

**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: May 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 25-31, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 25-31, the “Xi Omega 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 12, 2023, Bill 25-31, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023” was introduced by Councilmember Lewis George and co-introduced by Councilmember Henderson. This bill would symbolically designate 14th Street, N.W., Between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. as Xi Omega Way. The location is in Ward 4. A symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.

On December 23, 1923, twenty women chartered Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Omega’s long history of organized social activism began in the 1930s when the chapter worked to assure decent living conditions for people of color, eliminate police brutality and establish home rule. In the 1940s, Xi Omega members participated in non-violent demonstrations, marches and sit-ins. Still today, Xi Omega holds voter registration drives, voter forums and transports voters to the polls ever year. Xi Omega Chapter has also been recognized by the District for its successful series of consumer advocacy seminars on homebuying.

In the 1960s, a Xi Omega program for vision screening young children referred hundreds of kids to ophthalmologists for a full exam. By 1981, Xi Omega had partnered with the Prevention of Blindness Society to provide vision screening for 903 DC School children which connected 105 children with advanced eye care. Another of Xi Omega's longest running programs of over 40 years is Monday Activities for seniors, currently ranging in age from 55 to 102, including arts and crafts, sign language classes, aerobics, bridge, memory stimulating games, Spanish class, and free lunch. During the isolating days of COVID, Xi Omega pivoted to virtual Monday Activities to ensure seniors were not left isolated and lonely.

In 1956 the chapter purchased property at 1751 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. to hold chapter meetings, offer housing for graduate students and rental space for events. This was a phenomenal achievement for black women in 1950s America. 25 years later, Xi Omega Chapter purchased the Xi Omega Center at 4411 14th Street N.W. which has provided a home base for programs and the 14th Street Community including a "little library" converted to a food pantry during the pandemic.

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 25-31, "Xi Omega Way" is a symbolic designation of 14th Street, N.W., Between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, 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.

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).

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 names.⁷

Symbolically designating this portion of 18th Street N.W. will amplify Xi Omega’s service to the community during what is their 100th year anniversary in 2023. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approval of Bill 25-31, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023.”

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| November 4, 2022 | Bill 24-1101, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022” is introduced by Councilmembers Lewis George and Henderson. |
| November 11, 2022 | Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-1101 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| November 18, 2022 | Revised Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-1101 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| December 2, 2022 | Revised Notice of a public hearing on Bill 24-1101 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| December 12, 2022 | The Committee of the Whole holds a hearing on Bill 24-1101. |
| January 12, 2023 | Bill 25-31, the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023” is introduced by Councilmembers Lewis George and Henderson. |
| January 17, 2023 | Bill 25-31 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 25-31 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| May 16, 2023 | The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 25-31. |

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 25-31. DDOT testified at the hearing that the cost of the signage contemplated in the bill is \$760. His testimony is attached.

⁷ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(d).

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

On March 21, 2023, ANC 4E unanimously approved (6-0-0) a resolution recommending designating the subject area as “Xi Omega Way” (attached).

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills, including Bill 24-1101 on Monday, December 12, 2022. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 24-1101 which was reintroduced as Bill 25-31. 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 additional testimony for the record are attached.

Raven Hill, President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Omega Chapter, testified in support of the designation.

Tiffany L Brown, Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. XiOmega Chapter, testified in support of the designation.

Cheryl Parker, Former President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Omega Chapter, testified in support of the designation.

April Gaines Jernigan, Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Omega Chapter, 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 designation. The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 25-31.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 25-31 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 25-31 symbolically designates 500 Block of 55th Street, S.E. as Xi Omega Way. Additionally, “a symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix Way or Plaza,” such as proposed by Bill 25-31.¹⁰ 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

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.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

According to the March 20, 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 \$760 (\$65 per sign for fabrication and \$125 for installation), the cost of Bill 25-31 can be absorbed.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 25-31.
<u>Section 2</u>	Symbolically designates 14th Street, N.W., Between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. as Xi Omega Way.
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.
<u>Section 4</u>	Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

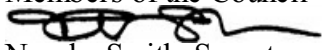
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 25-31 as introduced.
2. Testimony for Bill 25-31.
3. Map of Proposed Designation.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 25-31.
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 25-31.
6. Committee Print for Bill 25-31.

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 : Monday, November 14, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, November 04, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022", B24-1101

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Lewis George and Henderson

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
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1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

JANESE LEWIS GEORGE
Councilmember, Ward 4

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November 4, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I, along with Councilmember Henderson, am introducing the "Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022". Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation. This bill will symbolically designate Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. in Ward 4 in honor of the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The year was 1923. Washington DC was a segregated southern city. People of color were relegated to substandard housing and no health care. Police brutality was commonplace with no recourse.

Twenty women, college educated, most of them teachers and nurses, said, we have seen enough. We must do something to help our people. And so, on December 23, 1923, twenty women chartered Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. This is the beginning of a "Legacy of Service for 100 years to the Washington, DC community".

Xi Omega women immediately began the work of improving poor sanitation and health care problems in Washington with specific programs targeting children and women. In the 1960s, the vision screening program for elementary school children identified hundreds of children for referrals to ophthalmologists. Most of these little ones had never had an eye exam. Again, in 1981, Xi Omega in partnership with the Prevention of Blindness Society provided vision screening for 903 DC School children, finding that 105 needed advanced eye care.

