# Planning & Sustainability Commission Hearing on application to rename SW Stark St after Harvey Milk May 15 @ 4PM

# **Supportive Documents:**

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION** (Source: Harvey Milk Street Committee), includes:

- Map of SW Stark St
- Support letter from L. Stuart Milk, Executive Chair, Harvey Milk Foundation
- Support letter from Downtown Neighborhood Association
- Harvey Milk biographical information
- List of Harvey Milk Street Project Committee Members (the applicants)
- Additional narratives and endorsements

FINALIZED APPLICATION FORM (Source: PBOT), includes:

- Original Application Form and Finalized Sign-Offs from PBOT
- Sample Petition Form applicants used to collect signatures

**CITY CODE** and **WAIVERS** (*Source: Council Clerk's Office*), includes:

- City Code Chapter 17.93 Street Renaming
- City Council Ordinance #188808 to waive portion of City Code Chapter 17.93 for this application

HISTORIAN PANEL Documents (Source: Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Historian Panel), includes:

- Memo to Appoint Historian Panel with panelist bios
- Historian Panel letter to Planning & Sustainability

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT (Source: PBOT)

**AUDITOR SURVEY** to property owners and addressees on or abutting street (*Source: City Auditor*) SPECIAL NOTE: The deadline to return surveys is Thursday, May 3 and will be compiled shortly thereafter. Results will be forwarded to the PSC via Planning staff as soon as they are available.





January 18, 2018 To: Portland Bureau of Transportation

My uncle Harvey Milk was one the first openly LGBT elected officials in the US and the first to call for LGBT people to take the bold step of being out and visible. This year marks 40 years that Harvey served as an elected, his term cut short by an assassin's bullets. I have had the honor to take his story and his universal message of equality around the world over the past three decades.

My uncle gave me, at a young age, my first lessons in self-acceptance and celebrating one's differences. When I was twelve, he gave me a copy of the Native American anthology *Seven Arrows,* inscribed with the words "You, and all your differences, are the medicine that the world needs, even when the world does not recognize that." This began our deeper, ongoing dialogue about authenticity and accepting oneself, a dialogue that came to a violent end when I was seventeen and in my first semester at university, when Harvey was assassinated. I came out that night Harvey was killed. Coming out was still extremely rare back then, yet I would be joined by tens of thousands of other LGBT people across the world who would read about and hear the prophetic message my uncle included in his recorded political will, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."

I now travel the globe relating Harvey's not only relevant but desperately needed message of hope and courage. I've heard heartfelt stories of newly discovered pride and renewed faith in their own futures from young folks in countries around the world (yes, including from the youth of Portland!) – all inspired by a man who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1978 to move us all forward. I have seen firsthand the impact that Harvey Milk Day in California has on young people: the hope Harvey's story offers is palpable. Harvey dreamed of not only equality but acceptance – we even have a US navy ship being built bearing the name USNS Harvey Milk, which will carry this message to many ports where it is still illegal to be LGBT.

I have had the privilege to share the stage with some of the most amazing world leaders including President Barack Obama, Nobel Prize Winner Desmond Tutu, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; however, it is the hundreds of youth that I have met across the globe, LGBT and non-LGBT alike, that have been most inspiring. They hear the story of my uncle and know that he believed in them and in their authenticity.

So it is my hope, both as a leader of the Harvey Milk Foundation and as Milk family spokesperson, that the great City of Portland will join leading communities across the world in celebrating that legacy; and through the city blocks of Harvey Milk Street, send a daily reminder that is a beacon of hope for all of Portland. Thank you.

L. Stuart Milk Executive Chair, Harvey Milk Foundation Nephew of Harvey Milk.

The Miami Foundation, as a community foundation, acts as fiscal agent for the Harvey Milk Foundation. The Miami Foundation is registered with the State of Florida under the solicitation of contributions act, 1991. A copy of the original registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free within the state. 1-800-4357352. Our Florida registration number SC 04939.



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Subject: Harvey Milk Street Renaming

The Downtown Neighborhood Association is proud to support the effort to rename SW Stark in honor of gay rights activist Harvey Milk. Downtown Portland was the historic center of Portland's LGBTQ community and, in light of its history, we agree that SW Stark Street is an appropriate street to rename for a prominent LGBTQ activist.

We all have a responsibility to create an inclusive community and we understand the symbolic significance that street names have in demonstrating our community values. Renaming a street sends a clear message that the LGBTQ members in our community are important, and that we as a City value their contributions to making Portland an open, welcoming, and wonderful place for everyone.

We look forward to joining the Harvey Milk Coalition at the official renaming event!

Best regards,

Felicia Williams President, Downtown Neighborhood Association

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# Harvey Milk

Harvey Milk was a prominent leader in the early stages of the LGBTQ civil rights movement and one of the first openly LGBTQ Americans ever elected to public office. Born in New York in 1930, Milk moved to San Francisco in 1972 and set about unifying and organizing the LGBTQ community. His unapologetic insistence on equality galvanized the budding LGBTQ rights movement and he supported activists around the country. As he gained national attention for his cause, he was known in San Francisco as the Mayor of Castro Street. In 1977 he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, but was assassinated the following year by Dan White, an antigay activist who also assassinated the city's pro-equality mayor. To this day, Milk's legacy and message of hope continue to inspire young LGBTQ people around the world.

#### **QUOTES FROM HARVEY:**

"All men are created equal. No matter how hard they try, they can never erase those words. That is what America is about."

