SE. My name is Carmel Henry-Smith, District resident and Vice President of the NAACP DC Branch.

For over 112 years, the NAACP has championed the fight for racial justice and equity as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, education, social, and economic empowerment of African-Americans and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. The NAACP DC Branch represents over 20,000 members, stakeholders, partners, and residents voting across all 8 wards of the District of Columbia. Today, the NAACP is a fierce advocate for transformative solutions to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Black lives, children, youth, and families.

Former Mayor Marion Barry worked closely with NAACP leaders, especially the late Julian Bond, establishing social, political, and racial equality for all citizens. Throughout his life, Mayor Barry demonstrated the values of the NAACP and other civil rights organizations by continuously improving city programming to uplift the most marginalized communities in the District of Columbia. Mayor Barry championed recreational activities and provided a nurturing learning environment for underserved youth in Washington, DC.

The Honorable Marion Barry's legacy of transformative leadership continues to impact Washington, DC's youth through the efforts our current Mayor, Muriel Bowser. One of her first

acts as Mayor of the District of Columbia was to extend the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP). When extending the program, Mayor Bowser stated “My administration is committed to investing in our young people to ensure they have the skills they need to transition from summer jobs to long-term sustainable employment. This investment builds on the success of the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program and reaches a core group of young people who need help finding pathways to good-paying jobs.” With the support of our current Mayor and DC Council, Barry’s legacy continues through MBSYEP. Over the last several decades, hundreds of thousands of District residents developed job skills, explored various career paths, expanded educational opportunities, and earned wages because of Marion Barry’s vision, transactional leadership, and overall commitment to DC’s youth.

Many of the programs established by Former Mayor Marion Barry contributed to the success of Washingtonians including teachers, DC government employees, and even members of our current DC City Council.

The NAACP DC Branch advocates in support of renaming of Good Hope Rd SE to Marion Barry Ave SE. The proposed renaming of Good Hope Rd SE to Marion Barry Ave SE offers District residents the opportunity to honor our Mayor for Life, mentor, community leader, and champion for civil, social, and political rights.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Akosua Ali
President
NAACP DC Branch

Sincerely,

Carmel Henry-Smith
Vice President
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Commissioner Monique Diop

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Good day, Chairperson Mendelson, and members of the Committee of the Whole. Thank you for holding this RoundTable for Bill 24-1064, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”

I am here to support this act.

I am Monique Diop, an ending Commissioner of SMD8D04 which covers Bellevue, Blue Plains and Fort Drum, the OG’s of Ward8’s portion of SWDC. I have represented #Ward8 for 8 years and wants Chocolate City to Remember one of our own! Marion Barry is still Mayor for life! When I started as a Commissioner to my #Ward8 Community Marion Barry was also my Councilmember. I was ecstatic to work with such a hero in our community! This debate is not new! Our Councilmember, Trayon White may have brought this up prior to the pandemic in 2019. This Road represents us EOTR in Wards 7 & 8

I get tired of seeing “Indian Head Hwy” or other White Supremist Traitors to American Values being promoted in my region. Let’s not erase black history! What I want to see is a Black Political Power who helped so many people of Washington DC to come up from poverty into power. It’s time to name this street for the millions of travelers, business owners, residents, the elders, and youth to realize the impact Marion Barry had and still has on us and all that he has done for our community. Connecting Martin Luther King (A Street that I proudly live on) with Marion Barry Avenue; I can drive through the arteries of my ward under the names of Greats.

It has always been our Community’s Fight to Keep Marion Barry’s name alive and relevant to our struggles, improvements, and prosperity. We need to see more progressive black faces and names; it must be a constant reminder of our achievements. We need to be reminded of the plight and fight that took place that gave way to the advancement of our people in the city we call home. Marion Barry was unapologetic when it comes to equality and equity in our city. He moved Systemically building by building, knocking on doors and engaging people to give people a voice of power and positivity. We cannot forget that he created the “black middle class” that is still thriving today. A Reminder that needs to be seen EVERYDAY up and down the street leading from Anacostia to Fairlawn to Skyland and beyond.

This will be an uplift for the “No Hope Road” or “Good Dope Road” we see in our Business Corridor, where we see the largest concentration of Black own Businesses in the city. Who is Good Hope? Seeing Marion Barry Avenue gives me more hope than “Good Hope Road” . I hope that it inspires all city





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leaders, BIDS, and other supporters of small businesses to step up their assistant with the entrepreneurs, restauranteurs, and art enthusiasts to boost the fortunes of businesses along the avenue; keep it clean and safe while making a concentrated effort to do more and to do better. I see Anacostia as a rich diverse culture in the heart of #Ward8. It's a memorable place that showcases what is coming and what we can be.

I want to hear the GPS say "Turn right on Marion Barry Avenue" .. yes indeed.

Sincerely,
Commissioner
Monique Diop



Good evening, Chairman Phil Mendelson, and Ward 8 Councilmember
Trayon White

My name is Barbara Jones I am Native Washingtonian and I live in Ward 8.
I am the chair of renaming Marion Barry Jr Ave SE. Group of Washington
residents, Marion Barry Jr Ave committee and I started a petition to rename Good
Hope RD SE to Marion Barry Ave SE. We knock on residents and business doors
who live on Good Hope Rd SE and we even station on good hope Rd SE. We
received a lot of support (1700 signatures) and receive approval from the 8A ANC.

I have known the mayor for life Marion Barry for over 20 years I became his best
friend. I learned a lot from him about giving back to the community. I watched
him over the years how the mayor for life was uplifting his community.

He uplifted Washington DC residents when he became the mayor. He employed
hundreds of jobs, people able to purchase homes, brought in developments to
Washington DC. He continues to be a servant to the community as Ward 8
Councilmember.

He believed in education, telling residents to stay in school and to further their
education. Making sure his residents are being provided with the proper care and
respect. On February 19, 2014, edition of Washingtonian Magazine, DC Mayor
Marion Barry was the most powerful local political figure in the Nation's Capital in
at least 100 years because of his vision, also noted politicians across the United
States use The Mayor for Life as a role model.

I feel truly blessed to have known the mayor for life Marion Barry Jr.

He could have lived somewhere else, but he chose to live in Ward 8.

This will be a wonderful way to honor him.

I ask you to approve the naming of Marion Barry Ave Jr Sr. He loved Ward 8 and
Ward 8 was his home.

Thank you,
Barbara Jones

Testimony of Norman Nixon on the Marion Barry Designation Act of 2022.

Greetings,

Council Chairman Mendelson and members of the DC City Council. My name is Norman Nixon Sr., I am a native Washingtonian, a resident of Ward 7, a graduate of the DC Public Schools, a product of the first Marion Barry's Youth Leadership Institute in 1979, and the current President of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute Alumni Association.

I come before you today to say that I am in support of the Marion Barry Designation Act of 2022.

I had the opportunity to have a personal and personal relationship with Mayor Barry. The creation of Marion Barry's Youth Leadership Institute was one of the greatest contributions. Mr. Barry made to the District of Columbia. Over 15,000 young people have had the great fortune to participate in the Institute and have their lives impacted.

Because of my involvement in the Institute, I went on to become:

- The youngest elected official in the District of Columbia at age 18 when I was elected to the DC Statehood Constitutional Convention.
- The President of the DC Young Democrats National Vice President of the Young Democrats of America and a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention.
- A college graduate
- And one of the first young people to testify before the DC City Council's Education Committee

If there were a Mount Rushmore for the District of Columbia, the first person would be put on that statue would be the Honorable Marion S. Barry Jr. I can't think of any other political figure and community activist that has had an impact on the District of Columbia that Mr. Barry's has.

Some argue that one cannot have more than one public entity named after them and say that you have the Marion Barry statue which most residents will never see. You have the former One Judiciary Square Building that was renamed the Marion Barry building, another building that most will never see.

Remaining Good Hope Road SE – Marion Barry Avenue would be a testament and memorial to a great servant of the people.

I look forward to leaving my home and driving down Malcolm X Avenue SE and then turning on Martin Luther King Jr., SE, stopping in downtown Anacostia and then returning home on Marion Barry Jr. Avenue SE.

