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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Robert D. Rivers
Executive Director
City Planning Commission

RE: Renaming of Terpsichore Street

Pursuant to City Pursuant to City Planning Commission rules, please accept this letter as my written request to rename the portion of Terpsichore Street from South Rampart Street to St. Charles Avenue to Professor Longhair Lane. My Director of Land Use, Liz Holman, will be the point of contact for this request (Elizabeth.holman@nola.gov).

The length of this portion of Terpsichore Street is less than half of a mile. Zoning districts affected are HU-MU, MU-2, and HU-RM1. Those affected addresses are included in the attached list which was provided by CPC in response to my April request to rename Terpsichore Street from Magnolia Street to St. Charles Avenue. As you know, I have withdrawn that request to submit this one in its place, at the request of Professor Longhair's family.

Professor Longhair has become an iconic name in the City of New Orleans and throughout the country for his influence on rhythm and blues and jazz. A staple in the early years of Jazz Fest, he became an instantly recognizable piano player for his unique style and a father figure to the likes of Allen Toussaint and Dr. John.

The former home of Professor Longhair, on Terpsichore Street in Central City, has become an attraction to locals and tourists alike, and I believe it is not only appropriate but long overdue to make this change in his honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesli Harris".

Lesli Harris