"If you are not personally free to be yourself in that most important of all human activities... the expression of love... then life itself loses its meaning."

"All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential."

"I finally reached the point where I knew I had to become involved or shut up."

"Rights are won only by those who make their voices heard. "

"I ask for the movement to continue, for the movement to grow. It's not about personal gain, not about ego, not about power — it's about giving those young people out there hope. You gotta give them hope."

# **Recognition of Harvey Milk**



San Diego became the first city in the country to name a street after Harvey Milk in 2012...

... and Salt Lake City followed suit in 2016.





In 2014, Harvey became the first LGBT activist to have a US postage stamp dedicated to him.

In 2009, Harvey Milk was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the first LGBT right activist to be honored with the nation's most prestigious civilian award. President Obama presented the medal to Harvey's nephew, Stuart Milk, in a ceremony at the White House.



HARVEY MILK CIVIL RIGHTS ACADEMY San Francisco and New York Ci

San Francisco and New York City have both named a high school after Harvey.

In 2008, the movie Milk, a biopic of Harvey's life, was released to wide acclaim. Directed by Portland's own Gus Van Sant, the movie received eight Academy Award nominations.



A Navy veteran, Harvey will be the first openly LGBT person to ever have a US Navy ship named after him.





# Harvey Milk – A Brief Biography

Harvey Milk was a national leader in the early stages of the LGBTQ civil rights movement. When he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, he became one of the first openly LGBTQ Americans elected to public office. The following year, he was assassinated by an anti-gay activist and former colleague, Dan White, who also murdered San Francisco's pro-equality mayor. The scope of Milk's activism extended well beyond San Francisco - Milk helped in the effort to defeat the anti-LGBTQ Measure 51 in Eugene in 1978, a critical campaign in Oregon's fledgling LGBTQ civil rights movement. To this day, Milk's legacy and message of hope continues to inspire young LGBTQ people around the world.

# Life & Political Career

Harvey Milk was born in 1922 in Woodmere, New York, to a Jewish family of Lithuanian descent. Both of his parents were Navy veterans, and after college he, too, joined the Navy as an officer, where he worked as a diving instructor in San Diego. The anti-gay culture of the 1950's expressed itself in the US Military as a series of witch hunts that saw thousands of LGBTQ servicemembers discharged. In this hostile climate, Milk left the Navy and moved back to New York, where he worked in a variety of professions such as teaching, Wall Street trading, and theater production.

In 1972, Milk moved to San Francisco and set up a camera store on Castro Street, which would soon become an important meeting and organizing center for San Francisco's growing LGBTQ community. A year later he ran for City Supervisor. Although unsuccessful, this was the first of Milk's several attempts to gain elected office, including one failed attempt at election to the California Assembly.

In 1977, Milk was finally successful in his third bid for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. During his short time in office, he oversaw the passage of an LGBTQ civil rights bill and championed housing and childcare issues for low-income families.

In 1978, Harvey Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by former City Supervisor Dan White. White had resigned from the Board of Supervisors earlier that year, but later asked the Mayor to reinstate him, which he refused. Breaking into City Hall to avoid metal detectors, White shot both the Mayor and Harvey Milk. He was later convicted of manslaughter and served only five years of his sentence. The night of the assassinations, tens of thousands marched through the streets of San Francisco in a candlelight vigil.

# **Commemorations of Harvey Milk**

Harvey Milk's life & activism have been commemorated in various books & other media, including critically-lauded & award-winning films The Times of Harvey Milk (1984) and Milk (2008), the latter of which was directed by Portland filmmaker Gus Van Sant.

TIME Magazine listed Milk as one of the 100 people who most influenced the 20th Century in their June 1999 issue.

In 2009, President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Milk the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the first LGBTQ rights activist to ever achieve this honor. The United States Postal Service dedicated a stamp to Milk in 2014. Milk was a Naval officer, and in 2016 the US Navy declared that USNS Harvey Milk will begin construction in 2018 - the first US Navy ship to be named after an openly gay leader.

Milk's name is on multiple buildings around the world, including schools & LGBTQ community centers. In San Francisco, there is a federal building at the US Job Corps Center on Treasure Island named after Milk, as well as a public recreation center, a branch of the public library, and a public plaza. Two cities – San Diego and Salt Lake City –have a street named after Milk. Many California public schools also celebrate Harvey Milk Day on May 22 each year.

In 2009, the Harvey Milk Foundation was founded by Stuart Milk, Harvey's nephew, and Anne Kronenburg, Milk's campaign manager and aide.

#### Additional resources:

- Aretha, David. No Compromise: The Story of Harvey Milk. Morgan Reynolds Publishers, 2009.
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- Emery, Vince, editor. The Harvey Milk Interviews: In His Own Words. Vince Emery Productions, 2012. Shilts, Bandy, The Mariae of Castra Structure The state
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- The Times of Harvey Milk. Dir. Robert Epstein. New Yorker Films. 1984. Film.
- *Milk*. Dir. Gus Van Sant. Focus Features. 2008. Film.
- www.milkfoundation.org
- www.harveymilkpdx.org