The DC City Council has the opportunity to do the right thing by supporting The Marion Barry Designation Act of 2022.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman and Councilmember Trayon White

Kymone Freeman, Co-Founder
We Act Radio 1918 MLK Ave SE WDC

“He doesn’t know how to bow out gracefully.” - HBO’s 9 Lives of Marion Barry

It has been reported that poverty rates are almost double the national average in areas surrounding streets named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Today cities in 41 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, DC have a street named after King. A total 955 such streets exist here in the United States. I say that to dispel the false narrative that it is somehow unfitting to honor the most popular politician in DC’s history, the four time Council member and four time Mayor for Life Marion Barry is just not true. What is true however, is that it is shameful to see anyone discredit the validity of Barry’s legacy and his love and support for the least of us. Which includes the poor people still found in a gentrifying Anacostia. What is true is that Barry had enemies and life and has some of the same enemies in death for his unwavering dedication to “those” people.

Nobody has given us anything. Everything of significance that Black people got in America, we took. So let me take this opportunity to inform everyone here today that those were the actual words of Mayor Marion Barry in his last radio interview that was recorded at We Act Radio on the future corner of MLK Avenue and Marion Barry Avenue. As a product of the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, it is both my honor and my duty to stand up for the 9 Lives of Marion Barry and come to his defense for everything he has done for me and this city. As the first chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Marion Barry often looked to Martin Luther King, Jr. for guidance and support has can be seen in an iconic photo of these two great men. So it only makes sense that their names be joined together again as advocates for the poor and for the Black community on a corner in the heart of Anacostia.

When Building Bridges Across the River opens the 11th Street Bridge Park, this new intersection will become a national attraction. That would be a true testimonial to the legacies of both of these great men and a lesson of afrofuturism to bring us from the oppression of the past into the future of self-determination. With that, I again leave you with the words of the late great Marion Barry, “Stay focused believe in yourself don’t let words get you down and no lies get to you and always have love for the people.”

Submitted To: **Committee of the Whole
Chair: Phil Mendelsohn
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 410
Washington, DC 20004**

Re: **Bill 24-1064, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”**

Good Afternoon to Chairman Mendelson, CM Trayon White and other esteemed members of the Council. I would first like to thank you, CM Trayon White for the introduction of this bill and those that stood with him to support it and for this opportunity to speak today.

In 1953, nationwide 9,993 young men earned Eagle Scout, Marion Barry, despite the oppressive racial tension and political climate in which he grew up was one – one of 9,993 across the country.

In 1960, Marion Barry earned a Masters of Science degree in organic chemistry from Fisk University, while being arrested several times while participating in the Nashville sit-ins. In addition, in that same year, he was elected the first Chairman of SNCC.

In 1967, Marion Barry left SNCC and co-founded Pride, Inc. to provide job training to unemployed Black Men.

In 1972, the year that I was born, he won his first election as President of the DC School Board.

In 1978, Marion Barry rose to national prominence when he was elected the second Mayor of this wonderful city.

And, no his legacy does not end here, because, as most of us probably know, he crafted the Summer Youth Employment Act of 1979 that provided thousands of jobs for DC Youth and is where the legacy of Marion Barry begins for many. Sure, no matter which corner of the region you visit, you can always find someone who Marion Barry gave their first job, first contract, or their second chance. Unfortunately, those first teens to have received jobs in 1979 are now in their fifties and a large portion now live in Maryland.

The tragedy in this story, is many of the facts that I have shared today do not resonate with many of the voices that you have heard from today. They did not get their first job as a Summer Youth employee; they may not know what SNCC or Pride were. I do not blame them for not knowing or being born too late to experience the force of nature that Marion Barry was. However, it does beg the question - why this monument (not just any street, but a street in Ward 8) is so important? Monuments in general, reflect values, important stories, and power and they serve as reminders that history is not just in books, but all around us. I am Monica Ray, the Executive Director of the Congress Heights Main Street – one of two intersections in the country (the other in Dallas, TX) where Dr. Martin L King, Jr. and Malcolm X cross. He belongs on the Blackest Street in America, in Washington DC and in Ward 8. Nailah Amaru noted in the Washington Informer article in 2021, that the fact that these streets are often relegated to Black neighborhoods and

not in economic centers reflects America's continued practice of disinvestment and its denial that Black History is American History. She continues that streets are named after important people and local governments control the process of street naming. The government wants to police the legacies of Martin, Malcolm, and Marion by deciding which of them are deserving of street recognition and where they are placed in a city's grid.

