

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: May 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 25-21, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 25-21, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023” was referred, reports favorably thereon with technical amendments and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On January 11, 2023, Bill 25-21, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023” was introduced by Councilmember Pinto with seven co-introducers. This bill would symbolically designate 18th Street N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W. as Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way. The location is in Ward 1. A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

Sam Burns was a native of the District and graduated of Theodore Roosevelt High School. Mr. Burns was recognized as an exceptional disc jockey (DJ) and local music historian. He was known worldwide as “The Man” for his commitment to perfection and excellence in his craft and was considered “The Chuck Brown of Dance Music” for his contributions to house music in the District. Mr. Burns was a skilled DJ with an impressive musical intuition and was not only an accomplished performer, but also a man of humility, generosity, and willingness to help the next generation of artists, dancers, producers, and DJs.

Throughout his more than forty-year career, Sam Burns played dance music at iconic nightclubs including The Clubhouse, Chapter II, The Roxy, The Ritz, Tracks, The Insect Club, Tiffany's, Kilimanjaro, Pollen, Red, The East Side, Dragonfly, Chicago's, State of the Union, U Street Music Hall, 18th Street Lounge, and other local venues. Sam Burns worked tirelessly to support his local community, including dispensing musical advice and life lessons to music lovers. He mentored younger DJs and helped in keeping the District's nightlife, dance culture, and house music community alive and thriving. Sam Burns passed away on March 7, 2020, at the age of 62, leaving behind his son, Mason.

Legal Background

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) ("Act") establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, naming public spaces, and other procedures related to streets and alleys. The Act authorizes the Council to symbolically or officially designate or change the name of any public space in the District of Columbia, including streets and alleys.¹ 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.²

An "official name" refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,³ whereas a "symbolic name" for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.⁴ An official name of an alley shall contain the suffix "Alley" or "Court."⁵ A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain the suffix "Way" or "Plaza."⁶ As established by Bill 25-21, "Sam 'The Man' Burns Way" is a symbolic designation of the 18th Street N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W.

The Act also establishes a notice requirement for symbolic designations. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 9-204.23(b), the ANC in which the symbolic designation is located must be put on notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed naming.

After the symbolic street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") shall install signage indicating the symbolic name of the alley or street, or portion thereof. Such signage shall be uniform and distinct from signs for official names⁷

Symbolically designating this portion of 18th Street N.W. with the many establishments where Sam 'The Man' Burns was well-known for his contributions to nightlife, dance culture, and house music community will honor his legacy in the community he called home. Thus, the

¹ See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

² See D.C. Law 21-0161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in the *DC Register* Vol 63 and Page 12933.

³ D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

⁵ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

⁷ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

Committee of the Whole recommends Council approval of Bill 25-21, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- November 2, 2022 Bill 24-1093, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2022” is introduced by Councilmember Pinto and seven Councilmembers.
- November 11, 2022 Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-1093 is published in the *DC Register*.
- November 18, 2022 Revised Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-1093 is published in the *DC Register*.
- December 12, 2022 The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 24-1093.
- January 11, 2023 Bill 25-21, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023” is introduced by Councilmember Trayon white and eight Councilmembers.
- January 17, 2023 Bill 25-21 is officially read at a Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
- January 20, 2023 Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 25-21 is published in the *DC Register*.
- May 2, 2023 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 25-21.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Matthew Marcou, Chief of Staff, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the symbolic street namings in Bill 25-21. DDOT testified at the hearing that the cost of the signage contemplated in the bill is \$1,140. His testimony is attached.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

On June 9, 2021, ANC 2B unanimously approved (8-0-0) a resolution recommending designating the subject area as “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way” (attached).

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills, including Bill 24-1062 on Monday, December 12, 2022. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 24-1062 which was reintroduced as Bill 25-21. 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.

Mike Silverstein, Commissioner, ANC 6B, testified in support of the proposed designation and cited the support of the full ANC.