# Harvey Milk Street Project Committee

Governor Barbara Roberts, Oregon's Governor from 1991-1995 Governor Ted Kulongoski, Oregon's Governor from 2003-2011 Amy Herzfeld-Copple, Co-Executive Director of Basic Rights Oregon Mikki Gillette, Major Gifts Officer at Basic Rights Oregon Terry Bean, Real Estate broker and lifetime LGBTQ rights activist Cory L. Murphy-Helmkamp, Social justice and civil rights activist Lisa Schroeder, business owner on SW Stark St. Suzanne Hale, business owner on SW Stark St. **Rick Jung**, Executive Director of Portland Gay Men's Chorus Thomas Lauderdale, LGBTQ rights activist and local musician Craig Hartzman, LGBTQ rights activist Dwayne Davis, LGBTQ rights activist Cathy Travis, LGBTQ rights activist Tyler TerMeer, Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project Peter Parisot, Deputy Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project Jean Pierre Nugloze, business owner on SW Stark St. Matt Steele, LGBTQ rights Activist

# **Our Vision**

We envision a world where no LGBTQ child questions their worth, where every person of every gender & orientation & identity feels seen & heard & respected. We seek a society that demonstrates its commitment to this world by ensuring inclusion & equity in law & opportunity.

As is well evident, this world does not yet exist. Although we have seen remarkable progress in the rights & recognition of the LGBTQ community in recent decades, LGBTQ people continue to face significant obstacles to housing, healthcare, safety, legal status, job security, & more.

We believe visible, public acknowledgement of the struggles and contributions of the LGBTQ community is a crucial part of this vision. Public art, memorials, & building/street names all send a lasting, powerful message to those who experience them.

So a group of us met. And we talked. And we met again, and again, and again. How do we open the door to commemorate & celebrate the LGBTQ community in Portland? We want this to be a starting point – so we chose a street in a neighborhood historically significant to the LGBTQ community. We sought an active figure in the LGBTQ equality movement, someone who, as per city law, is a household name & has been deceased for 5+ years. After much thought, we decided activist/politician/veteran Harvey Milk is a compelling choice, having nationwide recognition for his legacy & story.

From here, we hope to further enliven the SW Stark neighborhood, to use this opportunity as a starting point to commemorate LGBTQ heroes & icons. It's a definitive step toward the future we envision, and we hope you'll join us on this project.

# **A Community Effort**

We're a grassroots coalition in Portland who have come together to propose renaming the 13 blocks of SW Stark Street in honor of national LGBTQ hero Harvey Milk. Our broad coalition includes community groups, local LGBTQ organizations, downtown business owners, and passionate individuals. Over 70% of the businesses on SW Stark St have endorsed this effort, and we expect the others to soon join them. Numerous local political and social figures have endorsed the cause as well.

Because Portland is a city that embraces equality & strives for social justice, it has renamed several of its streets after well-known leaders of civil rights movements – Martin Luther King, Jr, Blvd in 1990; Naito Parkway in 1996; Rosa Parks Way in 2007; and César E. Chávez Blvd in 2009. We believe LGBTQ activist Harvey Milk is a powerful, meaningful, inspiring next step.

# Why SW Stark Street?

SW Stark Street was once a center of LGBTQ culture in Portland. Our community coalition, alongside a growing number of Portlanders, hope to recognize this by renaming the street after Harvey Milk. Renaming the 13 blocks of SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street would demonstrate Portland's pursuit of equity & inclusion for its citizens, a city that honors its LGBTQ community's struggle for equality.

Only a couple of decades ago, SW Stark hosted the majority of Portland's LGBTQ nightlife, parades, & businesses. Only a handful of these remain on SW Stark, but renaming this street after LGBTQ hero Harvey Milk will commemorate the cultural/historical significance of this street to the LGBTQ community for generations to come. As mentioned above, we are looking into additional ways to recognize other icons & symbols of our movement along this street.



"I am proud to add my enthusiastic support to this proposal to recognize Harvey Milk here in Portland. He was a role model of courage and honesty for our country."

- Governor Barbara Roberts

"Given a history of bias and bigotry against the people who make up the GLBTQ community, we need to create cultural symbols that reinforce our roles as positive members of the broader society. Naming a street after Harvey Milk will... acknowledge our struggle and our humanity."



#### - Kathleen Saadat, Portland activist & musician

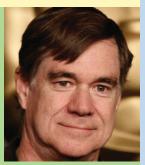


"As a gay man and business owner on SW Stark Street, this project is remarkable to me. I was an LGBTQ activist in Togo before I was forced to leave and seek asylum here in the US, because my government passed a 5-year prison sentence for anyone who is gay. The Harvey Milk

Street Project makes me so proud that I picked Portland to start my business and new life!"

- Jean Pierre Nugloze, Owner of N'Kossi Boutique de l'Afrique on Southwest Stark Street

"Harvey Milk's message is one of positivity and hope. It's exciting to see somebody who has done so much good be recognized, and I would love to have a street named after him in Portland."



- **Gus Van Sant**, Portland filmmaker and director of the movie *Milk*, a biopic of Harvey Milk's life

# **ENDORSEMENTS**

# **Community Organizations**

ACLU of OregonOur HouseBasic Rights OregonPortland GayBridging VoicesPortland LeslCascade AIDS ProjectPSU's QueerDykes on Bikes PDXPQ MonthlyEl Hispanic NewsPride FoundaFirst Unitarian Church of PortlandPride NorthwGay & Lesbian Archives of the PNWPrism HealthInternational Imperial Court CouncilQuest CenterNorthwest Gender AllianceRose City GayOHSU Partnership ProjectVeterans for

# **Community Leaders**

Governor Barbara Roberts Governor Ted Kulongoski Darcelle XV & Roxy LeRoy Kathleen Saadat Gus Van Sant Tom Potter Stuart Milk Terry Bean Congressman Barney Frank Cory L. Murphy-Helmkamp Jean Pierre Nugloze Lisa Schroeder Suzanne Hale Jason Collins

