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VINCENT C. GRAY
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JUL 12 2013

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by Council is the "Omar Sykes Way Designation Act of 2013." This legislation would symbolically designate the 700 block of Fairmont Street, NW, as "Omar Sykes Way" to honor the life and extraordinary potential of Omar Sykes, who lost his life in July 2013.

Omar Sykes was a rising senior at the Howard University School of Business. He was an active member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. He grew up in California, Tanzania, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and South Africa, but adopted the District of Columbia as his home. Omar was hard-working and entrepreneurial. He worked in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, at the U.S. Department of State, and as a manager in retail stores in the District. He was well known for his polite, open-hearted way with everyone he met, and his passion for making the world a better place through music, art and social action. While walking with a fellow Howard student on the 700 Block of Fairmont Street, NW, Omar was fatally shot during an apparent robbery.

I urge prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation. As always, I am available to discuss any questions that you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,


Vincent C. Gray



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on

To symbolically designate the public alley west of the 700 block of Fairmont Street, NW, that runs from Georgia Avenue, NW to Sherman Avenue, NW, in Ward 1, as "Omar Sykes Way".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Omar Sykes Way Designation Act of 2013".

Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401 and 403a 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 and 9-204.03a) ("Act"), and notwithstanding sections 405 and 407 of the Act (D.C. Official Code §§ 9-204.05 and 9-204.07), the Council symbolically designates the 700 block of Fairmont Street, NW, that runs from Georgia Avenue, NW, to Sherman Avenue, NW, in Ward 1, as "Omar Sykes Way".

Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the District Department of Transportation.

1 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

2 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
3 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
4 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

5 Sec. 5. Effective Date.

6 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
7 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
8 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
9 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the D.C.
10 Register.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lolita S. Alston
Director
Office of Legislative Support

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: July 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Omar Sykes Way Designation Act of 2013
(AE-13-533)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the legislation entitled the "Omar Sykes Way Designation Act of 2013", and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Janet M. Robins