



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2025-195, **Version:** 1

To designate the 4800 block of Bryce Lane in honor of Dr. Lois Bias.
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Name.** The 4800 block of Bryce Lane shall be designated in honor of Dr. Lois Bias, 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 (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the block designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the road designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the block 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. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

DATE: July 31, 2025

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Reva Trammell, 8th District Councilmember

THROUGH: RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff

THROUGH: Will Perkins, Senior Legislative Services Manager

FROM: Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

RE: Designating the 4800th Block of Bryce Lane in Honor of the late Dr. Lois Bias.

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PURPOSE:

Designating the 4800 block of Bryce Lane, located between Broad Rock Blvd. and Tignor Road in honor of the late Dr. Lois Bias.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Lois Bias, known as “Pastor Bias, co-founded with her husband, Bishop Bias, *Bringing God’s Word to Life Ministries*. Dr. Bias was also founder of *Precious Blessings* and *Rehema Preparatory Academy*, designed to assist students in both academic and spiritual growth.

Dr. Bias was born in Washington, DC to military parents - William and Lois Newton. She grew up in Los Angeles, CA where she attended St. Peter’s Catholic School. She earned her master’s degree at UCLA and doctorates at NYU.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 8, 2025

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 22, 2025

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use

AFFECTED AGENCIES: City Council, DPW

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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