## Portland's Business Community

Businesses on SW Stark St: Al-Amir Restaurant American Panda Boxer Ramen Caribbean Kitchen Chez Dodo **Club Rouge Crystal Hotel** Cultured Caveman John Fluevog Shoes Kenny & Zukes Mother's Bistro & Bar N'Kossi Boutique de l'Afrique Peterson's Grocery Store Pulehu Pizza Quik Fish Poke Bar **Ringlers** Annex The Roxy Scandals Steven Allen Stumptown Coffee Roasters Sushi Food Cart Timbuk2 Velvet Lounge Café West End Bikes Zeus Café

- Our House Portland Gay Men's Chorus Portland Lesbian Choir PSU's Queer Resource Center PQ Monthly Pride Foundation Pride Northwest Prism Health Quest Center for Integrative Health Rose City Gay Freedom Band Veterans for Human Rights
- Thomas Lauderdale State Rep. Karin Power Cathy Travis Nancy Hales Dustin Lance Black Judy and Dennis Shepard Nicole Murray Ramirez Marty Davis Reverend Nathan Meckley, MCC Roey Thorpe Esera Tuaolo Billy Bean Homer Williams Mark Edlen
- Other Portland Businesses: Powell's City of Books **McMenamins** Gerding-Edlen FamilyCare Health Portland Institute for Contemporary Art Harsch Investment Properties Studio Blue Rose City Commercial Real Estate Hobo's Restaurant Blue Hour 23 Hoyt **Oregon Pacific Investments** The Rainbow Room Lounge Stag PDX Saucebox Clark Lewis **Triangle Productions**



"Renaming SW Stark St. after gay activist and icon Harvey Milk will send a powerful message to LGBTQ youth that they are valued and respected," Mikki Gillette Basic Rights Oregon & Committee Member



"So many lives have been lost because of violence & stigma against the LGBTQ community. The positive impact of publicly recognizing Harvey Milk's work & sacrifice in downtown Portland would be immense – reinforcing the culture of acknowledgment & acceptance as well as inspiring strength & esteem in our LGBTQ youth. My son Matthew would be so proud to see this project come to fruition." Judy & Dennis Shepard,

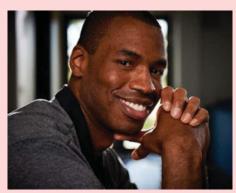
Parents of Matthew Shepard



"Harvey Milk inspired an entire nation of LGBTQ citizens to demand recognition and electoral power in their communities. I am excited to acknowledge his contributions by naming a street in his honor," **Cory Murphy-Helmkamp** Former Director of Operations for Pride Northwest, Committee Member



"I'm grateful for every LGBTQ hero who has come before me and made my life better because of their sacrifice. Honoring Harvey Milk's legacy by renaming a street in the heart of the city after him speaks volumes to the great character of the city of Portland, Oregon," Jason Collins First openly gay NBA player, LGBTQ rights activist



"Visibility is so important for marginalized communities – I've experienced this first hand as a closeted football player at Oregon State University & in the NFL. Commemorating LGBTQ activist Harvey Milk in downtown Portland sends a powerful message to our youth & our citizens: we see you & we honor your stories," **Esera Tuaolo** 

Openly gay former NFL player, LGBTQ rights activist



"Honoring the LGBTQ equality movement is a decisive next step in Portland's journey to celebrate all who live here. As a business owner on SW Stark, this effort is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate Portland's values in our business community, and we're so thrilled that is has received such widespread support," Lisa Schroeder Chef/Owner of Mother's Bistro & Bar,

**Committee Member** 



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| 3.         | Pack                  | et item submitted:  | Yes  | No    |         |
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e) Fee deposit \$<u>N/A</u> our ANATOK Fruite (05 ( \$500 for each street up to 10 city blocks long (1/2 mile or less) \$1,000 for each street longer than 10 city blocks (1/2 mile or more)



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Dan Saltzman Commissioner Leah Treat Director

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# (Minimum 2,500 signatures from residents 16 and older within Portland City Boundaries) **PETITION TO RENAME A CITY STREET**

**SW HARVEY MILK STREET** as **SW STARK STREET** To the Council of the City of Portland: We, the undersigned, do hereby support the application to rename\_

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# **Chapter 17.93 Renaming City Streets**

# - Note

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 161897, effective June 4, 1989.)

# **17.93.010** Criteria For Renaming a City Street.

**A.** Any individual or organization may apply to the City to rename a City street. City streets may only be renamed after a prominent person. Such prominent person must be:

**1.** a person who has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant, positive contribution to the United States of America and/or the local community;

2. a real person; and

**3.** a person who has been deceased for at least five years.

**B.** Only one street renaming application shall be processed at a time, and only one street name change shall be implemented per year for a major traffic or district collector street. Additional applications shall be placed on a waiting list and processed in order of submission when this criteria can be met.

# **17.93.020 Selection of Street to be Renamed.**

**A.** The name of the street proposed for renaming shall not be changed if the existing name is of historic significance, or the street is significant in its own right.

B. The street proposed for renaming must start and terminate entirely within City boundaries.

**C.** The name of any street shall be the same for its entire length. Renaming only portions of a street shall not be permitted.