Matthew Marcou, Chief of Staff, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive that it had “no objection” to the designation. The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 25-21.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 25-21 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01⁸ authorizes the Council to name any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(a) authorizes the Council to designate a symbolic name for an alley “that shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.”⁹ Bill 25-21 symbolically designates 500 Block of 55th Street, S.E. as Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way. Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 25-21.¹⁰ Lastly, the Act provides that, with limited exception, no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years.¹¹ Sam Burns passed away in 2020.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

According to the March 30, 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement of the Chief Financial Officer, funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is estimated at \$1,140 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 25-21 can be absorbed.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 25-21.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates 18th Street N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W. as Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way.
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.

⁸ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

⁹ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

¹⁰ D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

¹¹ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

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

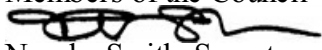
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 25-21 as introduced.
2. Testimony for Bill 25-21.
3. Map of Proposed Designation.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 25-21.
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 25-21.
6. Committee Print for Bill 25-21.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Memorandum

To : Members of the Council
From :  Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, January 16, 2023
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Sam The Man Burns Way Designation Act of 2023", B25-0021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Pinto, McDuffie, R. White, Frumin, Lewis George, Nadeau, Bonds, and Parker

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

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO
THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 106
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

January 11, 2023

Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, along with Councilmembers Janeese Lewis George, Kenyan R. McDuffie, Brianne K. Nadeau, Robert C. White, Jr., Anita Bonds, Matthew Frumin, and Zachary Parker, I am introducing the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023.” Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This legislation would symbolically designate 18th Street N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W., in Ward 2, as “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way.” This portion of 18th Street N.W. was chosen for the nightlife establishments in this area where Sam “The Man” Burns was well-known for his disk jockey (“DJ”) skills and contributions to the District’s nightlife, dance culture, and house music community.

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7, 2020, at the age of 62, leaving behind his son, Mason. This street dedication will honor his legacy in the community he called home.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Counsel, Kristin Ewing, at kewing@dccouncil.gov.

Thank you,


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO". The letters are stylized and connected.

Brooke Pinto


Councilmember Janeese Lewis George



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Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau


Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie


Councilmember Anita Bonds


Councilmember Robert C. White


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AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate 18th Street, N.W., between M Street, N.W., and N Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as Sam “The Man” Burns Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates 18th Street, N.W., between M Street, N.W., and N Street, N.W., as “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
25 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
26 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
27 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
28 Columbia Register.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Mike Silverstein <mikesilversteinusa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council); Mike Silverstein; Silverstein, Mike (SMD 2B06)
Subject: Testimony of Mike Silverstein, ANC 2B06, Bill 24-1093, Sam the Man Burns Way - 12/12/22
Attachments: Sam the Man Burns Testimony.pages

Mr Chairman, Members of Council,

This may be my last time speaking before council as a sitting Commissioner after 20 years. And it's a pleasure to do so in support of a resolution to name a section of 18th street in my SMD in honor of Samuel Andre Burns.

Our neighborhood has a fabulous history and great architecture. But it's the people who give it life. Not just famous politicians and generals. The people include those who bring fun and joy and celebration into our lives. By honoring one of our own -- we give my neighborhood and our city pride and a sense of place.

Sam Burns was to dance music and DC what Chuck Brown was to hip-hop. And on the 18th Street block we wish to name after him -- in Club Central -- he was DJ Sam the Man.

When his family and friends organized a celebration of his life last May, it drew nearly 5000 fans and 50 video tributes from all over the world.

By honoring Sam the Man Burns, we honor those from all 8 wards who call DC home. We honor ourselves, and we honor the city that we celebrate and love.

