

**Statement of Introduction**  
**Allen Y. Lew. Place Designation Act of 2022**  
**Councilmember Vincent C. Gray**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

Today, I introduce the Allen Y. Lew. Place Designation Act of 2022, along with Councilmember Brooke Pinto, to officially designate the 700 and 800 blocks of Mount Vernon Place, N.W. as Allen Y. Lew. Place, N.W.

Allen Y. Lew began his career in the District in 1996, serving as the Managing Director of the Washington Convention Center Authority, where he oversaw the planning, development and construction of the award-winning, \$850 million Washington Convention Center, which was completed on-time and on-budget while achieving 46% CBE participation and implementing innovative labor practices and job training programs.

As Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission from 2004 to 2007, he managed the renovation and operation of the historic Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium for Major League Baseball use while maintaining use for D.C. United soccer, and also managed the planning, site selection, development, and construction of the new \$650 million Washington Nationals Ballpark, the first LEED-certified stadium in the country.

As the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, Allen Lew oversaw some \$3.5 billion of construction, renovation, and stabilization work on District of Columbia Public Schools buildings and facilities, bringing many long-neglected facilities up to 21st Century standards, with many of those school projects having been hailed as examples of urban academic architecture and garnered awards for design innovation, construction excellence and environmental sustainability.

As Mayor, I appointed Allen Y. Lew as City Administrator, and he managed a nearly \$10 billion per year operations budget and over \$7 billion of capital initiatives such as a major flood control project, the beginnings of a new streetcar system, and undergrounding electric power lines to improve power reliability. As City Administrator, Allen Lew also directly oversaw agencies responsible for labor and collective bargaining, environment, public works, transportation, contracts and procurement, human resources, technology, facilities management, capital construction, and economic development; interfaced with a variety of stakeholders, including the Council of the District of Columbia, business community, trade groups, labor unions, community groups, advisory neighborhood commissions, metropolitan regional governments, federal government agencies, regulatory agencies, and Wall Street rating agencies; and shepherded the District government through the October, 2013 federal government shutdown in which the District government remained open, employees, contractors and vendors were paid on time, and there was no break of services provided to District residents.

Allen Y. Lew's time as a public servant and leader in the District of Columbia can truly be described as transformative due to his track record of making things happen and strengthening the unseen fabric that holds neighborhoods together.


Unfortunately, Allen Y. Lew succumbed to complications associated with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 on June 23, 2020. However, today, he is remembered for his warmth, generosity, devotion to staff, attention to detail and contributions to the District of Columbia.

I want to acknowledge the work of the Allen Y. Lew Memorial Committee for identifying the official designation of the 700 and 800 blocks of Mount Vernon Place, N.W. as Allen Y. Lew. Place, N.W. as an appropriate way to honor Allen and the contributions he made to the District of Columbia, and to recognize the lasting impacts his work has had on the cultural, business and civic life of the city.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to successfully pass this legislation



Councilmember Brooke Pinto



Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To officially designate the 700 and 800 blocks of Mount Vernon Place, N.W. as Allen Y. Lew.  
2 Place, N.W.

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
5 act may be cited as the “Allen Y. Lew. Place Designation Act of 2022”.

6 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 402 and 421 of the Street and Alley Closing and  
7 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official  
8 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.02. and 9-204.21), the Council officially designates the 700 and 800  
9 blocks of Mount Vernon Place, N.W. as “Allen Y. Lew Place, N. W.”.

10 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

11 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
12 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
13 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

14 Sec. 4. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

16 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
17 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
18 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
19 Columbia Register.