



City of Phoenix

July 9, 2020

Dear Resident/Owner,

On July 1, 2020, the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved initiating the process to rename Robert E. Lee Street pursuant to Phoenix City Code Section 18-1 regarding street names deemed derogatory or offensive. In the approval, Mayor Kate Gallego and Councilwoman Thelda Williams suggested Freedom Street or Justice Street as options to consider for replacement of Robert E. Lee Street. The City Council is also requesting input from all current residents and property owners impacted by the name change.

The city's street renaming policy requires two community forums be held to allow residents/property owners on affected streets to learn about the process, provide input and ask questions. Feedback from the community will be included in a report to the City Council prior to the Sept. 16 Formal City Council meeting at which the proposed name change will be scheduled for consideration.

Because of the pandemic, city staff will conduct the **community meetings via live web-conference on Tuesday, July 28 and Monday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m.** If you would like to join one or both meetings, please send an e-mail to streetrenaming@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-3630. Staff will respond with registration details.

Meeting details, a comment form and other resources and background information on the street renaming process also are available online at: www.phoenix.gov/Street-Renaming. If you have no internet access or would like materials in paper form, you can request background information by mail by calling (602) 534-3630 or sending an e-mail to streetrenaming@phoenix.gov.

You may also share comments by phone at the above number or submit written comments by mail to: Phoenix Planning and Development Department, Director's Office (3rd floor); 200 W. Washington Street; Phoenix AZ 85003: ATTN David Urbinato. If you intend to come into Phoenix City Hall to drop off written comments, you may leave them in a sealed envelope in the designated box located on the cart inside the main building entrance.

Please include your name, address, email and phone number on all feedback you provide. The city will be compiling feedback and your address helps us know which

location you are concerned about. The city will protect your name and address from being made public.

Please note that no changes to your address or other documents need to be made until after the City Council makes their final decision in September. We understand this can be confusing and stressful, so a team of city staff has been assigned to assist you through the process of updating your address on accounts and other items. If the street renaming is approved, the city will reimburse any documented costs or fees directly associated with updating your address. Though you don't need to take action at this time, *if you have questions or need information about updating your address* on personal accounts and documents, please contact *Phoenix Public Library* at (602) 262-4636.

Thank you very much for your understanding and participation in the City Council directed effort to rename Robert E. Lee Street. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Stephenson".

Alan Stephenson
Planning and Development Department Director

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Kini L.E. Knudson
Street Transportation Department Director