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January 14, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, along with Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmembers Elissa Silverman, Christina Henderson, Brianne K. Nadeau, Mary M. Cheh, Charles Allen, and Vincent C. Gray, I am introducing the "Jamal Khashoggi Way Designation Act of 2021." Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This legislation would symbolically designate New Hampshire Avenue N.W., between Virginia Avenue N.W. and F Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as "Jamal Khashoggi Way". This portion of New Hampshire Avenue N.W. was chosen for the designation as the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, D.C. is located on this portion of New Hampshire Avenue N.W.

Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist and resident of the Washington metropolitan area, was murdered by agents of the Government of Saudi Arabia in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey on October 2, 2018. His brutal murder sparked worldwide outrage, including here in the United States. The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded with high confidence that his murder was the result of a pre-planned and deliberate action, which was authorized and directed by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

Through his journalism, Jamal Khashoggi was a fierce advocate for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. This designation of the street where Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia is located in Washington, D.C. will memorialize the life and memory of Jamal Khashoggi. The designation will further serve as a tribute to a fallen neighbor and as an expression of support by the residents of the District of Columbia for the indispensable values of free speech and a free and independent press.

When journalism is under assault, our freedom and democracy is under assault. We cannot function as a society without a free and fair press. Sadly, journalists who travel to dangerous places to cover the news are now targeted all over the world. Tragically, the events of January 6, 2021, have brought this concern home to us in Washington, DC. Indeed, in a statement on January 12, 2021, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Columbia Michael R. Sherwin was compelled to condemn violence against the media including assaults, threats, and property

damage while they were engaged in covering events unfolding at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. To now see this violence and targeting of journalists perpetrated in our own city and country is unacceptable. We must stand up to this violence and for our values.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Director, Barry Weise, at bweise@dccouncil.us.

Thank you,

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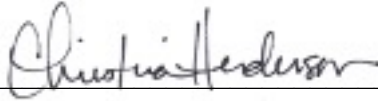
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Chairman Phil Mendelson



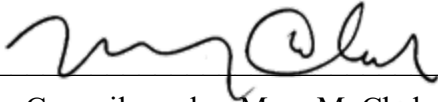
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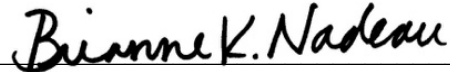
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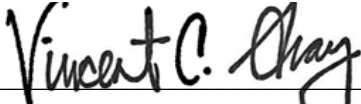
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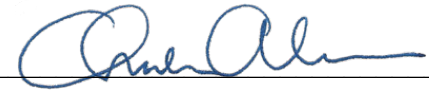
Councilmember Mary M. Cheh



Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau



Councilmember Vincent C. Gray



Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To symbolically designate New Hampshire Avenue N.W., between Virginia Avenue N.W. and F Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as Jamal Khashoggi Way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Jamal Khashoggi Way Designation Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, 405, 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, 9-204.03a, 9-204.05, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., between F Street N.W. and Virginia Avenue, N.W., in Ward 2, as Jamal Khashoggi Way.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

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20 This act shall apply as of October 2, 2018.

21 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

25 Sec. 5. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
27 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
28 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
29 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
30 Columbia Register.