One of Xi Omega's longest running programs of service is Monday Activities. For more than 42 years, every Monday, the doors of Xi Omega are literally and figuratively opened to seniors, currently ranging in age from 55 to 102 years old, for arts and crafts, sign language class, aerobics, bridge, memory stimulating games, Spanish class, and free lunch. During the isolating days of COVID, Xi Omega pivoted to virtual Monday Activities to ensure no seniors were left isolated and lonely.

Xi Omega's long history of organized social activism began in the 1930s when the chapter worked to assure decent living conditions for people of color, eliminate police brutality and establish home rule. In the 1940s-chapter members participated in non-violent demonstrations, marches and sit-ins. The struggle is ongoing, yet the women of Xi Omega have never run away from a righteous

cause. The chapter holds voter registration drives, voter forums and transports voters to the polls ever year. Xi Omega Chapter has also been recognized by the DC Government for its successful series of consumer advocacy seminars on effective buying strategies and ways to avoid impulse buying.

Xi Omega Chapter's economic investment in the Washington community extended to real estate ownership. In 1956 the chapter purchased property at 1751 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. to hold chapter meetings, offer housing for graduate students and rental space for events. This was a phenomenal achievement for black women in 1950s America. When they outgrew the property 25 years later, Xi Omega Chapter purchased the Xi Omega Center at 4411 14th Street N.W., where they remain active members of the 14th Street Community.

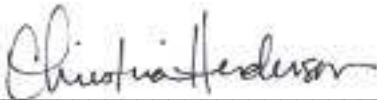
For the past 41 years, Xi Omega has continued to meet and operate its programs and services from this location including a "little library" converted to a food pantry during the pandemic. I am proud to amplify their request for recognition of our tenure and service to the community with a request that the 4300 and 4400 blocks of 14th Street, NW be named "Xi Omega Way" during their 100th year anniversary in 2023.

From 20 charter members in 1923 to 680 members today, the women of Xi Omega Chapter have worked diligently to respond to the community's needs in ways that make a positive and lasting difference. This is Xi Omega Chapter's Legacy of Service for 100 years to the Washington DC Community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janeese Lewis George". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Janeese Lewis George
Ward 4 Councilmember


Councilmember Christina Henderson


Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. in Ward 4 as Xi Omega Way in Ward 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022”.

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 Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W., in Ward 4 as “Xi Omega Way”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

Testimony of Raven L. Hill
The Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole Public Hearing: *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*
Monday, December 12, 2022
Zoom Hearing

Good afternoon, Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, and Council staff.

I am Raven L. Hill and I currently serve as President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Xi Omega Chapter. Thank you for the honor and privilege to speak before you today in support of B24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022, introduced by Councilmembers Lewis George and Henderson on November 4, 2022.

This bill will symbolically designate Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. in Ward 4 in honor of Xi Omega Chapter's legacy as we prepare to mark 100 years of service to the Washington, DC community.

Founded in 1908 at Howard University, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first sorority established for African American women. Xi Omega Chapter was chartered as the first graduate chapter in Washington, DC by 20 visionary women on December 23, 1923. Today, Xi Omega stands 685 members, pink and green proud and strong, as one of the largest AKA chapters in our global sisterhood. In addition, our leadership impact extends to Alpha Kappa Alpha members at Howard University, the University of the District of Columbia and American University as their supervising graduate chapter.

Over the last 100 years, Xi Omega Chapter has sought to leave a lasting legacy as sisters in service to our community. We provide our youth with academic support, leadership training and scholarship assistance; prioritize seniors and vulnerable residents to help meet their unique recreational, social and financial needs; leverage social action for community awareness and upliftment; and invest economically in the District with targeted spending at Black-owned and women-owned businesses.

Since 1981, we have carried out much of this work at Xi Omega Center, located at 4411 14th Street N.W. Xi Omega Center is not only our home for chapter meetings and activities, but a critical vehicle by which we have served residents throughout our nation's capital. Designating our stretch of Fourteenth Street N.W. as Xi Omega Way would be a timeless tribute to the countless hours spent in service to our community over these last 100 years.

I humbly ask that you support B24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022, in honor of Xi Omega Chapter's century of service in Washington, DC.

Thank you again for your time and attention. I am happy to answer any questions.

Testimony of Tiffany L. Brown, Chairwoman, ANC Commissioner 7B (SMD 7B02),
Ward 7 Resident, and Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Xi Omega
Chapter, Washington, D.C.

Good Day Chairman Mendelson, my council member Vincent C. Gray, and other members of the Council present, especially Council members Janeese Lewis George and Christiana Henderson who like myself are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony to offer my support of Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022. I am Tiffany L Brown, I have been before this council several times in various roles, but today I stand before you as a 25-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest sorority created by African-American Women at Howard University in 1908. Alpha Kappa Alpha's history in this City, particularly Xi Omega's, is that of service to the Community throughout the District. Xi Omega is the first AKA graduate chapter in Washington, D.C. Since this Chapter's creation it has been a model of service through various programs at the Xi Omega Center. To name a few, Xi Omega awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors within the DMV, our members provide food and volunteer at food banks to address food insecurity and inequities in Washington, and our longest running program "Monday Activities" that offer enriching programs targeted for the senior population. Throughout our 99-year history, Xi Omega has been an exemplary example of service to others. As we embark on our 100 years of service to all mankind, I see no other fitting way than to designate 14th Street NW, between Allison Street, NW, and Arkansas Avenue, NW as "Xi Omega Way." I add my full support to this bill and look forward to the council passing this legislation. Again, thank you for your time and attention.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Testimony by Cheryl A. Parker of Xi Omega Chapter
Public Hearing-December 12, 2022**

Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022

Chairman Phil Mendelson,

My name is Cheryl Adele Parker and I am a resident of the District of Columbia and reside in Ward 1. I have been a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 54 years and an active member of Xi Omega Chapter for 46 years. I joined Xi Omega to be involved in a chapter that was making an impact in the community. I served as the 28th president of the chapter and was secretary when we purchased our current property at 4411 14th Street, NW without a loan. As secretary ,I signed the deed at settlement along with the president and Xi Omega Center became an active part of our community.

The chapter's move to 4411 14th Street was predicated on our desire to provide more community service , additional parking and a commodious space for our members to meet. We made an impact during my term as president when we adopted four schools in Ward 4 close to our center, Roosevelt High School, MacFarland Junior (Middle)High School, Petworth(closed) and Powell Elementary Schools. I was truly happy because at the time I worked at Roosevelt High School as a librarian and could witness first hand the impact of our adoption. The chapter provided scholarships for students, assistance with filling out college applications, and a Family Day to share community resources and services.

Our Center is used by the community for social, recreational and educational activities. We hosted college and business fairs and held candidate forums. We grew as African American women faced with the trials , tribulations and learning opportunities as property owners in the

District of Columbia. We have been diligent about meeting our financial obligations and maintaining our property.

We have made an impact in our city, community and neighborhoods for 99 years. Through the upcoming years as we expand our programs and services to the community, our delivery will be enhanced if we had a sign that said XI OMEGA WAY.

Thank-you.

Testimony of April Gaines-Jernigan
The Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole Public Hearing: *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*
Monday, December 12, 2022
Zoom Hearing

Good afternoon, Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council and Council staff. I am April Gaines-Jernigan, the immediate past president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Xi Omega Chapter. As a longtime DC resident of Ward 4 and 40-year Alpha Kappa Alpha member, I am here today to express support for Bill 24-1101, the *Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022*.

In 2023, Xi Omega will proudly celebrate 100 years of service to the District of Columbia. Our headquarters, Xi Omega Center, located at 4411 14th Street NW, has been our base of operations since 1981. It is our hub for community programs and outreach activities throughout Washington, D.C.

In 1982, I became a member of the sorority at Howard University, home to Alpha Chapter, the founding chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Xi Omega Chapter serves as the supervising graduate chapter to Alpha Chapter. As an undergraduate, I had numerous opportunities to visit Xi Omega Center to see members' work firsthand towards the sorority's mission of service to all mankind. Notably, one of the sorority's founding members, Norma Boyd, an educator and public policy activist who went on to charter Xi Omega Chapter, lived just down the street.

Xi Omega is one of only a handful of AKA chapters to own property. It is a source of pride — not only to our members, but the African American community and beyond — that we have owned property consistently since the 1950s. In addition, Xi Omega is one of only a few AKA chapters to celebrate 100 years of service and sisterhood. Having served as president from 2018 to 2021, I can personally attest to our love for the District of Columbia and our pride in serving residents of all ages. It would be a great honor indeed to see the block that Xi Omega Center occupies designated as *Xi Omega Way*.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council for your time today and for considering this legislation.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Josephine Baker <jobaker.misc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Letter of Support for Legislative Bill 24-1101; Xi Omega Way

Please find below a letter of support for Xi Omega Way

Letter of support for Legislative Bill 24—1101; Xi Omega Way

Designation Act. 2022

This is a letter of support for Legislative Bill 24-2201 Xi Omega Way., Designation 2022 The location is 14th Street NW between Allison Street and Arkansas Avenue.

This legislation is requested by Xi Omega Chapter (Washington, DC) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 and was founded at Howard University. The organizations goals of scholarship and service support the Washington community in a unique way. The distribution of food to families at La Salle School as well as other food drives and the provision of back packs to schools where there are students in need is another example of the support Xi Omega provides to the DC community.

We look forward to your approval of this request.

Josephine C. Baker

5061 MacArthur Blvd., NW Washington DC 20016

Native Washingtonian and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha since 1949 and of Xi Omega since 1982.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Google Voice <voice-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2022 6:14 PM
To: cowcommittee@dccouncilcommittees.com
Subject: New voicemail from (202) 213-5646



Good evening. My name is Janice ferebee. I am an active member of Omega sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. I have been a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha for 44 years and fifteen years in these iomega chapter. I live in war too. I'm a former advisory neighborhood commissioner to fo 8 on the current War Two committeewoman for the Democratic State committee, and I'm calling regarding inflation Bill 24 101 designation Act of 2022. Just wanted to call and give my strong support for Alpha Kappa Alpha and the naming of 14th Street in front of 4411 14th Street the Vaio Mega house for main. After the iomega house, excuse me, and a alpha being the first sorority created by African American women and 1908 at Howard University and acknowledging died omegas. Ninety nine year history. We will be celebrating our birthday next December as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter and Just to support this naming of Dyer maker way the community service center has been in operation since nineteen eighty one page highlighting on Monday activities are longest running program and our annual scholarship Awards, and again as a 44-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. My mother was a member. She pledged 1943 at the sended by marriage of dr. Dorothy boulding ferebee who pledged in 1923 at Tufts University Medical School. And dr. Farah be tempting to National president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Incorporated. And chapter President of Zaire Mega also founded South East Settlement House Fairview. Hope in southeast is named after her, but I am again Janice Farabee in calling in support of Bill twenty-four 1101 dial Meg away designation Act of 2022. Thank you so very much. Looking forward to driving past 4411 14th Street on our way have a peaceful purposeful and Powerful holiday season. Thank you. My number is 202-213-5646.

