

## Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office

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**From:** Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Gale Hudson; Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office; Braxton, Lisa - Clerk's Office; Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council  
**Subject:** RE: Judge Willard Douglas  
**Importance:** High

Candice,

Mrs. Hudson requests this letter be entered into the record as support for the adoption of [Ord. 2022-322](#) (To designate the 600 block of Edgehill Road in honor of Willard H. Douglas, Jr.) and (if possible) read during the public hearing for the consent agenda.

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**From:** Gale Hudson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:06 PM  
**To:** Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Judge Willard Douglas

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Letter for City Council

Richmond, Virginia 23222

December 2, 2022

To: Councilmember Ann-Frances Lambert and Members of Richmond City Council  
900 East Broad Street, Suite 305  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: **Judge Willard Douglas**

Dear Councilmember Ann-Frances Lambert and Members of Richmond City Council:

With great appreciation, I thank you for taking up this resolution to designate the 600 block of Edgehill Road in honor of Judge Willard Douglas for his outstanding landmarks made in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

I commend your diligent work to honor our request from Councilmember Ann-Frances Lambert and the supporters who worked to get this resolution through.

These are difficult times and this is a pivotal moment that will help to engage the next generation to know and reflect on the impact of Judge Willard Douglas' service over the years in the judicial field and his community. We are so proud of Judge Douglas' accomplishments in breaking barriers by taking a strong stance toward injustice and on issues that needed to be addressed. Some of the landmarks Judge Douglas made in the City of Richmond, Virginia are as follows:

- U.S. Copyright Attorney 1961-1962
- Chaired National Study on DNA for child support signed by President Reagan 1986-1989
- First African American to serve as a full-time judge in Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in 1974
- President of Black Methodists for Church Renewal Judicial Council on Religion and Race 2011
- Served as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney
- Served as Staff Attorney for the US Commission on Civil Rights
- First African American Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Richmond
- First African American to be appointed to the Ethics Committee of the Virginia Supreme Court
- Lifetime Recipient of the Ecumenist Award 2016

We believe after years of service, it was always Judge Douglas' goal to leave this City of Richmond, Virginia, a better place for those who will come behind him.

Again, I thank you for recognizing the urgency of this moment and for your immediate response to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Gale Watkins Hudson

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**From:** CHARLES WARE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** ORD. 2022-319 Mayo Bridge Replacement  
**Attachments:** Mayo Bridge-comments--12-02-22.docx

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DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022

TO: CLERK, Richmond City Council

FROM: Charles V. Ware, Member, Board of Directors of FORVA {Friends of the Rivers of Virginia

Re: Mayo's Bridge Replacement, ORD. 2022-319

Please distribute the attached comments to members of Richmond City Council prior to the meeting of December 12, 2022. I have registered to make brief comments and to answer any questions from Council as a virtual participant in the hearing.

## WHITEWATER BOATING COMMUNITY CONCERNS WITH THE MAYO BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

1. Pier design for new bridge must minimize raft/kayak/canoe pin hazards {i.e., shape of piers and size of same};
2. The minimum number of in-water piers should be used to minimize accumulation of strainers of driftwood on the upstream facings {maximizing river channel openings between piers};
3. Placement of piers should not be in the highest flow areas of Southside Rapids {i.e., flow should not be direct into the bridge piers};
4. Any blockages of the 14th Street Whitewater Takeout lots and access roadways should be minimized;
5. Acquisition of Mayo's Island should be a project priority {it could be used as a project laydown area, and after project completion could be added to the James River Park for river-related uses};
6. Passage of whitewater boats on the river should not be entirely blocked during construction;
7. ALL construction and demolition debris, such as sharp metal or concrete, riprap, or coffer dam materials, should be removed;
8. The new bridge should have physically separated bicycle and pedestrian ways on both the upstream and downstream sides of the bridge. Such separation is essential for pedestrian safety and for river rescue activities {which cannot be carried out from lanes of traffic};
10. Boaters do not wish to eliminate or discourage fishing from the new bridge, but would request that fishing be discouraged from the North channel, closest to the shoreline generally used by boaters headed to the 14th Street takeout. This is intended to prevent rafts, kayakers, canoeists, and other paddlers from being hooked by fishing lines extending from the east side of the bridge. Such regulation might be assigned to the James River Park staff.
11. Traffic calming measures should be employed to limit vehicle speeds on the new bridge, and there should be a turn lane serving the 14th Street takeout and the adjacent commercial parking lot.