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Councilmember Charles Allen
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW #406
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Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
250 M St. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re:ANC6A request to name the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 as “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Dear Councilmember Allen and Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to recommend officially naming the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The proposed name is “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Mamie Johnson was a pioneering female Black baseball player. She attempted to try out for the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, but was barred due to race, so she played with the men on the Negro League instead. Her nickname was ‘Peanut’ due to her small size. Johnson was one of just three women to play in the Negro Leagues, but she was the only one who pitched. She is believed to have compiled a 33-8 record on the mound in her three seasons pitching.

After ending her sports career, Mamie Johnson obtained her nursing degree from North Carolina A&T State University and worked at Sibley Hospital. She lived in Rosedale until she passed away in 2017.2 Naming the alley after Ms. Johnson has broad community support. A petition in support of the naming gathered more than 60 signatures of local Rosedale neighbors.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert at 6A07@anc.dc.gov

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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