We find ourselves at a critical juncture in deciding on who, what, and how we express the significance of celebrating the most distinguished, if not leading character in the story of Washington, DC. Moreover, the very folk who argue against this monument use the very language Marion Barry worked so hard against. Where would Anacostia be if Marion Barry hadn't stood up and said, "we need housing across multiple income bands", where would all the minority contractors who compete in "set-aside markets" be without a Marion Barry, how many Black Millionaires would there be without opportunities provided by and forced by Marion Barry?

And before you ask - no, Good Hope Road, with its long and storied past and present is not "good enough" to honor his legacy, nor is any other street in the District of Columbia without the people that Marion Barry loved so much. But it is perfect to continue to build his legacy of fighting for the least of these, catalyzing change, and yes allowing for mix of housing types. We should not only name the street in his honor, but we also need policies and resources allocated now to improve the quality of life, in addition to the performative government acts like a street naming. Marion Barry, Anacostia, Ward8, and this city deserve better!

Respectfully,

Monica T. Ray

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of Transportation



Public Hearing on
Bill 24-1064, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”

Testimony of
Matthew Marcou
Chief of Staff
District Department of Transportation

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
10:00 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 Matthew Marcou, Chief of Staff at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Everett Lott regarding Bill 24-1064, the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022.”

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1064** is to *officially* designate Good Hope Road S.E. within Squares 5769, 5768, 5767, 5766, 5765, 5764, 5763, 5619S, 5718S, 5612, 5611, 5606, 5627, 5763, 5630, 5635, 5631, 5734, and 5633, in Ward 7 and Ward 8, as *Marion Barry Avenue*. DDOT supports this legislation. To implement it, DDOT needs the Council to confirm the specific blocks of Good Hope Road, S.E. that are intended to be renamed. The squares listed in the bill indicate that Good Hope Road, S.E. will be renamed Marion Barry Avenue from Alabama Avenue, S.E. to Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E. DDOT staff notes that Good Hope Road, S.E. extends beyond Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E. to Anacostia Drive, S.E. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the designated plats based on the squares listed in the bill.

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 25 total signs, totaling \$4,750. This calculation is based on the designated blocks in the attached plat. DDOT can recalculate these estimates if the designated blocks change. Based on the blocks designated in this

bill, and the cost estimate resulting from their designation, DDOT can absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact this designation would have on the District's transportation network.

Therefore, the Administration has no objection to this designation 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.



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8A

Government of the District of Columbia
Anacostia/Fairlawn/Hillsdale/Sheridan



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December 19, 2022

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RE: Renaming Good Hope Road SE to Marion Barry Jr. Ave SE

Robin McKinney
Vice-Chair

Chairperson Phil Mendelson
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004
Via Email

Brian Thompson
Treasurer

Dear Chairperson Mendelson,

Commissioners

Holly Muhammad
SMD 8A01

This letter represents the vote taken on February 4, 2020, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A to rename Good Hope Road S.E. to Marion Barry Jr. Avenue S.E. On February 4, 2020, at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A voted 4-3-0 to support renaming Good Hope Road S.E. to Marion Barry Jr. Avenue S.E.

Barbara J. Clark
SMD 8A02

The Honorable Marion Barry Jr. influenced, inspired, and has been a beacon of freedom worldwide. He started his career as a civil rights activist and founding member of The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), dedicating his life to humanity, liberation, justice, and self-determination, often costing him his freedom and blood during the Black Power and Civil Rights Movement. Marion Barry Jr. continued to work for Black liberation, serving as the only four-term Mayor and Councilmember. His work has impacted countless communities and families to obtain education, wealth, prosperity, pride, and community love.

Brian Thompson
SMD 8A03

Marion Barry Jr. was our leader and brother, and we fully support Bill 24-1064, the Marion Jr. Avenue Designation Act of 2022. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter.

Laneice Moore
SMD 8A04

Respectfully,

Jamila White
SMD 8A05

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SMD 8A06

Jamila White
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A

Cc: Councilmember Trayon White Sr.

Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Transportation



December 22, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

On December 13, 2022, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) testified before the Committee of the Whole regarding Bill 24-1064, “the Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2022”. Below are the agency’s responses to the questions you raised during the hearing.

Will businesses on Good Hope Road, S.E. have to change the address on their business licenses?

Yes.

If so, how long will they have to make that change?

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) will be able to make the necessary changes within three business days after the bill becomes a law.