Thank you.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of Transportation



Public Hearing on

Bill 24-578, the “Dedication of a Portion of W Street, SE, S.O. 16-24322 Act of 2021”

PR 24-733, the “Removal of a Portion of 26th Street, N.E., from the Plan of the Permanent System of Highways of the District of Columbia Approval Resolution of 2022”

PR 24-994, the “Closing of a Portion of Moreland Street, N.W., and the Removal of the Associated Building Restriction Line, S.O. 21-05063, Approval Resolution of 2022”

PR 24-995, the “Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 4053, S.O. 22-00410, Approval Resolution of 2022”

Bill 24-1022, the “Reed Street Realignment Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1026, the “Closing of a Portion of Half Street, S.W., Adjacent to Square 660 Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1102, the “Howard East Towers Alley Closing and Street Dedication Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1103, the “Union Court Alley Closing and Public Safety Improvement Act of 2022”

Bill 24-892, the “Bishop Groover Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1025, the “Allen Y. Lew Place Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1032, the “Benjamin Secundy, Sr. Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1057, the “Woodson Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1058, the “Davon T. McNeal, III Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1061, the “Wooten Court Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1062, the “Cassandra S. Pinkney Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1087, the “Makiyah Wilson Way Designation Act of 2022”

Bill 24-1090, the “William Dorsey Swann Way Designation Act of 2022”



Bill 24-1093, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2022”
B24-1101, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022”

Testimony of
Anna Chamberlin
Associate Director
Planning and Sustainability Division
District Department of Transportation

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

Monday, December 12, 2022
11:00 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 Anna Chamberlin, Associate Director of the Planning and Sustainability Division at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Everett Lott regarding the following sixteen bills and three proposed resolutions:

- Bill 24-578, the “Dedication of a Portion of W Street, SE, S.O. 16-24322 Act of 2021”;
- Proposed Resolution 24-733, the “Removal of a Portion of 26th Street, N.E., from the Plan of the Permanent System of Highways of the District of Columbia Approval Resolution of 2022”;
- Proposed Resolution 24-994, the “Closing of a Portion of Moreland Street, N.W., and the Removal of the Associated Building Restriction Line, S.O. 21-05063, Approval Resolution of 2022”;
- Proposed Resolution 24-995, the “Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 4053, S.O. 22-00410, Approval Resolution of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1022, the “Reed Street Realignment Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1026, the “Closing of a Portion of Half Street, S.W., Adjacent to Square 660 Act of 2022”;

- Bill 24-1102, the “Howard East Towers Alley Closing and Street Dedication Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1103, the “Union Court Alley Closing and Public Safety Improvement Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-892, the “Bishop Groover Way Designation Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1025, the “Allen Y. Lew Place Designation Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1032, the “Benjamin Secundy, Sr. Way Designation Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1057, the “Woodson Way Designation Act of 2022”;
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- Bill 24-1087, the “Makiyah Wilson Way Designation Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1090, the “William Dorsey Swann Way Designation Act of 2022”;
- Bill 24-1093, the “Sam ‘The Man’ Burns Way Designation Act of 2022; and
- Bill 24-1101, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022”.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-578**, the “Dedication of a Portion of W Street, S.E., S.O. 16-24322 Act of 2021,” is to order the widening of a portion of W Street, S.E., between Railroad Avenue, S.E. to the northwest and Shannon Place, S.E. to the southeast, and to provide for the establishment of a non-exclusive easement to the District of Columbia for the surface rights to that portion of private

property located adjacent to W Street, S.E. in Square 5784. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on December 27, 2018, related to S.O. No. 16-24322. DDOT has no objection to the public access easement identified in the proposed easement area under the condition that the Office of Surveyor update the official plat to remove the term “surface” from both the title and block of text in the upper left corner. The easement should be non-restrictive rather than a surface easement.

The stated purpose of **Proposed Resolution 24-733**, the “Removal of a Portion of 26th Street, N.E., from the Plan of the Permanent System of Highways of the District of Columbia Approval Resolution of 2022,” is to approve the removal of a 45-foot wide portion of 26th Street, N.E., along the east lot line of Lot 812 in Square 4408 and Lot 805 in Square 4396 from the Plan of the Permanent System of Highways of the District of Columbia. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on April 19, 2021, related to S.O. No. 21-02601. DDOT has no objection to the elimination of the segment of Rand Place, N.E. from the DC Highway Plan as identified. This segment does not have a future transportation need.