# **17.93.030 Application Procedure and Fees.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 183829, effective July 1, 2010.) The applicant must conform to the following procedure in applying to rename a City street:

**A.** The applicant shall submit evidence to the City Engineer that the street renaming proposal is in compliance with Section 17.93.010 A. 2. and A. 3., and Section 17.93.020 B. and C. If the City Engineer determines the submittal does not comply with these sections, the applicant will be so advised and the City shall take no further action. If the submittal is in compliance with the above referenced sections, the City Engineer shall issue the application materials described in Subsection B.

**B.** The applicant shall obtain from the City Engineer:

- 1. official petition forms;
- 2. instructions as to fees and required procedures; and
- **3.** the application form.

C. The applicant shall, after filing a completed City Engineer's application form and paying any applicable fees:

**1.** Obtain a minimum of 2500 signatures in support of the proposal from legal residents of the City at large or signatures of at least 75% of the abutting property owners along the street proposed for renaming on the petition forms supplied by the City Engineer.

2. Make a good faith effort to obtain a letter of concurrence to the proposed street renaming from the honoree's surviving spouse, children, or parents, in that order. The City Engineer shall accept registered mail receipts and copies of all letters as evidence of compliance with this provision.

**3.** Provide to the City Engineer supporting information including a complete biography of the proposed honoree with references of substantiation, honors received, contributions to the national and/or local community, et cetera, which will be reviewed by a historian panel appointed pursuant to Section 17.93.040 A. This submission shall contain sufficient information to allow the historian panel to accurately assess the appropriateness of renaming a street after the proposed honoree.

**D.** The applicant shall have 180 calendar days to complete and submit the information required by Subsection C. to the City Engineer's office. If the completed application has not been submitted to the City Engineer within 180 calendar days after the application has been received by the applicant, the application shall be invalid. No time extension shall be granted. At the time of submission, the City Engineer shall check the applicant's application and accept it only if it is complete and appears to comply with the requirements of Sections 17.93.010 through 17.93.030.

1. If the City Engineer accepts the submission, the applicant shall make a fee deposit to cover the full cost of printing and mailing postcards and public notices as determined by the City Auditor. The minimum fee deposit shall be as established in the Transportation Fee Schedule if the street proposed for renaming is ten City blocks ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile) or less in length. If the street proposed for renaming is more than ten City blocks ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile), the minimum deposit shall be as established in the Transportation Fee Schedule. The Auditor shall refund any unused portion of the deposit to the applicant, or the applicant shall be required to pay for any cost of printing, mailings, and public notices in excess of the fee deposit.

# **17.93.040 Review of Application and Public Hearings.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 182389 and 184046, effective September 10, 2010.) Upon receipt of the applicant's packet, the City shall process the application as follows:

**A.** The City Engineer shall, within 14 calendar days after submission of the completed application, refer the street renaming application to a panel of three historians or persons with appropriate expertise appointed by the Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Transportation for review and determination as to appropriateness of the proposed name and its compliance with criteria for selecting a new street name, and determination as to historic significance of the street.

**B.** The City Engineer shall notify all neighborhood and business associations recognized by the City which encompass or represent owners of property or businesses located on property abutting the street proposed for renaming of the proposed renaming and request that they submit in writing to the City Engineer their support or opposition to the proposed name change within 45 days.

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**C.** The Historian Panel shall have 45 calendar days from the date of receipt to review the application and advise the City Planning and Sustainability Commission as to its recommendations. If the panel does not provide a recommendation within the 45-day period, the Planning and Sustainability Commission shall review the application with no recommendation unless the Planning and Sustainability Commission grants a time extension to the Historian Panel, which shall not exceed 14 calendar days.

**D.** Concurrent with the Historian Panel review under Subsection C. of this Section, the Auditor shall conduct a postcard mailing survey of each legal owner and each legal address abutting the street in question, notifying them that there will be public hearings by the Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council regarding the proposed street renaming and requesting the occupant and owner's input within 30 calendar days, as to the proposed name change. The Auditor shall also receive and tabulate all responses to the postcard survey and forward the results to the City Planning and Sustainability Commission.

**E.** The City Engineer shall prepare and submit to the Planning and Sustainability Commission a budget impact statement as to the direct cost of production and installation of new street name signs and related City costs.

**F.** The City Planning and Sustainability Commission shall conduct a public hearing on the matter and make a recommendation to the City Council as to the best interest of the City and the area within six miles of the City limits in accordance with ORS 227.120.

**G.** The Auditor shall schedule a public hearing before City Council on the matter. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation not less than once within the week prior to the week within which the hearing is to be held.

H. A public hearing shall be held before City Council on the proposed street name change.

**I.** The Council may approve or deny application for a street name change upon determination of the best interests of the City and the area within six miles of the City limits. If Council denies the application, it is filed with no further consideration, and the subject name and street shall not be considered again under this Policy for a period of at least two years. If Council approves the application, certified copies of the enabling Ordinance shall be filed with the County Recorder, County Assessor, and County Surveyor.

# **17.93.050** Council-Initiated Action to Rename a City Street.

The Council may rename a street in order to correct errors in street names, or to eliminate confusion. Such action may be taken if it is determined that insignificant impact will result and it is desirable for the convenience of the general public. Renaming of a street by the City under provisions of this paragraph shall not be undertaken to rename a street after a person as provided for in other sections of the Chapter. Therefore, City-initiated actions to rename a street under provisions of this paragraph shall be exempt from compliance with Sections 17.93.010 through 17.93.030 and Section 17.93.040 A. through D. Section 17.93.040 E. through I. shall continue to be applicable.