Will they be responsible for paying for those changes? Or will DLCP cover the costs?

DLCP will automatically make the updates and will reissue the impacted licenses at no cost to the license holders.

Will businesses/residences have to change their Certificates of Occupancy (COO)?

No. If the street name changes, the Department of Buildings (DOB) and other District agencies will continue to recognize the lawfully issued COO. Only when a later change of ownership or new use is established will DOB then issue a new COO with the updated street name.

How many drivers licenses/ID have addresses on Good Hope Road, S.E.?

There are 919 driver’s licenses with addresses on what is now Good Hope Road, S.E. There are 718 IDs issued that also have addresses on Good Hope Road, S.E.

How many vehicles are registered to addresses on Good Hope Road, S.E.?

As of December 18, 2022, there are 487 registered vehicles on Good Hope Road, S.E.

Will residents have to change their driver's licenses and/or vehicle registrations?

Yes, an update will be required for anyone with a driver's license, ID and/or vehicle registration.

If so, how long will they have to make that change?

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will complete the conversion over a two-week period and mail the necessary documents to the impacted individuals.

Will they be responsible for paying for those changes? Or will DMV cover the costs?

The DMV requested \$13,000 for overtime to pay employees to process the address change and \$9,167 to pay for the contractual services cost. If the \$22,167 requested in the Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS) for this bill is provided to the DMV, there will be no cost to the impacted individuals to update their driver's license, ID and/or vehicle registration.

How will EMS (and other emergency-related agencies) update addresses in their systems?

The Office of Unified Communications (OUC) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system:

1. Receives updated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data from Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO);
2. Loads updated address data into the CAD system;
3. Includes alias for the legacy name in the CAD system; and
4. Receives updated GIS data from OCTO DC GIS via GIS Master Address Repository (MAR) for 311 Service Request Platform.

What is the timeline for updating these addresses?

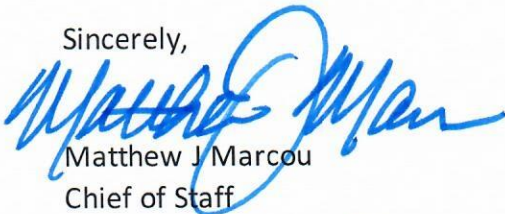
CAD Map updates are performed every quarter. Manual updates for an individual location can also be completed based on the timing of the proposed change.

If the bill is passed, what is the turnaround time for installing the new signs?

Fabrication of the approximately thirty signs required will take two to three weeks for fabrications and installation. DDOT can begin fabrication of the necessary signs after the Mayor signs the Act and can begin installation after Congressional approval of the law.

The agency would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate its request for clarification regarding the intersection at which the renaming would end. Based on the squares provided in the bill, it is not clear if the renaming would end at Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, S.E. or at Anacostia Drive, S.E.