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Written Statement
Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting
Public Hearing on Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022
Monday, December 12, 2022
Zoom Hearing

I am Dr. Lavdena Orr, the 36th President of the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, pediatrician and resident of Ward 4 in the District of Columbia. My statement is submitted to express strong support of **Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022.**

Xi Omega Chapter was chartered in 1923 as a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®. In 2023 Xi Omega Chapter celebrate one hundred years of providing community service to the residents of the District of Columbia. The Chapter has owned two properties in northwest Washington, DC and has owned and operated the Xi Omega Center, at 4411 14th Street, NW, Ward 4 since 1981. The membership in Xi Omega Chapter totals more than 600 professional women. Many of our members reside in all wards of the District of Columbia. We volunteer our time and share our resources to plan and implement successful programs and activities for residents in the neighborhood where we are located and District residents in other areas of the city.

Xi Omega Chapter cares for the Washington, DC community and has committed to providing long-standing community service programs including a scholarship program for students enrolled in high schools in the District of Columbia and college students, youth development initiatives, a weekly program for senior citizens, stocking a food pantry located in front of our property that residents can easily access and providing school supplies and coats to children and youth.

Our commitment to the community also includes collaborating and supporting other service organizations with donations or access to use of our property located at 4411 14th Street NW.

As a resident of the District of Columbia, I ask that our service and investment to consistently improve the lives of residents of the District of Columbia for one hundred years be honored and recognized with your vote to pass **Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Lavdena Orr

Dr. Lavdena Orr

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Google Voice <voice-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 11:46 AM
To: cowcommittee@dccouncilcommittees.com
Subject: New voicemail from (202) 526-2583



Please pass Bill 211 designation act. I am Gloria bakery at 4305 21st Street Northeast DC resident for 72 years 72 years. They member of Omega chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority which has served the district for Ninety-Nine years tutoring disadvantaged children feeding the hungry providing scholarships prom dresses for high school seniors holding annual College fairs for high school seniors and their parents the mega Center at 4011 14th Street. Northwest currently has Monday activities for all which include the Spanish lessons bridge lessons and games arts and crafts Giant food and nutrition experts and exercises. This would be a wonderful Centennial honoring biomega chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority who continues to serve the district birth. The Washington DC area. I'm a thirty. I'm sorry. I'm a 73-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority the first sorority African American women at Howard University in nineteen. Oh eight months, and it'd be wonderful if the district could provide this celebration for our hundredth anniversary in 2023. Thank you.

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To the council committee-of-the-whole regarding Bill 24 the Alan wire Loop Place designation Act of 2022. It is December 27th 2022. And the time is 9:01 a.m. I am Brian Hanlon former director of the Department of General Services. I am pleased to submit this testimony in favor of Bill 24 105 the Alan wire Loop Place designation Act of 2022. I support this act for numerous reasons beyond my son and professional affiliations. I work closely for Alan during the renovation of RFK and preparation for the arrival to DC and in the early days of the school modernization program. He was my mentor and guide about my own transformation during my tenure in public service. But as noted my reasons for supporting this act stem for my observation this tremendous positive impact on our cities people in the space age in places. He helped reshape these reasons include the transformation of our city that helped that Allen helped oversee his courage and tenacity and doing so and his passion and dedication to getting things right for the citizens of our city. I went survived several mayoral Administration not by keeping his head down but by Leading from the front, he did not sit quietly, but firmly in Integrity, he helped reshape our city and commitment to Excellence and the built environment. The convention center the renovation of our Nationals Ballpark and spearheading the modernization of DC public schools are but a few examples is work his passion and energy and a commitment to doing things right as uplifted the lives of washingtonians for over twenty-five years. He's shaped places where people live work Play and Learn his commitment to design Excellence has led to large environments like the Atria at Easter High School the fan Concourse at the Ballpark. And of course the landmark Walter Washington Convention Center. I'm a lifelong Washingtonian and can honestly say whether individual in my lifetime that delivered so much with such consistency for so long that this man Ellen showed a fierce determination and often conveyed a facade of toughness. He was however a man with countless friendships that belied the real tenderness of the man with them and closing. I read I reiterate a strong support in favor of Bill twenty-four 102.5 The hour while loop Place designation Act of 2022. I am Brian Hanlon. I may be reached at Brian at 6 or more. That's b r i a n a t c u r r a m o r. My cell is 202-255-7395. Thank you.

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From: Winnie Brinkley <winniebrinkley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 1:58 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Cc: Winnie Brinkley
Subject: Statement of Support for Xi Omega Way - Bill 24-1101

Greetings DC Council,

My name is Winnie M. Brinkley. I am a resident of the District of Columbia and I live in Ward 4. As a 30-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and a member of the Xi Omega Chapter, I support Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the first sorority created by African American Women at Howard University in 1908. Xi Omega Chapter is the first and largest graduate chapter in Washington, D.C. Over the past 99 years, Xi Omega Chapter has provided community service to the citizens of Washington, D.C. through programs that promote family, education, economic empowerment, health education and so much more. Xi Omega's longest running program of service is our Monday Activities program which focuses on our senior citizens. To assist our high school students; Xi omega has awarded scholarships to graduating high school students to further their education.

