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August 29, 2023

Robert Rivers  
Director, New Orleans City Planning Commission  
1300 Perdido Street, 7th Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Street Name Change Request for southern stretch of Kenilworth Street

Dear Director Rivers:

In accordance with City Code § 146-759.5, we would like to formally request the City Planning Commission commence proceedings to change the name of the southern stretch of Kenilworth Street from Florida Boulevard to Orleans Avenue, bordered by Florida Boulevard and Interstate 610, to Firefighter Way.

Our staff has met with the staff of the City Planning Commission and the staff of the City's designated steward of electronic geographic information to become familiar with the procedure and standards for street name change requests and to review the proposed name change in the context of the City's system of street names and other geographic features in the vicinity of the subject street.

Please find the information required by the CPC to process the request:

Name of person or group requesting the street name change:  
Councilmember Joseph I. Giarrusso III on behalf of the New Orleans Firefighters Association

Contact person and address:  
Aaron Mischler, president of NOFFA  
Address: 2401 Westbend Pky, Suite 3001, New Orleans, LA, 70114  
Phone: (504) 366-8564  
E-Mail: [amischler@nolafirefighters.com](mailto:amischler@nolafirefighters.com)

Location of the proposed name change, including total length of the street to be affected and bounding streets or other boundaries:



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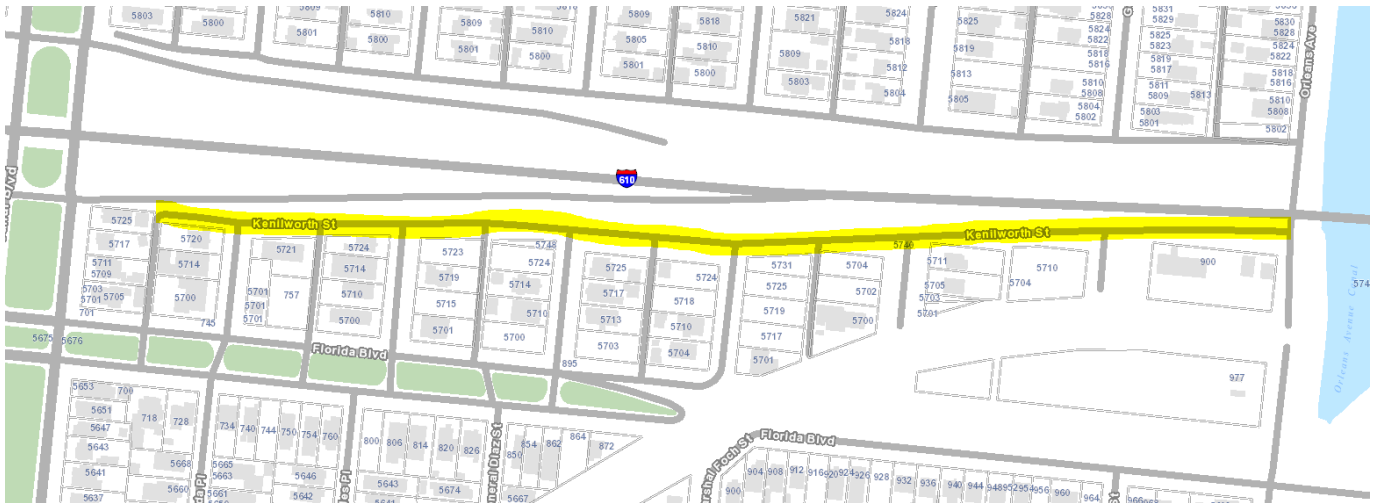
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Kenilworth Street, on the south side of Interstate 610, between the unnamed alley located between Canal Blvd and Vicksburg Street on the west, and Orleans Ave on the east, as depicted in the attached map. The total length of street subject to the change is approximately a quarter mile.



Total number of lots affected by proposal:  
According to the City's "Property Viewer," approximately 2 lots of record abut Kenilworth Street.

Total number of residential, commercial, and industrial uses affected by proposal:  
According to the City's "Property Viewer," Kenilworth Street is zoned S-LRS1.

Statement of cost:  
\$3,171.96

Funding of cost:  
Department of Public Works (DPW)



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Proposed street name change:  
Firefighter Way

Reason for the change:

The firefighters for the city of New Orleans have served our beloved community for more than 130 years and have done so with the incredible courage, respect, tradition, and honor that befits their chosen profession.

The members of the New Orleans Fire Fighters Association, like many other families in our great city, lost their home during Hurricane Katrina. They spent the last 17 years as reluctant nomads, but finished construction of their new headquarters in 2022. It is located at 5710 General Haig Street, an approximately 100-foot stretch of street which dead ends in railroad tracks to the south and is bordered by Kenilworth Street and Interstate 610 to the north. Though the association is located in the 5700 block of General Haig Street, it is technically a paper street and not suitable for renaming. Instead, we propose to rename the southern stretch of Kenilworth Street which abuts the property. The City's designated steward of electronic geographic information has also requested the renaming of this stretch of Kenilworth Street, as there is a separate Kenilworth Street on the other side of Interstation 610.

To honor these brave and devoted public servants, and to officially celebrate their new home, we humbly request the above referenced small stretch of Kenilworth Street be renamed Firefighter Way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Giarrusso III".

Joseph I. Giarrusso III