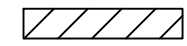
Sincerely,



Matthew J. Marcou
Chief of Staff

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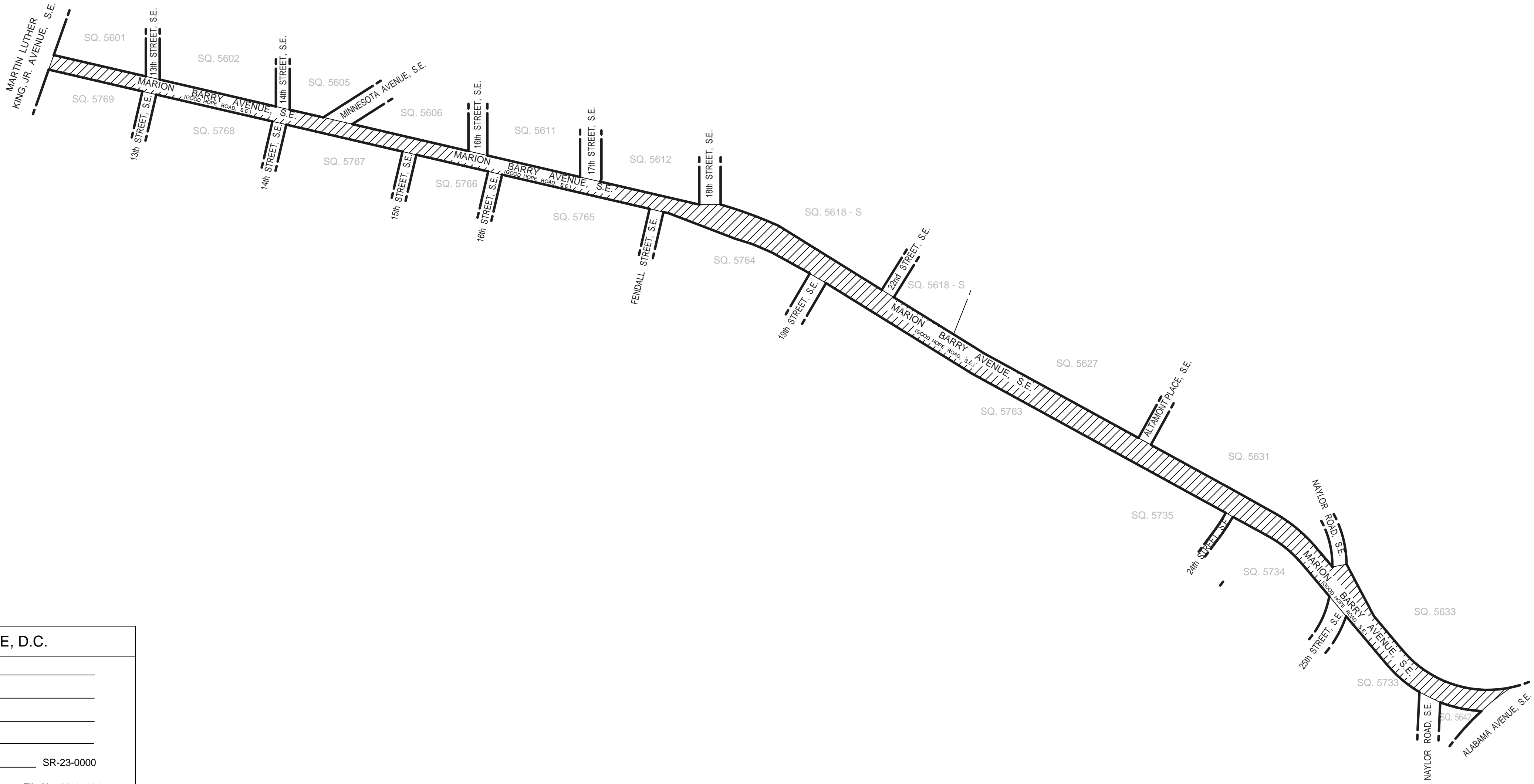
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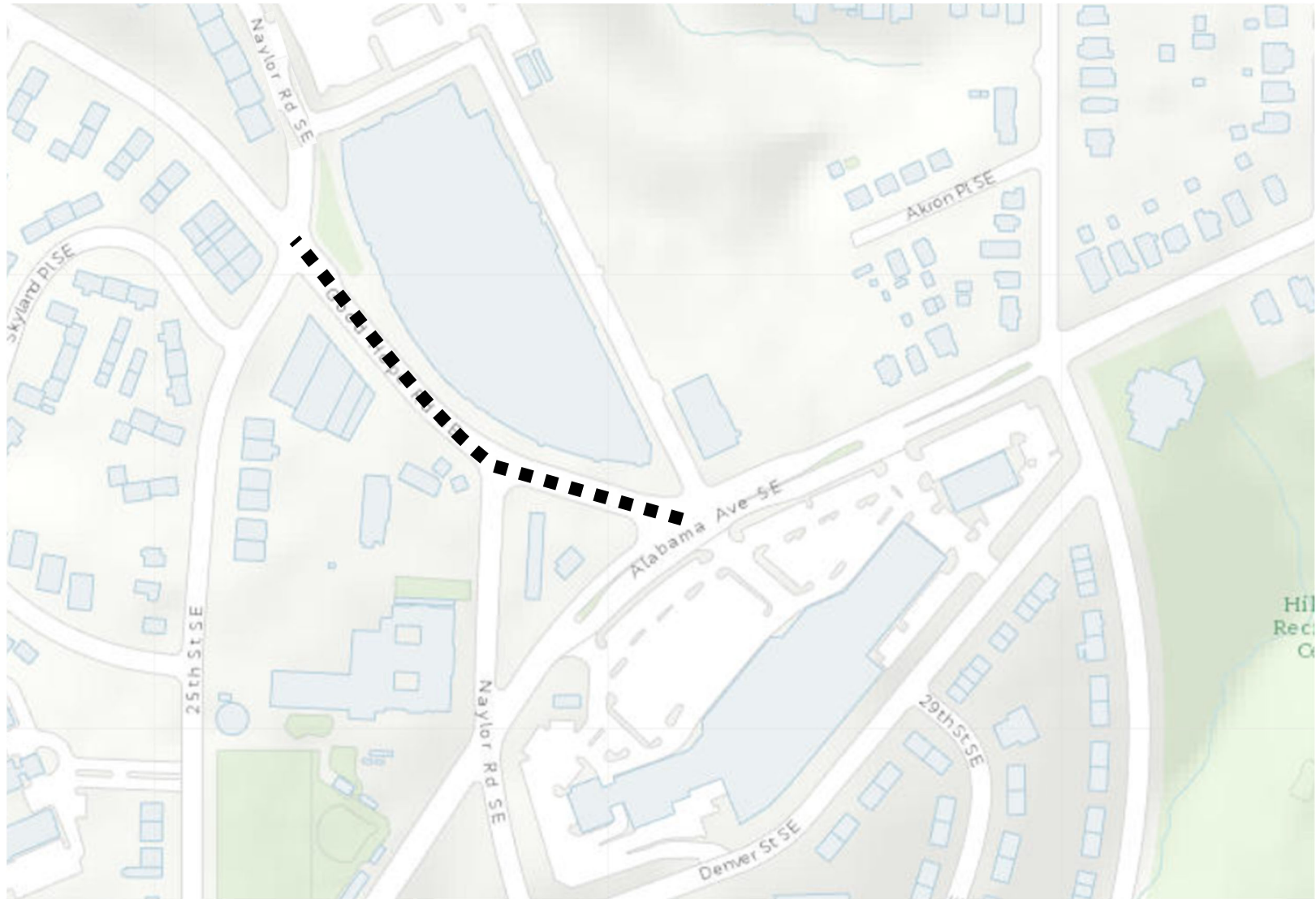
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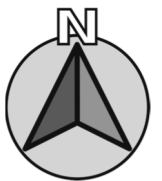