Xi Omega Chapter continues to host programs of service at the Xi Omega Center located in Ward 4 on 14th Street.

The designation of Xi Omega Way will highlight the great work that Xi Omega Chapter continues to do in not only Ward 4 but throughout our great city.

Sincerely,

Winnie M. Brinkley

Member, Xi Omega Chapter

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Pamela Payton <pamelabellpayton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2022 10:35 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Statement of Support for Xi Omega Way

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Pamela Bell Payton and I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Xi Omega Chapter. I have been a member of the Chapter for 25 years and a member of the Sorority for 44 years. As a resident of the District of Columbia, I have lived in Shepherd Park, Ward 4 for 25 years, and prior to that lived in Ward 6 for 4 years.

I am writing in support of Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the first Greek letter sorority founded by African American Women in 1908 at Howard University. Xi Omega Chapter just celebrated its 99th year on December 23, 2022. It was the first graduate chapter established here in Washington, DC. Xi Omega has provided community service, and college scholarships throughout the District of Columbia benefiting families for decades. The current location of the Xi Omega Center has been located on 14th Street, NW since 1981.

Again, please accept this statement of support for Xi Omega Way.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: F Denise Gibson Bailey <f.gibsonbailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Cc: rlh1908@hotmail.com; denorrxo@gmail.com
Subject: Letter of Support - District of Columbia Council Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022

F. Denise Gibson Bailey

1815 East Beach Drive, Northwest

Washington, District of Columbia 20012

December 26, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman

Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest

Washington, District of Columbia 20004

Reference: District of Columbia Council Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

As a thirty-year resident of Ward 4; a forty-eight-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and the Xi Omega Centennial Chairperson, I am delighted to write this letter of support for District of Columbia Council Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022.

The symbolic renaming of Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. as Xi Omega Way for our Centennial celebration in 2023, would indeed recognize our Chapter and our history. This renaming would also affirm the work of Xi Omega members since 1923 to serve Washington, D.C. Therefore, I am indeed honored to write this letter of support and to ask the Committee of the Whole to move forward District of Columbia Council Bill 24-1101 for consideration by the entire Council of the District of Columbia.

Xi Omega is the first graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated located in Washington, D.C. For 99+ years, this sisterhood of college educated leaders has served the citizens of our community with a plethora of programs for seniors and youth. For example, our commitment to educational excellence has been demonstrated through a continuous partnership with D. C. Public Schools, especially in Ward 4 where we have partnered with Theodore Roosevelt High School and Powell Elementary School. Additionally, college scholarships provided by Xi Omega Chapter's Pearl and Ivy Educational Foundation have propelled the education of students graduating from D.C. Public and Charter Schools for decades.

Today, like our twenty charter members, Xi Omega's over 600 members remain committed to addressing community needs such as health care, economic development, civic engagement, and environmental resilience. We strive to follow the Alpha Kappa Alpha credo to aggressively look for ways to improve the lives of "all mankind."

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this Bill and of my request to move the Bill forward.

Gratefully,

F. Denise Gibson Bailey

Xi Omega Centennial Chairperson

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated member for 48 years

Ward 4 Resident, District of Columbia

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Good evening. My name is Beverly Seaman and I am a resident of the District of Columbia. I'm calling you to life-size you of my agreement with the request to rename streets in Washington, DC and owner of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Incorporated. I'll make a chapter and I would like for that to happen. I think that it acknowledges the contributions made over the 99 a history of service to Washington DC as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter and are also acknowledges are Decades of community service through this I'll make a chapter and who do I make a center, which is located there on 14th Street Northwest. So, please understand that. You have extensions of different types of services including Monday Outreach, which is a longest running program. And also we have annual scholarship that address the needs of our students at the the the District of Columbia. You want to mention that the Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first organization of African American women that was found that the 1908 at Howard University was the first sorority that was created by African American women in 1908. Thank you for listening. This is an association to fill number 24-1 101 Val make a way. Does it make an act 2022? Thank you for your attention. And when it also let you know that I'm a member of four for a resident of the District of Columbia in word for thank you, bye-bye.

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From: Thelma Hines <thelma.hines07@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Testimony RE: Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022
Attachments: TJ Hines Testimony.pdf

To: Chairman Phil Mendelson and The Committee of the Whole

From: Thelma Jean Hines

Date: December 26, 2022

My name is Thelma Jean Hines. For thirty-five years, I have been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, which was the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 at Howard University. For more than ten years, I have been a member of the Xi Omega Chapter, the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter in the District of Columbia.

I reside in Ward 5 at 625 Girard St NE Washington, DC 20017.

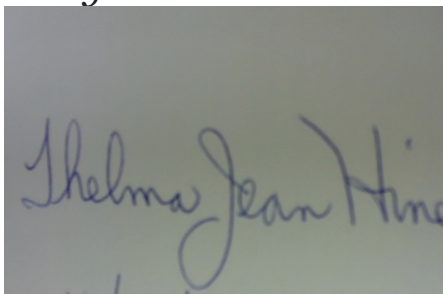
I wish to testify in support of *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*.