# 17.93.060 Implementation.

**A.** After Council approval of the name change, the Bureau of Maintenance shall install the new name signs adjacent to the existing street name sign. Both signs shall be in place for a period of five years, unless a petition is submitted to City Council from a majority of abutting property occupants requesting that the dual signage period be shortened. Both street name signs shall be maintained for the five-year period at the same level of maintenance approved for street name sign maintenance Citywide, after which time the old name shall be removed.

**B.** The Auditor shall also notify the following organizations and individuals of the street name change through public notice, inter-office correspondence, or other appropriate means within 30 days after approval of the enabling Ordinance:

- 1. The applicant;
- 2. Affected City, County, State, and Federal Agencies;
- **3.** General public;
- 4. Emergency service organizations;
- 5. Owners and occupants of all property abutting the street being renamed; and
- 6. United States Postal Service.

# ORDINANCE No. 188808 As Amended

\*Authorize the City Engineer to waive City Code upon receiving evidence to support an application to rename SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street and allow the Portland Bureau of Transportation to process the application in good faith (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Harvey Milk was a leader for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights, a human rights advocate, a Navy veteran, a politician who became, in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, and a prominent figure of national significance who meets all criteria for street renaming in Portland City Code Subsection 17.93.010.
- 2. Prior to Harvey Milk's assassination in 1978, his work and activism extended far beyond San Francisco where Milk was an activist, community organizer, and elected City Supervisor, including successful efforts to defeat anti-LGBTQ legislation such as the Briggs Initiative in California and Measure 51 in Eugene, Oregon.
- 3. Harvey Milk was outspoken on state and national issues of interest to LGBTQ people, women, racial and ethnic minorities and other marginalized communities.
- 4. The City of Portland has consistently worked with community members to rename city streets after prominent civil rights leaders and figures of local and national prominence such as César E. Chávez, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bill Naito, and Rosa Parks.
- 5. No memorial or street renaming of equivalent scope in the City of Portland exists to honor the LGBTQ community.
- 6. Portland City Code Subsection 17.93.020 specifies that renamed streets must start and terminate entirely within City boundaries and that renaming portions of a street shall not be permitted.
- 7. Stark Street is non-contiguous, with its SW and SE segments separated by Tom McCall Waterfront Park and the Willamette River.
- 8. Applicants seek to rename only the SW portion of Stark Street, consisting of 13 blocks from W Burnside Street to SW Naito Parkway, to SW Harvey Milk Street.

- 9. SW Stark Street, including where it intersects with W Burnside Street, once known as the "Pink Triangle," was once a gathering place and sanctuary for members of a growing LGBTQ culture and community in Portland going back to the 1960s. The triangular set of city blocks housed a combination of LGBTQfriendly businesses such as restaurants, bars, shops, housing, and social services. The LGBTQ community has since grown more inclusive, and spread far beyond the borders of SW Stark, but the values of equity, inclusion and social justice for all LGBTQ people is still reflected among SW Stark's LGBTQ-owned or allied businesses.
- Applicants have already received endorsements from 9 abutting property owners, 33 businesses addressed on SW Stark St, and over 60 local, state and national LGBTQ organizations, leaders, artists and advocates, including Basic Rights Oregon and Stuart Milk, nephew of Harvey Milk and the founder and President of the Harvey Milk Foundation.
- 11. Applicants have stated their intent to use this street renaming process as an opportunity to work with the Portland Bureau of Transportation to find additional ways to memorialize the fight for dignity, visibility and equal rights for LGBTQ community members in Portland and the Pacific Northwest.
- 12. The Portland Bureau of Transportation wishes to process the application in good faith, with Code defined outreach procedures, signature gathering, historian panel, and City Planning & Sustainability Commission input to make the determination if the street can be renamed under Portland City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Council directs:

a. The City Engineer shall, upon receiving evidence to support a proposal to rename SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street waive Portland City Code Subsections 17.93.020 B and 17.93.020 C, if the submittal complies with all other criteria outlined in Section 17.93, issue and consider application materials in accordance with the Code.

Section 2. The Council declares an emergency exists to accelerate the process to determine if there is sufficient community support to go forward; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, FEB 07 2018

Commissioner Dan Saltzman Prepared by: Stacy Brewster Date Prepared: January 30, 2018 Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland

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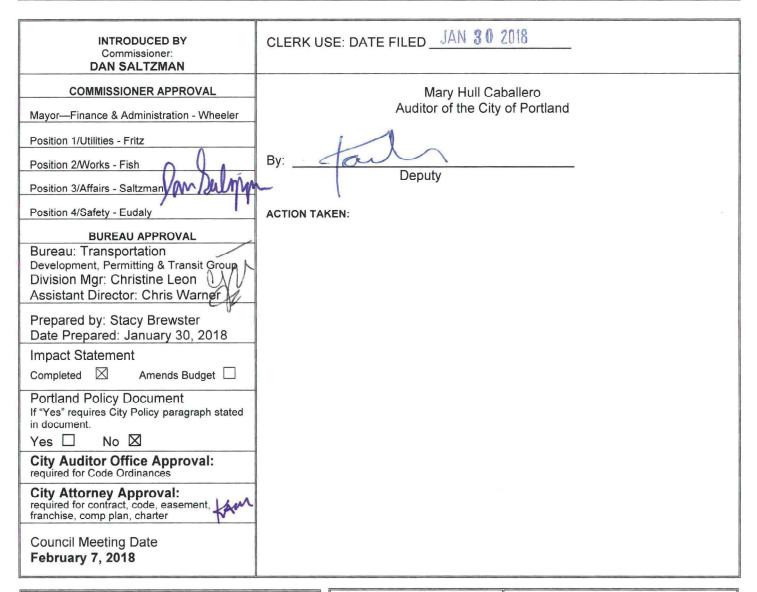
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## Agenda No. ORDINANCE NO. 188808 As Amended

Title

Authorize the City Engineer to waive City Code upon receiving evidence to support an application to rename SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street and allow the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to process the application in good faith. (Ordinance)



| AGENDA   | FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA | COMMISSIONERS VOTED<br>AS FOLLOWS: |  |  |
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| TIME CERTAIN  Start time:  |                    | YEAS NAYS                          |  |  |
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# PORTLAND, OREGON

Dan Saltzman, Commissioner 1221 S.W. 4th Avenue, Room 230 Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: (503) 823-4151 Fax: (503) 823-3036 dan@portlandoregon.gov

# MEMO

| Date: | March 5, 2018   |
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| To:   | City Engineer, Portland Bureau of Transportation<br>Commissioner Dan Saltzman |
|       |   |
| Re:   | Appointment of Historian Panel for SW Stark St Renaming Application           |

Attn: City Engineer,

Per City Code 17.93.040, I hereby appoint the following four (4) members to a Historian Panel for purposes of review of the SW Stark St Renaming Application and to write a letter with their recommendation to the Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission under the timeline provided by code. My staff has consulted with other City Council offices and reached a general consensus on these choices without objection. We have confirmed participation of all four members, outlined their roles and associated responsibilities, and will provide for them the documentation needed to move forward in their role.

# Darcelle XV (aka Walter Cole)

Darcelle is the oldest performing drag queen in the country and the owner of the longest running drag show west of the Mississippi. Walter Cole bought Demas Tavern in 1967 in Old Town (which later became Darcelle XV in 1973) in a time when homosexual acts were illegal and homosexuality was listed as a mental illness. The tavern quickly became a popular LGBTQ community hub, and Darcelle built bridges between LGBTQ and straight communities with her activism and public appearances. In her 50+ years in the Portland LGBTQ scene, Darcelle offers firsthand perspectives to the movement's progress over the years. Additional background:

- <u>https://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregonexperience/segment/darcelle-xv/</u>
- http://www.oregonlive.com/tv/2016/06/darcelle xv documentary explor.html

# Cindy Cumfer:

Cindy Cumfer is a nonprofit attorney, historian, and long-time Portland resident. She received a PhD in history from UCLA and taught US history at Reed College. Cindy began her involvement with lesbian/women's liberation in the 1970s, successfully taking on domestic partnership legal cases & custody challenges in Oregon (as well as authoring the book *Living Our Lives* on DIY domestic partnership agreements). In 1985, Cindy was the attorney in the first same-sex adoptions in the US, which set the precedent for future cases. She brings extensive knowledge of the legal and social challenges LGBTQ couples have faced in Portland. Additional background:

https://www.glapn.org/6331cumfer.html

# Kathleen Saadat

Kathleen Saadat has been an influential & inspiring leader in Portland's LGBTQ community for over 40 years. In 1976, she helped organize Portland's first gay rights march; in 1974 she worked to craft the City's Civil Rights ordinance with Keeston Lowery (banning discrimination against gay & lesbian people); and in 1992, Kathleen served on the steering committee for the campaign against Ballot Measure 9. She has worked within and alongside many in local community organizations and governments as leader for women's rights, racial justice, and LGBTQ equality. Additional background:

https://www.glapn.org/6327KathleenSaadat.html

# Kerry Tymchuk

Kerry Tymchuk has been the Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society since 2011, revitalizing and significantly growing the organization in his time there. He brings a lifelong passion for Oregon's history and extensive knowledge of Oregon's politics as former Senator Gordon Smith's Oregon staff director. Additional background:

• <u>http://www.cfm-online.com/cfm-news/2017/4/12/kerry-tymchuk-oregons-living-history-master-storyteller</u>



April 24, 2018

Planning & Sustainability Commission 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 7100 Portland, OR 97201

Dear Commissioners,

On March 5, 2018, per City Code 17.93.040, Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman appointed Cindy Cumfer, Kathleen Saadat, Walter Cole (aka Darcelle XV) and myself as members of a Historian Panel to evaluate a proposal to rename 13 blocks of SW Stark Street after Harvey Milk.

I was selected as Chair of the panel, and write to report that the panel reviewed the application and met publicly on Monday, April 2, 2018 at Portland City Hall to discuss it before interested community members and the media.

It was our panel's unanimous conclusion that the application did successfully meet the renaming criteria outlined in Section 17.93.020 of the Portland City Code, in that: Harvey Milk is a real person; Harvey Milk is a person who has been deceased for at least five years; and, Harvey Milk is a person who achieved prominence as a result of their significant, positive contribution to the United States of America.

All members of the panel expressed appreciation for the quality and thoroughness of the material provided in support of the application by the Harvey Milk Street Project Committee. In our deliberations, we took into consideration the significance of recognizing the LGBTQ community on a street and neighborhood connected with their history in Portland, and weighed this with the history of the street's current namesake, Benjamin Stark. Along with certifying that the application met the criteria of the code, the panel unanimously expressed their support for the eventual approval of the proposal.

If the panel can provide any further information, please feel free to call upon us.

