Application to Rename SW Stark St after Harvey Milk

Stark



Harvey Milk

May 22, 1930 – Nov 27, 1978

Navy Veteran – Politician - LGBTQ Hero

Harvey Milk was a visionary civil and human rights leader who became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. Milk's unprecedented loud and unapologetic proclamation of his authenticity as an openly gay candidate for public office and his subsequent election gave never-before-experienced hope to LGBTQ people everywhere at a time when the community was encountering widespread hostility and discrimination. His remarkable career was tragically cut short when he was assassinated nearly a year after taking office.



Chapter 17.93 Renaming City Streets

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- C. One application at a time; one major street renaming per year





Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1990) Bill Naito (1996) Rosa Parks (2007) César E. Chávez (2009)



Portlandoregon.gov/transportation

Chapter 17.93.020 – Selection of Street to be Renamed





Timeline to Today

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- ✓ Committee returned 2,800+ signatures from Portland residents (17.93.030.C1)



Original Application

- ✓ Support letter from surviving nephew (17.93.030.C2)
- ✓ **Biography** (17.93.030.C3)
- ✓ List of previous honors received (17.93.030.C3)
- ✓ Support letter from the Downtown NA (17.93.040.B)
- ✓ Committee's Vision for the Project
- $\checkmark\,$ Narrative on the choice of SW Stark St

And endorsements from...













Community Organizations

ACLU of Oregon **Basic Rights Oregon Bridging Voices Cascade AIDS Project Dykes on Bikes PDX El Hispanic News** First Unitarian Church of Portland Gay & Lesbian Archives of the PNW **International Imperial Court Council** Northwest Gender Alliance **OHSU Partnership Project Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

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



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**

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



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 & Zuke's 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 Cafe West End Bikes Zeus Cafe





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





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 - **Darcelle XV**, longest performing drag queen in the country and owner of the longest running drag show West of the Mississippi
 - Kathleen Saadat, lifelong civil rights activist, musician
 - Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society



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"Hope will never be silent." - Harvey Milk



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