Xi Omega members have served the residents of Washington, DC for more than ninety-nine years. Since 1981, many of the service programs have been through the Xi Omega Center. On several occasions, I have served there as a hostess and volunteer for the Monday Activities Program, which is our longest running program. Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have worked on our Little Free Pantry Project, which provides nonperishable food items and essential household items (especially toilet paper during that first year). This project provides free food items directly to the Ward 4 residents who live near the Xi Omega Center.

I testify in favor of *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*, because it would recognize the history of service, advocacy and leadership of the African American women who were and are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc - Xi Omega Chapter. It would also acknowledge the prompt and creative ways in which Xi Omega members respond to the needs of DC residents.

I thank Chairman Mendelson for reading my testimony.

Members of the Committee of the Whole, I deeply appreciate your consideration of my testimony and hope that you will vote in favor of *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored surface. The signature reads "Thelma Jean Hines".

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Alex Balbuena Alleyne <balbuena68@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 24, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022

Greetings

My name is Alex Balbuena Alleyne, a resident of Ward 1. I introduce myself to you today as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated of 32 years and an immediate member of Xi Omega Graduate Chapter for the past 4 years.

I write to encourage you to please consider *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was created by African American women in 1908 at Howard University and then those young women embraced what they learned in college and brought it forth by chartering Xi Omega which yesterday celebrated 99 years of service in the DC area. It is the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter overall and it's dedication of community service through the Xi Omega Center in upper NW has been operational since 1981. One of our programs Monday Activities is our longest-running program, and we can't forget the annual scholarship awards given out to DCPS and DCPCS students every year.

Restfully,

Alex Balbuena Alleyne
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Xi Omega Member
Lambda Zeta Chapter Graduate Advisor at American University

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Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Monica Lewis <monicalewis81@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 24, 2022 1:43 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022

My name is Monica Freeman Lewis and I am a Ward 4 resident. I am a 10 year member of the Xi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. I became a member of the sorority in 1984 at the University of the District of Columbia.

I am writing in support of *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 and Xi Omega has a 99-year history of service to Washington, DC. It is the first and largest graduate chapter and has provided decades of community service through Xi Omega Center, a community hub, which has been in operation since 1981. Xi Omega keeps senior citizens active through Monday Activities, their longest-running program, and awards scholarships to DC high school seniors totaling over \$800,000 since 1988.

I ask that you pass the Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022 to recognize and honor Xi Omega's commitment to and impact on the community.

Sincerely,
Monica Freeman Lewis
President, DRANREF Foundation
Founder, The Abacus Project
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Attention: cow@dcouncil.org

Re: Legislation Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022

My name is Elsie Hillman-Gordon and I reside in Ward 5. I am a proud life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and a proud member of the Xi Omega Chapter in Washington, D.C. I am writing to request full support of the D.C. Council in passing the legislation bill referenced above.

Brief Background on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women. The sorority is comprised of more than 325,000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 12 countries. Led by International President & CEO Danette Anthony Reed of Dallas, TX, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.”

Brief Background on Xi Omega Chapter

On December 23, 1923, Xi Omega was chartered as the first graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Washington, D.C. Chartered by twenty women, mostly educators in the public schools of D.C., they each shared a common commitment to service and scholarship.

As the Chapter steps into its centennial year in 2023, it brings with it a long and rich history of activism and outstanding service. Xi Omega Chapter members have advocated for political and social changes over the years, and they continue to do so. The chapter addresses food insecurity and health disparities in the African American community with specific programs, health fairs, and wellness screenings. Some activities and programs are in partnership with other well-established organizations. One of the chapter’s longest running programs of service – Monday Activities – brings seniors together for a nutritious meal, exercises, games, arts and crafts, and more.

Since the 1990’s, Xi Omega Chapter’s non-profit Pearl and Ivy Educational Foundation has awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships annually for college bound students in D.C.

To learn more about the Xi Omega Chapter, please visit the website: <https://akaxo.org/chapter-history>

In closing, it is my hope that the D.C. Council will unanimously approve to symbolically designate 14th Street NW between Allison Street NW and Arkansas Avenue NW as Xi Omega Way.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Elsie Hillman-Gordon

Email: elsiehillmangordon@gmail.com

December 24, 2022


1622 Hamlin St NE
Washington, DC 20018

Dear Councilmembers,

As a resident of Ward 5, and a Washington, DC resident for 40 years, I am writing to submit my support for *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*, which symbolically designates 14th Street NW between Allison Street NW and Arkansas Avenue NW as ***Xi Omega Way***.

Alpha Kappa Alpha's is the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 at Howard University. As a Golden Soror and member of the sorority for 54 years, I would like to inform you of Xi Omega's 99-year history of service to Washington, DC. Xi Omega is the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter with decades of community service through Xi Omega Center, which has been in operation since 1981. We have several outstanding programs in the community. Our longest-running programs include annual scholarship awards and Monday activities focusing on providing educational programs and workshops to support senior members in navigating senior life priorities.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Arlene King-Berry, JD. Med.

Statement of Support for Xi Omega Way

dyredmond@aol.com

Sat 12/24/2022 6:11 PM

To: Committee of the Whole (Council) <COW@dccouncil.gov>;

This is a submission statement of support to designate 14th Street, NW between Allison Street, NW and Arkansas Avenue, NW as **Xi Omega Way**. My name is DeVera Y. Redmond and I have been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for (44 years) and a member of **Xi Omega Chapter** for (41 years). I have lived in Ward 3 for 41 years and an active of Ward 3 activities. This statement of support is for Bill 24-1101 **Xi Omega Way** Designation Act 2022. As you know Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded at Howard University in 1908. This designation for Xi Omega Way would tell the history of service to Washington, DC as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter in Washington, DC. **Xi Omega** Chapter continues to provide services to the 14th Street community residents - senior services, scholarships, etc. I humbly request and support for approval from the DC Council to symbolically designate 14th Street, NW between Allison Street,. NW and Arkansas Avenue, NW as **Xi Omega Way**.

DeVera Y. Redmond
5410 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Hi, my name is Villa Jackson Wesley. And my daughter whose name is Sheila Francis Wesley. The second we of those foreigners that Omega Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. We are leaving our testimony on Bill 24-1 101 or way a nation act. 2022 Alpha Alpha Kappa. Alpha is the first sorority created for African American women in 1908 off at Howard University and I like to say that I acknowledge Alpha Kappa Alpha for is ninety nine years history in service to Washington long as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority graduate chapter chapter and our Decades of community and service through Thursday. Acknowledgement Alpha Kappa Alpha has been in operation since 1981 and we do all kind of Monday activities community activities are run for office service projects the helps scholarships and huge amounts for students, and we do all kinds of great things and our schools and the community and whatnot. So, please vote for the legislation for that or Meagan way Zillow Wesley. I've been a sore for over 40 years, and my daughter has been dead for for six years, and she also graduated from the University of I graduated from Howard University, and I presently work and we took him in for council person Janise. Thank you very much. Bye.

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To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Cc: zillahjwesley@aol.com; zfwesley2@me.com
Subject: Xi Omega Way6 Designation

- My Name is Zillah Jackson Wesley and my daughter is Zillah Frances Wesley II are both members of Xi Omega collectively for close to 50 years .
- We are Native Washingtonian in Ward 4 with property in Ward 1 and 8 . Most of my relatives still live in the city .
- Please support *Bill 24-1101 Xi Omega Way Designation Act 2022*
- Alpha Kappa Alpha's stature as the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 at Howard University. The Vice President of the United States is a member of Alpha Kappa Sorority .
- We are so proud of Xi Omega's 99-year history of service to Washington, DC as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter. We have decades of community service through Xi Omega Center, which has been in operation since 1981. We have excellent Monday Activities, our longest-running program, annual scholarship awards to DCPS students ,food programs, and conferences for Girls and Women's to name a few . Thank you in advance for your support of Bill 24-1101 . Zillah Jackson Wesley and Zillah Frances Wesley II Xi Omega Members

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Jo Robinson <jarakaehxo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Support for Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022

To the Members of the Council of the District of Columbia:

My name is Jo Anne Robinson. I am a DC resident of Ward 4 and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Xi Omega Chapter. I have been a member of this illustrious sorority for over 40 years and a member of the Xi Omega Chapter over five years. I write today in support of Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the first sorority established by African American undergraduate women in 1908 at Howard University committed to the mission of serving all mankind. In 1923 Xi Omega was founded as the first Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter in the District of Columbia. Over its 99 year history, Xi Omega has grown to be one of the largest graduate chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In 1981, Xi Omega began operations at the Xi Omega Center located at 4411 14th Street in Northwest DC.

Xi Omega has a long history of service to the DC community. It is committed to continuing to serve the DC community through a wide variety of programs and projects that meet the needs of that community. In the past it has served the community in numerous ways that include, but is not limited to, addressing food insecurity, providing mammograms and breast cancer awareness education, supporting caregivers who care for others, providing assistance to residents of homeless shelters, engaging seniors in meaningful activities that keep them active and connected, providing scholarships to deserving DC students, assisting in voter registration activities so that our voices are heard, and supporting small, Black businesses in the District of Columbia.

I wholeheartedly support the symbolic recognition of the contributions of the Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated through the adoption of Bill 24-1101, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2022.

Sincerely,
Jo Anne Robinson

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Hello, my name is Carla. Lawrence. And I am a member of since 2019 and I've been a member of the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha since since nineteen ninety. I live in Ward four months and I'm calling about Bill 24 designation of 2022. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first sorority created by African American women in 1908 at Howard University the de la mega has nineteen year history of service to Washington DC as the first and largest Alpha Kappa Alpha graduate chapter. We have Decades of community service through the iomega center, which is in in operation since nineteen eighty-one. I'd like to highlight are Monday activities our longest running program and annual scholarship Awards. Thank you so much. Again. My name is Carlos Scott Florence. I live at 7229 Georgia Avenue Northwest Washington d.c. 20012. Thank you.

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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”;
- 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; 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.



