

**STREET RENAME PROCESS FOR SW STARK TO SW HARVEY MILK ST**

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**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Subject:** Agenda 131 testimony  
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Hello Karla and Sue,

Please add to testimony.

Thanks!  
Dee White

## **Agenda Item 131 Changing city code in order to rename part of Stark Street to Harvey Milk Street**

### **Testimony**

#### **From: Dee White, Portland, OR**

I am opposed to renaming part of Stark Street to Harvey Milk Street. I support renaming streets after Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Cezar Chavez, but Harvey Milk? No.

Number one it's against the code/law to rename a portion of a street in the city limits and y'all are trying to "waive" this part of the city code to fill the unnamed applicant's desires. I understand that there will be (sort of) public involvement once the applicant files the application, but this will be a difficult BDS maze to have to figure out even for a half-way informed citizen.

Number two, the public should know up front who the applicant is because it is in the best interest of the citizens of Portland to know what/who is driving this application/request to rename a city street. How many people are involved and have been involved? Is the "applicant" one person, a group of private persons or an organization? We should know this before you all go vote on waiving part of a law/code on an unnamed applicant's behalf!

Number three and most important of all: Harvey Milk was not the nice, respectable man this ordinance and impact statement portrays. He was a leader only as far as his tainted charisma could take him and only as far as a cover-up could allow. Quite frankly, I do not believe for one minute that you would have the support of the majority of the gay community of Portland if you were to take the time to look into this regrettable action. Please read this article and then seriously consider pulling this ordinance for further consideration and debate.

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San Diego is the only city in the nation that has a street named after Harvey Milk. There isn't even one in San Francisco, where he finally served as city administrator and where he was killed.

Number four: I can't help but feel that this is a politically motivated action being pushed by a very small handful of people who contribute to your political campaigns. Is this why we will never know who is behind this dubious renaming after a dubious character until it's a done deal?

This ordinance has little integrity and transparency. Once again, it seems we are witnessing another case of the elite serving the elite with scant consideration for the majority of us in the Portland community.

Dee White  
Portland OR

MY NAME IS JEAN PIERRE NUGLOZE. I'M FROM TOGO, WEST AFRICA.

I OWN A CLOTHING STORE AT 130 SOUTH WEST STARK STREET. I MOVED FROM MY COUNTRY TO THE UNITED STATES THREE YEARS AGO TO SAVE MY LIFE. IN TOGO I WAS A GAY ACTIVIST AND A FOUNDER OF THE FIRST GAY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION. I MOVED WHEN MY COUNTRY PASSED A LAW PUTTING KNOWN HOMOSEXUALS IN PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS.

NOW I HAVE COMPLETED MY ASYLUM AND AM SO HAPPY TO BE LIVING IN PORTLAND.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO AMAZED AT HARVEY MILK'S STORY OF PRIDE AND HOPE, AND IT'S UNBELIEVABLE TO ME THAT THE ROAD ON WHICH I HAVE MY STORE AND MY BUSINESS WILL ACTUALLY CARRY HIS NAME.

GIVING HARVEY MILK'S NAME TO THIS STREET IS GOING TO GIVE HOPE TO SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR IDENTITY AND LONGING TO BE ACCEPTED.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

Mother's Bistro & Bar  
212 SW Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon 97204

February 7, 2018

Dear Commissioner Saltzman,

I am sorry I could not be there today to let you know how much I am in favor of renaming of SW Stark street Harvey Milk street. I've written this letter to let you know that I am an adamant supporter of the name change.

My business, Mother's Bistro & Bar, has been on Stark Street for 18 years. Thankfully, I got to see Stark street when it was a hub for the LGBTQ community. Now, as years have passed, things have changed, businesses have moved and others have shuttered. It's therefore important commemorate Stark street's past, which meant so much to so many. And there's no more fitting LGBT figure after which to name the street other than Harvey Milk.

Portland is a progressive city and we need to reflect that in our street naming as well. Harvey Milk Street will reflect Portland's support for all people, including our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters. Please allow us to move forward and gather the signatures necessary to make this name change happen.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Schroeder

Chef/Owner

To Portland City Council & Portland Bureau of Transportation:

Working countless hours to capture perfectly Harvey's message of hope for the movie *Milk*, I came to understand what kind of effect that message can have on people. He gave a voice to people, life to spirits that are all too often shaken & trod upon. He spoke truth to power, inspired strength, and united people through their blossoming conviction & self-worth. In times like these, we must take definitive steps that illustrate our community values & our commitment to them – through art, legal protections, & public displays that affirm the goodness & the humanity of the people around us.

Portland's Harvey Milk Street Project is just that. It's an opportunity, a chance for Portland to prove to the many generations to come: we see our LGBTQ peoples. We value our LGBTQ peoples. And we're enthusiastic to go on the record as a city where the message of Harvey Milk lives & resonates in our daily lives. I hope you find his message alive in yourselves today, and I urge you to vote in favor of SW Harvey Milk Street.

Gus Van Sant  
Director of *Milk*  
February 7, 2018