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Bill 25-7, Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2023



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15 To officially designate Good Hope Road, S.E. between Anacostia Drive, S.E. and Alabama
16 Avenue, S.E. as Marion Barry Avenue, S.E; to symbolically designate Marion Barry
17 Avenue, S.E. between the intersection of Naylor Road and 25th Street, S.E., and Alabama
18 Avenue, S.E., as Good Hope Way; and to require the District to reissue certain
19 documents to individuals and entities with new addresses along Marion Barry Avenue,
20 S.E.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 act may be cited as the “Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2023”.

24 Sec. 2. (a) Pursuant to section 401 and notwithstanding section 421 of the Street and
25 Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-
26 201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01 and § 9-204.21), the Council designates Good Hope Road,
27 S.E. between Anacostia Drive, S.E. and Alabama Avenue, S.E., as depicted in the plat in the
28 committee report, as “Marion Barry Avenue, S.E.”

29 (b) Pursuant to section 401 and notwithstanding section 423 of the Street and Alley
30 Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201;
31 D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01 and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the portion
32 of the newly designated Marion Barry Avenue, S.E., between the intersection of Naylor Road
33 and 25th Street, S.E., and Alabama Avenue, S.E., as “Good Hope Way.”

34 Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the District shall reissue at no charge
35 the following documents to any individual or entity having an address on Good Hope Road, S.E.,

36 as of the effective date of this act, to reflect the designation of Marion Barry Avenue, S.E.:

37 (a) Business licenses issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection;

38 (b) Professional licenses issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer
39 Protection;

40 (c) Driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the Department of Motor
41 Vehicles; and

42 (d) Motor vehicle registrations issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

43 Sec. 4. Applicability.

44 (a) This act shall apply upon the later of:

45 (1) July 1, 2023; or

46 (2) The date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial
47 plan.

48 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
49 an approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
50 of the certification.

51 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
52 the District of Columbia Register.

53 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
54 applicability of this act.

55 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

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

59 Sec. 6. Effective date.

60 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

61 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
62 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
63 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
64 Columbia Register.