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Subject: Testimony in support of Harvey Milk street renaming

Good Afternoon Commissioners,

My name is Cameron Whitten. I am a Portland resident of eight years, and I am testifying in favor of renaming SW Stark Street to Harvey Milk Street.

I completely expect this proposal to be implemented within the City of Portland, because this is an issue of unquestionable moral fortitude that fully aligns with the policy standards adopted by your Commission and Portland City Council.

I am amazed to see the coalition that has organized this people-powered campaign. This coalition is multi-generational, multi-racial, multi-gender, and speaks volumes of the demographics of Portlanders who will benefit from this renaming.

As a young queer person, I never came out until my late adulthood. LGBTQ leaders like Harvey Milk were never talked or taught about. While we have seen milestones made for LGBTQ rights, we have more to do to prove that LGBTQ people are integral members of our community.

The choice is a no-brainer. Thank you for your time.

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