

INTRODUCED: November 2, 2015

AN ORDINANCE No. 2015-231-224

To designate the 1900 Block of Princess Anne Avenue in honor of Alicia C. Rasin.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 9, 2015 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Ms. Alicia C. Rasin died on October 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rasin founded Citizens Against Crime in the 1990s to assist citizens and law enforcement in reducing crime in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, then-Mayor Leonidas B. Young honored Ms. Rasin as the Mayor's Volunteer of the Year and called her "ambassador of compassion;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to memorialize Ms. Rasin's contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as an advocate for victims of crime in the city of Richmond by designating the street block on which she lived in her honor; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: NOV 9 2015 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 26-7 through 26-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, do not apply to the designation made hereby or to any signs erected pursuant to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 1900 Block of Princess Anne Avenue shall be designated in honor of Alicia C. Rasin pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the street block made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the street, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated street block. The sole effect of designation pursuant to this ordinance shall be to authorize the placement of commemorative signs in accordance with this ordinance memorializing the designation in honor of the named person.

§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the street block in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs shall be affixed to the street sign for the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the street block designated in section 1 of this ordinance and shall bear the name of the person corresponding to that street block as set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

§ 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE Honorary Designation of the 1900th block of Princess Anne Ave in honor of the late Alicia Rasin.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

November 2, 2015

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration that designates the 1900 block of Princess Anne Ave in honor of the late Alicia Rasin pursuant to provisions of honorary block designation program established by Ord. No. 2015-1-28.

BACKGROUND

The City has created a program by which City blocks can be designated in honor of persons who have contributed to Richmond's civic well-being. The Alicia Rasin is such a person.

Ms. Rasin passed away on October 9, 2015. She was known to have assisted many victims of crime in our City by comforting victims and their families. She was the founder of Citizens Against Crime, an organization through which she and others worked with victims, police, businesses, and residents to fight crime and bring diverse elements of Richmond's communities together. Through her work she became known as the "Ambassador of Compassion." The purpose of this honor is to acknowledge Ms. Rasin's contribution of compassion to hundreds of Richmonders in their hours of need.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes No