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

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the “Annie’s Way Designation Amendment Act of 2023”. This bill is co-introduced by Councilmembers Zachary Parker, Robert C. White, Jr., Kenyan R. McDuffie, and Anita Bonds. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This legislation would symbolically designate the public alley system within Square 0179, bounded by Corcoran Street, N.W., 16th Street N.W., Q Street N.W., and 17th Street N.W., as “Annie’s Way.” This portion of land is where Annie’s Paramount Steak House is located.

Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse was opened by George Katinas in 1948 at the corner of 17th Street, N.W. and Church Street N.W. in Washington, D.C. but has since moved to the corner of 17th Street, N.W. and Corcoran Street, N.W. Since its opening 75 years ago, Annie’s Paramount Steak House has created a distinctive gathering spot providing delicious food, a sense of belonging, and a communal spirit. Annie’s has been a champion for the LGBTQQIA+ community, providing an accepting and loving atmosphere as well as being an early sponsor of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., a continuous presence at the annual Capital Pride Parade, and a recipient of the Rainbow History Project’s Community Pioneer Award.


This amendment will serve to modify the location set forth in the “Annie’s Way Designation Act of 2013” given Annie’s Paramount Steak House’s relocation.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Counsel, Mason Grow, at mgrow@dccouncil.gov.

Thank you,

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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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27 To amend the Annie’s Way Designation Act of 2014 to designate the public alley system within
28 Square 0179, bounded by Corcoran Street, N.W., 16th Street, N.W., Q Street, N.W., and
29 17th Street, N.W., as Annie’s Way.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may
31 be cited as the “Annie’s Way Designation Amendment Act of 2023”.

32 Sec. 2. The Annie’s Way Designation Act of 2014, effective April 30, 2014 (D.C. Law
33 20-99; 61 DCR 1594), is amended as follows:

34 (a) The long title is amended by striking the phrase “1600 block of Church Street, N.W.,
35 between 17th Street, N.W., and Stead Park” and inserting the phrase “the public alley system
36 within Square 0179, bounded by Corcoran Street, N.W., 16th Street, N.W., Q Street, N.W., and
37 17th Street, N.W.” in its place.

38 (b) Section 2 is amended to read as follows:

39 “Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
40 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
41 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the public
42 alley system within Square 0179, bounded by Corcoran Street, N.W., 16th Street, N.W., Q
43 Street, N.W., and 17th Street, N.W., as “Annie’s Way”.”

44 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

48 Sec. 4. Effective date.

49 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
50 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
51 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
52 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
53 Columbia Register.