The stated purpose of **Proposed Resolution 24-994**, the “Closing of a Portion of Moreland Street, N.W., and the Removal of the Associated Building Restriction Line, S.O. 21-05063, Approval Resolution of 2022,” is to approve the

closing of a portion of Moreland Street, N.W., and the removal of the associated building restriction line, as shown on the Surveyor’s plat in S.O, 21-05063, and to vest title in the closed portion of Moreland Street, N.W., in the adjacent landowners. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on October 7, 2021, related to S.O. No. 21-05063. DDOT has no objection to the proposed closure of unbuilt Moreland Street, N.W. and removal of the Building Restriction Line (BRL) on Square 2307, Lot 31. DDOT requests that the BRL removal only occurs in conjunction with right-of-way closure. If the closure is not approved by Council, the BRL should remain in effect to allow for future sidewalks.

The stated purpose of **Proposed Resolution 24-995**, the “Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 4053, S.O. 22-00410, Approval Resolution of 2022,” is to approve the closure of a portion of a public alley in Square 4053 in Northeast Washington, D.C., in Ward 5, as shown on the Surveyor’s plat filed under S.O. 22-00410. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on January 7, 2022, related to S.O. No. 22-00410. DDOT has no objection to the proposed closure of the 10-foot strip of alleyway behind Lots 16 and 17 in Square 4053, as proposed. The proposed closure will have no impact on the overall transportation network or remaining alley network.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1022**, the “Reed Street Realignment Act of 2022” is to order the closing of portions of an existing public alley system in

Squares 3841 and 3846; to order the closing of a 10-foot wide portion along the south side of Franklin Street, N.E., between Reed Street, N.E. and 10th Street, N.E., and to accept the dedication of property in Squares 3841 and 3846 along the west and east sides of Reed Street, N.E., between Channing Place, N.E. and Franklin Street, N.E., for public street purposes. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on December 1, 2022, related to S.O. No. 22-01115. The agency has no objection as long as the following conditions are satisfied:

- The Applicant must enter into a Horizontal Public Use Agreement (HPUA) with DDOT and record it with the Recorder of Deeds to provide:
 - the forgoing conditions have been satisfied; and
 - that the public space improvements in the public right-of-way and subject to a Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS) permit have been constructed to DDOT standards and specifications; and
 - that all statutory warranties have been provided; and
 - DDOT has agreed to accept the public space improvements.
- The Applicant must reach an agreement with the Urban Forestry Division's (UFD) Ward Arborist regarding the disposition of the large tree at the western fence line of 900 Evarts Street, N.E. and, specifically, whether the tree should be removed;

- Prior to issuance of the building permit for the first building within the Planned Unit Development (PUD), the Applicant shall prepare and submit a traffic signal warrant analysis for the intersection of Franklin Street and Reed Street, N.E. to DDOT’s Transportation Engineering and Safety Division (TESD) for review and approval;
 - If approved by TESSD, the Applicant shall complete an Memorandum of Agreement with DDOT and then design, fund, and install the traffic signal prior to issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy for the first building within the PUD; and
- The Applicant must compensate DDOT in the amount of \$3,387.20 for the streetlights in the existing alley network.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1026**, the “Closing of a Portion of Half Street, S.W., Adjacent to Square 660 Act of 2022,” is to order the closing of a portion of Half Street, S.W., adjacent to Lot 12 in Square 660, in 19 Ward 6. DDOT filed a report with the Office of the Surveyor on February 8, 2022, related to S.O. No. 19-46610. DDOT has determined that there will no longer be a transportation need for the 889 SF of Half Street, S.W. right-of-way once DDOT construction vehicles have vacated the staging area. As such, DDOT has no objection to the right-of-way closure and elimination from the DC Highway Plan with the following conditions:

