

INTRODUCED: March 27, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-112

To designate the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in honor of Josie Samarah Cox.

Patrons – Mrs. Lynch, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison, Ms. Robertson and Ms. Newbille

Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 8 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Josie Samarah Cox passed away on November 26, 2022, when she was fatally injured in a car crash along Semmes Avenue at its intersection with West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, Josie Samarah Cox was, at the time of her passing, a senior at Huguenot High School who had ambitions of becoming a nurse and who was involved in the community as a captain of the Generation of Dancers dance group and as a volunteer organizer of drag bingo in support of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the life of Josie Samarah Cox by designating the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in her honor; and

AYES:            9                      NOES:            0                      ABSTAIN:            \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:      MAY 8 2023      REJECTED:    \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN:    \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), 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 Names.** The 500 and 600 blocks of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street shall be designated in honor of Josie Samarah Cox, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the portion of the street 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 blocks. 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.

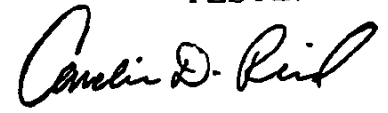
§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the portion of the street in question such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the portion of the street designated

in section 1 of this ordinance and (ii) shall bear the name of the person set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

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

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlin D. Reil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**City Clerk**



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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

**THROUGH** LaTesha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

**COPY** Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member  
Amy Robins, 5th District Liaison  
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** March 16, 2023

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**TITLE** Honorary Signage – Josie Samarah Cox

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

S. Lynch

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council's consideration requiring the installation of an honorary block naming and signage along the 500-600 blocks of W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (off Semmes Avenue) in honor of the late Ms. Josie Samarah Cox.

## BACKGROUND

Ms. Cox passed away on November 26, 2022 in a car crash along Semmes Ave at W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

She was a senior Huguenot High School at the time of her passing and who had dreams of becoming a nurse after graduation. She was captain of the *Generation of Dancers* dance group and a volunteer organizer of drag bingo in support of the LGBTQ community.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage are usually absorbed from operating funds of DPW.

Attachment/s Yes ☐ No ☒