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Honorable Tyisha Walker
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Walker:

Re: Corner Naming in Honor of Ida Ruth Wells.

I would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders the attached order proposing that the northwest corner of County and Henry Streets be permanently designated "Ida Ruth Wells Corner" to honor her for her many contributions to the community.

Ida was a resident of Housing Authority of New Haven developments from for more than 30 years, served as vice-chair for the board of the Housing Authority 1991 to 2001, and for many years served as President of her Tenant Resident Council. She was strong, persistent, kind, and collaborative leader, the kind of community member who gives our City its great social capital. She was both an advocate for and a builder of community.

For decades, she was a fierce advocate for the tenants of Crawford Manor at 90 Park St and Prescott Bush at 220-230 County St. During those years, she built community and encouraged tenants to take responsibility for and ownership of the communities they live in. During her many years of involvement with the New Haven Land Trust, her love of gardening grew, and she became a trailblazer for community gardens at Housing Authority of New Haven developments. She passed away at the age of 95.

I have attached the necessary petition of admiring neighbors, city residents and friends to satisfy the procedure for corner naming, and ask that the Board approve this order, which calls for the designation of the above-mentioned corner in recognition of Ida Ruth Wells.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Winter
Ward 21, Alder

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF COUNTY STREET AND HENRY STREET AS "IDA RUTH WELLS CORNER" TO HONOR HER FOR HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS: Ida was a resident of Housing Authority of New Haven developments for over 30 years and served as vice-chair for the board of the Housing Authority 1991 to 2001 and for many years served as President of her Tenant Resident Council;

WHEREAS: She was strong, persistent, kind, and collaborative leader;

WHEREAS: She was both an advocate and a builder of community. For decades, she was a fierce advocate for the tenants of Crawford Manor at 90 Park St and Prescott Bush at 220-230 County St and;

WHEREAS: She built community and encouraged tenants to take responsibility for and ownership of the communities they live in and;

WHEREAS: Through her many years of involvement with the New Haven Land Trust, her love of gardening grew and she became a trailblazer for community gardens at Housing Authority of New Haven developments;

WHEREAS: She was born in Newark, NJ on February 23, 1921 and died on December 24, 2016 in New Haven, Connecticut;

WHEREAS: She lived to be 95 years old, and left behind six children, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that in honor of her many contributions to the community, the northwest corner of County and Henry Streets be designated as "Ida Ruth Wells Corner", making her legacy in New Haven stand as an official and permanent reminder of integrity, generosity, and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Traffic and Parking is hereby directed and authorized to implement this order.