- The closure plat will not be recorded until the Office of Surveyor has been notified in writing by the DDOT Director that construction vehicles have permanently vacated the staging area;
- The Applicant will be responsible for all costs to remove or relocate the Pepco utility vault from the portion of right-of-way to be closed; and
- The elimination from the DC Highway Plan will apply only to the 889 square foot segment to be closed, not the entirety of Half Street, S.W. or any other adjacent street.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1102**, the “Howard East Towers Alley Closing and Street Dedication Act of 2022,” is to order the closing of a portion of an alley in Square 2873 abutting Lots 1106 and 1112 in Ward 1, to establish a 25-foot wide building restriction line on the closed alley area, and to dedicate a portion of Lot 1112 for public street purposes. DDOT filed an initial report with the Office of the Surveyor on September 22, 2022, related to S.O. No. 22-03181. While DDOT objected to the dedication and alley closure as then-proposed, DDOT filed a supplemental report on December 1, 2022, indicating that it was supportive of the now-proposed closures and dedication under the condition that:

- The Applicant coordinates with the Urban Forestry Division’s (UFD) Ward Arborist and submit a Special Tree Permit (STP) for the removal of the Bradford Pear tree;

- The Applicant establishes a Building Restriction Line (BRL) on the portion of the alley fronting W Street, N.W.;
- Prior to the closure of the alley, the Applicant records in the Recorder of Deeds a public access easement approved by DDOT for the portion of the Property to be used as Bryant Street, N.W. and constructs the transportation improvements within the public access easement, including a 7-foot sidewalk, a 4-foot tree box, and two-way travel lanes consistent with DDOT standards and specifications; and
- Prior to the closure of the alley, the Applicant must record in the Recorder of Deeds an easement for the 8th and 9th Street, N.W. sidewalks in a form approved by DDOT. The easement shall encumber the portion of the Property to be improved by an 8-foot sidewalk and a 5-foot treebox subject to public space permitting. The Applicant shall be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk and tree boxes until DDOT has accepted them.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1103**, the “Union Court Alley Closing and Public Safety Improvement Act of 2022,” is to order the closing of a portion of an alley in Square 358 abutting Lots 53, 54, 55, 56, 60, 61, and 803 in Ward 1.

DDOT has not yet been asked to evaluate the impacts and identify DDOT assets, as there is not an associated Surveyor's Order that has been referred to DDOT. As such, DDOT objects to the closure until this evaluation can take place and the

Surveyor's Order can be filed and referred to DDOT. The agency would also like to note that since no Surveyor's Order has been filed, utility companies have also not had the opportunity to review the proposed closure.

I will now discuss the bills related to official and symbolic street and alley namings. The stated purpose of **Bill 24-892** is to *symbolically* designate the 700 Block of Quebec Place, N.W., in Ward 1, as *Bishop Clarence Groover, Sr. Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 700 Block of Quebec Place, N.W. In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$190 (\$65 for sign fabrication and \$125 for sign installation). Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1025** is to *officially* designate the 700 and 800 blocks of Mount Vernon Place, N.W., as *Allen Y. Lew Place*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated blocks. Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1032** is to *symbolically* designate the 1500 block of Channing Street, N.E., in Ward 5, as *Benjamin Secundy, Sr. Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 1500 block of Channing Street, N.E. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1057** is to *symbolically* designate the 500 block of 55th Street, N.E., as *Woodson Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 500 block of 55th Street, N.E. Sufficient signage requires two total signs, totaling \$380.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1058** is to *symbolically* designate the street known as 1400 Cedar Street, S.E., in Ward 8, as *Davon T. McNeal, III Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting 1400 Cedar Street, S.E. Sufficient signage requires one sign as there is only one entrance to the street, totaling \$190.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1061** is to *officially* designate the public alley system within Square 3562, bounded by 3rd Street, N.E., W Street, N.E., 4th Street N.E., and V Street, N.E., in Ward 5, as *Wooten Court*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of the plat of the designated alley system. Sufficient signage requires five total signs, totaling \$950.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1062** is to *symbolically* designate the portion of 10th Place, S.E. in Squares 5933, 5934, 5938, and 5939 between Mississippi Avenue, S.E. and Savannah Street, S.E., as *Cassandra S. Pinkney Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the portion of 10th Place, S.E. described in the bill. Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1087** is to *symbolically* designate the 300 block of 53rd Street, N.E., as *Makiyah Wilson Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the 300 block of 53rd Street, N.E. Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1090** is to *symbolically* designate Swann Street, N.W., between 14th Street, N.W., and 19th Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as *William Dorsey Swann Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the street described in the bill. Sufficient signage requires eleven total signs, totaling \$2,090.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1093** is to *symbolically* designate 18th Street, N.W., between M Street, N.W., and N Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as *Sam “The Man” Burns Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the street described in the bill. Sufficient signage requires six total signs, totaling \$1,140.

