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Dear Members of Richmond City Council,

I write to urge your support for the ordinance to install a street sign honoring Dr. Howard Hopkins at the intersection of Maggie L. Walker School High School. Dr. Hopkins has served Richmond Public Schools for over 50 years as a teacher, coach, principal, and inspirational educator impacting thousands of students, colleagues, and community members.

He has been a mentor and friend since I graduated from Maggie L. Walker in 1978. There is no other teacher or administrator who has been a bigger influence and inspiration than this great man. Dr. Hopkins has remained deeply involved with Maggie L. Walker alumni, helping organize parades and events that preserve and celebrate the school's proud history. He has been a consistent, principled voice for what is best for students, faculty, and the citizens of our city. I regret that I am unable to attend and speak in person due to meeting conflicts, but know that there are hundreds of persons who share similar sentiments about his impact on them.

I cannot think of a person more deserving of this recognition. Please vote to approve this ordinance and join us in honoring Dr. Hopkins's lifetime of service and dedication to Richmond's children and schools.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Support for Honorary Street Naming at the Maggie L. Walker Intersection for Dr. Howard Hopkins, "Coach"

Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposal to establish an honorary street designation or rename a segment at the intersection of North Lombardy Street and West Leigh Street in honor of Dr. Howard Hopkins, affectionately known to our community as "Coach."

As a Richmond resident, I believe there is no better location to preserve his legacy than the intersection directly anchoring the historic Maggie L. Walker High School. Dr. Hopkins' life and career are deeply intertwined with this institution, where he served with distinction as a teacher, coach, and athletic director. He was a central figure during the legendary Armstrong-Walker Classic eras, helping shape a vibrant community culture that brought tens of thousands of Richmonders together.

Beyond the wins on the court and field, "Coach" Hopkins was a master mentor. He guided generations of Richmond youth—including icons like the late Harlem Globetrotter Clyde "the Glide" Austin—teaching them vital life lessons, discipline, and community pride. His administrative service continued to benefit our city for decades, including his leadership within Richmond Public Schools.

Placing a permanent street designation for Dr. Howard Hopkins at this specific MLW intersection would serve as a daily reminder of his monumental impact on the students, athletes, and families of Richmond.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of this tribute. I strongly urge the City Council to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lewis R. Armstrong