Best regards

Kerry Tymchuk Chair, Historian Panel Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society



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Dan Saltzman Commissioner Leah Treat Director

April 30, 2018

Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 229 Portland OR 97204

Re: Budget Impact Statement related to renaming a city street to SW Harvey Milk St.

This letter serves as a budget impact statement to the Planning & Sustainability Commission for costs associated with renaming a city street as described in City Code Title 17.93.040. The code states *"The City Engineer shall prepare and submit to the Planning Commission a budget impact statement as to the direct cost of production and installation of new street name signs and related City costs."* 

#### Background

In February 2018 Harvey Milk committee submitted a street renaming application to the City Engineer to rename SW Stark St between W. Burnside and SW Naito Pkwy. On February 7, 2018, City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to grant a waiver to this application in order to allow the application to move forward in good faith renaming SW Stark Street only, not Stark throughout the City. The City Engineer accepted this application and the applicants proceeded with collecting a petition of roughly 2,806 signatures in support from residents of the City.

As prescribed by City Code, the Commissioner-in-Charge of PBOT, Dan Saltzman, appointed a four-member Historian Panel which recently held a public meeting to review the application and discuss the appropriateness of naming a street for Harvey Milk. On April 2, 2018 the Panel voted that Harvey Milk was an appropriate honoree for whom to rename a street and expressed their unanimous support for the renaming of SW Stark St. to SW Harvey Milk. The Historian Panel's support letter has been sent to the Planning & Sustainability Commission.

## <u>Cost</u>

The Portland Bureau of Transportation Maintenance Operations has provided the following estimated costs for sign replacement (Table 1). City code requires that new street signs be installed adjacent to the existing signs for a period of five years at which time the original



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street signs are to be removed. New street signs will meet the new street sign standard that increases sign visibility. Included in these costs are sign manufacturing, sign installation, traffic control, and removal of exiting signs five years from the date of the new sign installation.

#### Table 1

| Corridor     | Total<br>Intersections | Total<br>Street<br>Name<br>Signs | Initial<br>Installation | Remove/Replace<br>after 5-yr Interim | Total Cost | Rounded with<br>20%<br>contingency |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| SW Stark St. | 13                     | 26                               | \$ 5,200                | \$ 1,500                             | \$ 6,700   | \$ 8,040                           |

## Next Steps

City Code requires the Planning & Sustainability Commission hold a public hearing and make a recommendation on the proposed renaming to the City Council. The City Engineer would request that the Planning & Sustainability Commission consider this budget impact statement, the recommendations of the Historian Panel and public testimony at the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 commission hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Kurt Krueger, Development Services Division Bureau of Transportation

#### **CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON**



Proposed Street to be Renamed: SW Stark Street (from W Burnside to SW Naito Parkway) Proposed Name Change: SW Harvey Milk Street Organization: Harvey Milk Street Project (www.harveymilkpdx.org)

For more information on the street renaming process, go to the City of Portland website: <u>www.portlandoregon.gov</u>, or call the City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation at (503) 823-5185.

#### Street Renaming Survey (Tear-Off Postcard in This Mailer)

The City of Portland is required to survey each legal owner and each legal address abutting the proposed street. Attached to this mailer is a tear-off survey postcard on the proposed street renaming. Please tear off your completed postcard survey and mail it (no postage is required). The City Auditor will report the survey results to the Planning and Sustainability Commission. **Postcards must be received by the City Auditor no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2018 to be tabulated and reported.** 

#### Public Hearing Dates and Locations

Please note that public testimony is invited at all public hearings.

#### **Planning and Sustainability Commission**

City Code requires Planning and Sustainability Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed street renaming. The Planning and Sustainability Commission will conduct a public hearing on the proposed street renaming on the following date:

May 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 2500 (second floor), Portland, OR 97201 For more information on the Planning and Sustainability Commission, go to <u>www.portlandoregon.gov/bps</u> or call (503) 823-7700.

#### **City Council**

The City Council will make the final decision on the proposed street renaming. The City Council will also conduct a hearing tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. You may submit written testimony to the Council Clerk at <u>cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov</u> or by mail: Portland City Auditor, 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 130, Portland, OR 97204.

#### **Translation, interpretation, accommodation, or modification requests for public hearings** The City of Portland complies with all non-discrimination, Civil Rights laws including Civil Rights Title VI and ADA Title II. To request translation, interpretation, accommodation, modifications, or additional information, please contact the Commission or the Council Clerk by phone at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing:

Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing: 503-823-7700 or use City TTY 503-823-6868, or Oregon Relay Service: 711.

City Council Hearing: 503-823-4022 or use City TTY 503-823-6868, or Oregon Relay Service: 711.

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Tear off your completed postcard survey and mail it as soon as possible (no postage is required)

# Survey on proposed street renaming of SW Stark Street

Please check one of the following:

I support renaming SW Stark Street (from W Burnside to SW Naito Parkway) to "SW Harvey Milk Street."

OR

I oppose renaming SW Stark Street (from W Burnside to SW Naito Parkway) to "SW Harvey Milk Street."

# Proposed Street Renaming: Survey and Notice of Public Hearings

Mailed April 2, 2018

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation has received an Application to Rename a City street "SW Harvey Milk Street."

- Inside this mailer: details on street renaming public hearings, including dates and locations.
- Inside this mailer: tear-off postcard survey on the proposed street renaming (results will be reported to the Planning and Sustainability Commission).

#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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