The stated purpose of **Bill 24-1101** is to *symbolically* designate 14th Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W., in Ward 4, as *Xi Omega Way*. For visualization purposes, I have attached to this testimony a copy of a DDOT-generated map highlighting the street described in the bill. Sufficient signage requires four total signs, totaling \$760.

DDOT can absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact these official and symbolic namings would have on the District's transportation network. Therefore, the Administration has no objection to these street and alley namings, 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.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

June 25, 2021

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RE: Proposed Dedication of the 1200 Block of 18th Street NW

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2021, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, streets and avenues in the District of Columbia are typically named for states, geographic locations, famous Americans, flowers, trees, and other things,

WHEREAS, very few of our streets and avenues are named after people who actually lived here and contributed to the life of our city and the quality of life of our fellow citizens,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has led in the honorary renaming of streets within the ANC in honor of Frank Kameny and Annie Kaylor,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the renaming of streets should reflect the rich diversity of those who have contributed to the life of our city in every way,

WHEREAS, the block of 18th Street between M Street and Connecticut Avenue NW is the epicenter of an area called “Club Central,” an entertainment district known nationally for good times and great music,

WHEREAS, “Sam the Man” Burns was a beloved fixture in Club Central, known primarily as the DJ at the Eighteenth Street Lounge for three decades, the godfather of DC’s house music scene, a mentor to many, and a good friend to so many more,

WHEREAS, Sam Burns died unexpectedly on March 7, 2020, just days before the pandemic, leaving a hole in the hearts of so many at a time when there was no way to safely gather, mourn his passing, and memorialize him,

WHEREAS, media reports at the time of Sam Burns passing referred to him as “the Chuck Brown of House Music and most famous DJ in DC Nightlife” with thousands of fans, friends and supporters, and

WHEREAS, now that DC is reopening, ANC 2B believes that now is a proper time to recognize the contributions of “Sam the Man” and the role he played in DC’s music scene in our neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the efforts of the family and friends of the late “Sam the Man” Burns to have the block of 18th Street between M Street and Connecticut Avenue NW renamed in his honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Mayor and the DC Council to support, pass, and sign into law legislation to honor DC’s rich music scene and the memory of Samuel Andre Burns by renaming that block of 18th Street NW in Club Central in his honor.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (2B06@anc.dc.gov) and Robin Nunn (2B03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

