



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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The Honorable Charles Allen
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 110
Washington DC 20004
VIA EMAIL: callen@dccouncil.us

RE: ANC6A requests ceremonial naming for 200 block of 10th St NE

Dear Councilmember Allen:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on March 8, 2018¹, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 7-0 to send this letter of support for the ceremonial naming of the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE "Outlaw Way."

The 200 block of 10 NE is bounded by C Street and Constitution Avenue NE. The proposed ceremonial naming includes the entirety of the block and would be reflected in one street sign at the north end and one at the south end of the block, both beneath the official signs bearing the name "Tenth (10th) Street NE" and of an appropriately smaller size. The name of the street for official purposes will remain Tenth (10th) Street NE.

The proposed ceremonial naming Outlaw Way pays homage to the long-term contributions of Mrs. Pocahontas Outlaw (and her family). Pocahontas Outlaw played a strong role in supporting her community and inspiring service among others: she volunteered for decades at our local polling station, volunteered for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) to help improve the lives of low-income families, and did daily kindnesses for the neighborhood such as making dishes for those in need. In the words of one neighbor (of several who responded to the query to the listserv about her), she "was the epitome of good neighborliness".

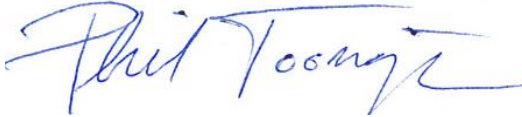
Even those who did not have the opportunity to meet Ms. Outlaw have been inspired by reading about her in the book about the Outlaw family. Mrs. Outlaw was born and had lived in DC for her whole life. She played a unique role in promoting social capital and community spirit in Capitol Hill, with a book and a Washington Post article published about her family's efforts. Residents' connection with the Outlaws, now enjoyed by multiple generations as many children grow up knowing and respecting them, also fosters a much-needed connection between different social groups, fostering an environment in which residents recognize the value of civic participation and volunteerism. Strong support of block residents is reflected in the more than twenty (20) household responses to the proposal to ceremonially name the block Outlaw Way (circulated electronically and by hand), all of which are resoundingly positive. This was also discussed verbally at a recent birthday party for Mrs. Outlaw's husband, attended by at least forty (40) residents, with consistently supportive feedback.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

The ANC supports ceremonially naming the block in honor of Mrs. Pocahontas Outlaw, both to recognize her outstanding contributions to the Capitol Hill and wider DC communities, and to serve as lasting inspiration for the civic-minded actions that strengthen our social, cultural and civic links as a city.

Commissioner Michael Soderman (mikesoderman@gmail.com and 202-297-6777) and I are authorized to represent the Commission in this matter.

On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Toomajian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A