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Committee on Public Works and Operations

March 14, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I'm introducing the "**Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza Designation Act of 2024**" in honor of Mr. Joseph P. Yeldell, a Native Washingtonian, veteran, long-time Ward 4 resident, and District government leader who passed away on April 15, 2013.

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Yeldell's service to the District took many forms over several decades. He was a math teacher at Coolidge High School when President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him to be a District Councilmember in 1967 and President Richard Nixon later reappointed him for a second term. He subsequently served as Director of the Department of Human Resources, responsible for a budget of over \$400 million as well as welfare payments for thousands of District residents. Mr. Yeldell went on to serve several roles in the administration of Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. including Adviser and Director of the Department of Employment Services. His Washington Post obituary described him as the city's "Mr. Fixit." Following his retirement, Mr. Yeldell remained a fixture in Ward 4 until his passing in 2013.

I'm recommending that we symbolically designate the three blocks closest to Blair Circle, the 8100 block of 16th Street, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Portal Drive, N.W., the 1600 block of North Portal Drive, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Tamarack Street, N.W., and the 8300 block of Eastern Avenue, N.W., between 16th Street, N.W. and Portal Drive, N.W. as Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza because Mr. Yeldell lived nearby on the 1700 block of Verbena Street, NW for nearly 40 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeese Lewis George".

Janeese Lewis George
Ward 4 Councilmember
Chair, Committee on Facilities and Family Services

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Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate the 8100 block of 16th Street, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Portal Drive, N.W., the 1600 block of North Portal Drive, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Tamarack Street, N.W., and the 8200 block of Eastern Avenue, N.W., between 16th Street, N.W. and Portal Drive, N.W. as Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza Designation Act of 2024”.

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, 9-204.032, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 8100 block of 16th Street, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Portal Drive, N.W., the 1600 block of North Portal Drive, N.W., between Eastern Avenue, N.W., and Tamarack Street, N.W., and the 8200 block of Eastern Avenue, N.W., between 16th Street, N.W. and Portal Drive, N.W., as “Joseph P. Yeldell Plaza”.

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).

33 Sec. 4. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
35 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
36 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
37 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
38 Columbia Register.