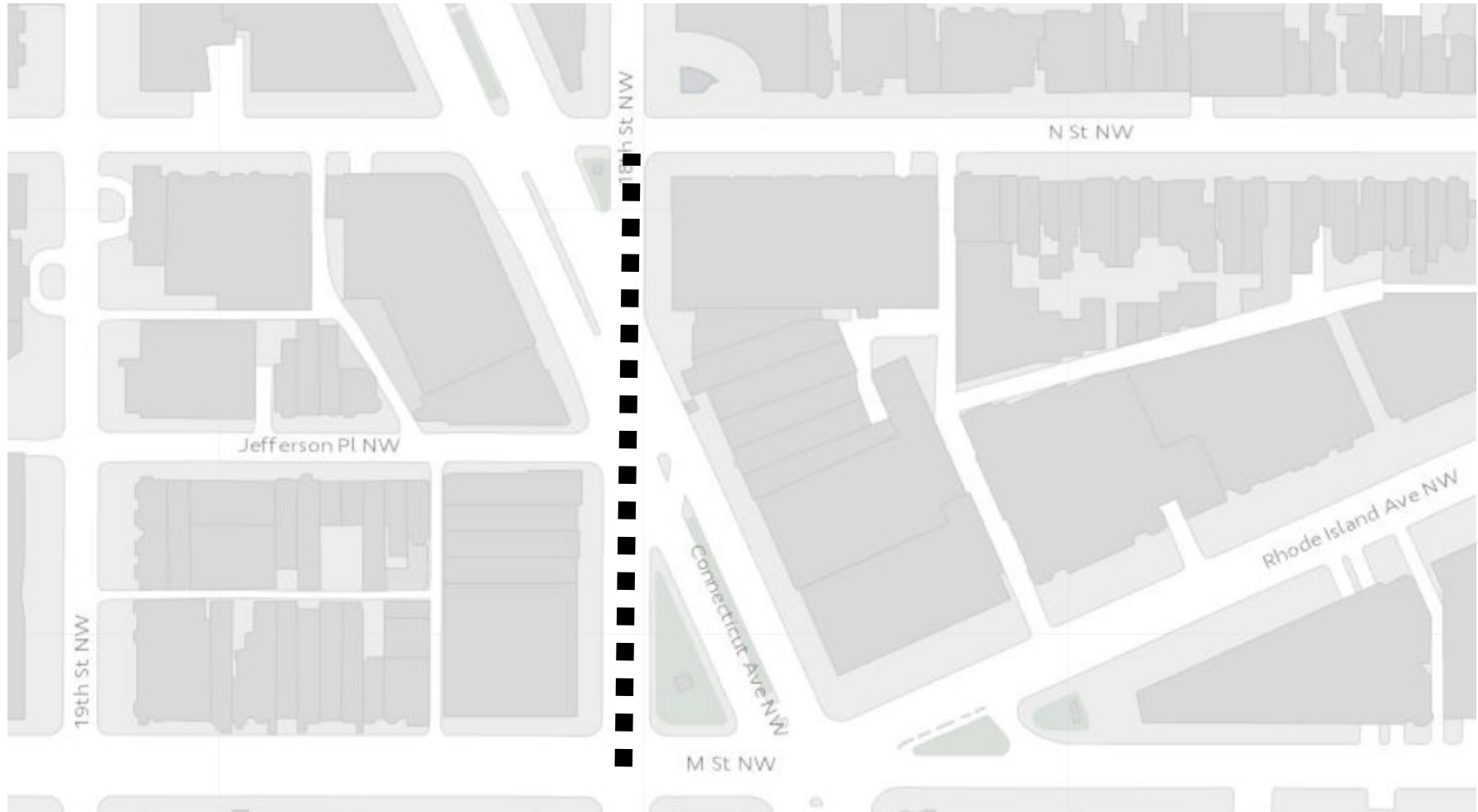
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

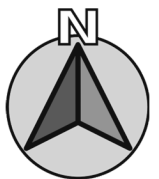
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Robin Nunn
Vice Chair

Bill 25-21, Sam “The Man” Burns Way Designation Act of 2023



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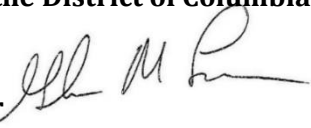
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Sam The Man Burns Way Designation Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-21, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 17, 2023

Conclusion

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

Background

Sam “The Man” Burns was a leader in the District’s house music scene. Sam DJed at the most prominent District nightclubs, including The Roxy and Eighteenth Street Lounge along 18th Street, N.W. Sam was also a mentor, community organizer, activist, and artist. Sam grew up in Northeast D.C., graduated from Roosevelt High School, and passed away in March 2020.¹

The bill symbolically designates 18th Street, N.W. from M Street, N.W. to N Street, N.W. as Sam The Man Burns Way.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will fabricate and install six signs to symbolically designate the roadway as Sam The Man Burns Way. The signs will cost \$1,140 and DDOT can absorb the cost within its existing budgeted resources.

¹ <https://samthemanburns.org/>

1 **COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **May 2, 2023**

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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To symbolically designate 18th Street N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W., as Sam
16 The Man Burns Way.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19 act may be cited as the “Sam The Man Burns Way Designation Act of 2023”.

20 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
21 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
22 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates 18th Street
23 N.W., between M Street N.W. and N Street N.W., as “Sam The Man Burns Way.”

24 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

28 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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