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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DC COUNCIL BILL B-25 0031 XI OMEGA WAY DESIGNATION ACT 2023

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At a properly noticed, and with a quorum present at the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4E (ANC 4E) meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, a resolution was presented by Commissioner Ulysses E. Campbell, SMD 4E05, properly seconded and voted 6 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions by the Commission to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, DC Councilmembers Janeese Lewis George and Christina Henderson re-introduced proposed legislation to symbolically designate Fourteenth Street, N.W., between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W. in Ward 4 in honor of the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

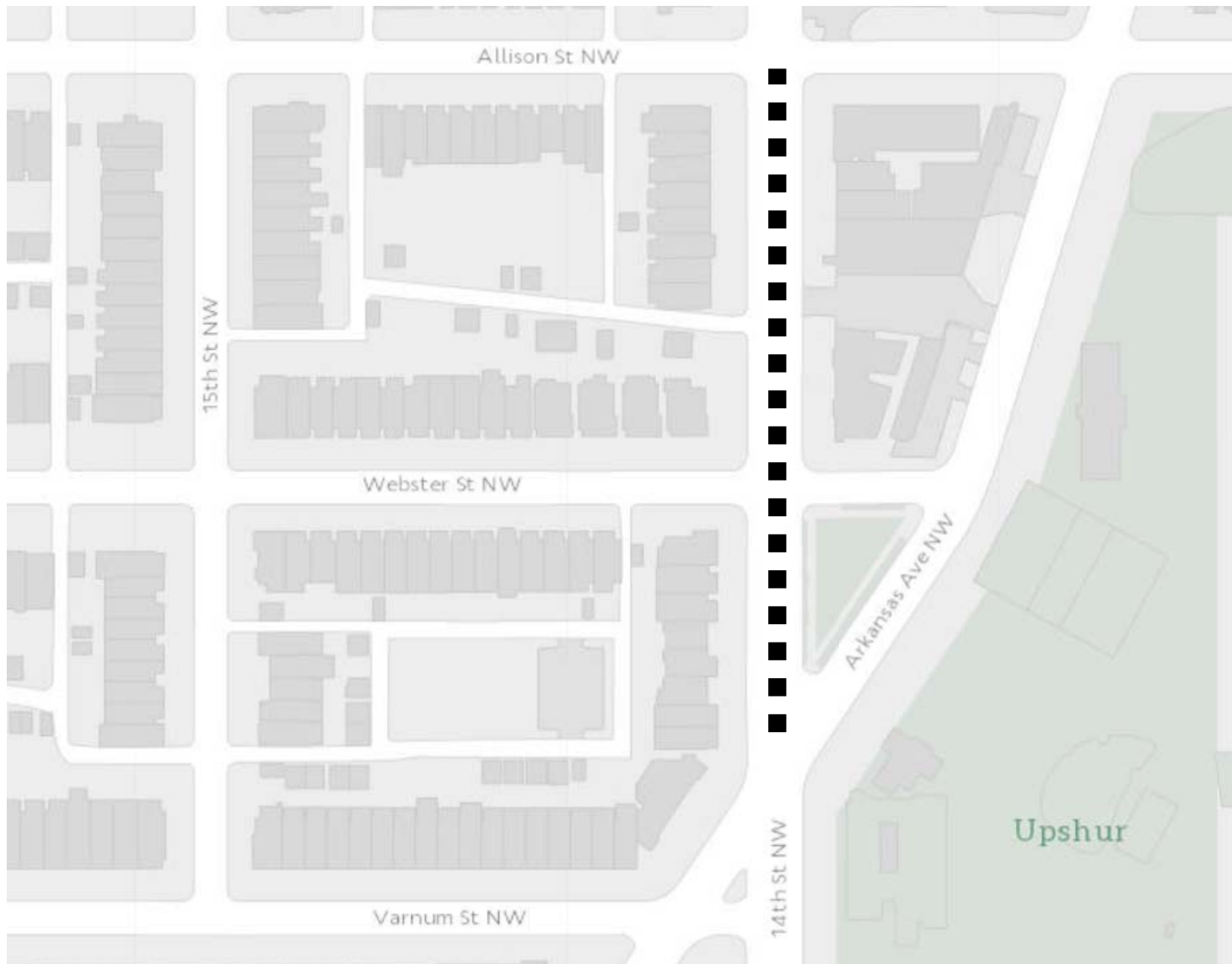
WHEREAS, ANC 4E wishes to recognize and honor Xi Omega Chapter's outstanding legacy of service for 100 years to the Washington, DC community which includes but is not limited to empowering families, building African American economic wealth, enhancing the environment and advocating for social justice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 4E enthusiastically supports the proposed legislation, encourages the DC Council to pass and the Mayor to approve the measure, with all due haste.

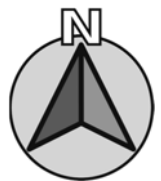
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Maria Barry, Vice Chair
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Bill 25-31, Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023



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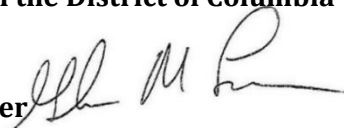
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-31, 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

The Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded in 1923. Xi Omega has a meeting place located at 4411 14th Street, N.W.

The bill symbolically designates 14th Street, N.W. from Arkansas Avenue, N.W. to Allison Street, N.W. as Xi Omega 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 four signs to symbolically designate the roadway as Xi Omega Way. The signs will cost \$760 and DDOT can absorb the cost within its existing budgeted resources.

1 **COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **May 16, 2023**

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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To symbolically designate 14th Street, N.W., Between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas
16 Avenue, N.W., as Xi Omega 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 “Xi Omega 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 14th Street,
23 N.W., Between Allison Street, N.W. and Arkansas Avenue, N.W., as “Xi Omega 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.