



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; changing the name of the designated Festival Street portion of East Denny Way between Broadway East and 10th Avenue East to East Barbara Bailey Way; and superseding the relevant portions of Ordinance 4044, Ordinance 89910, Ordinance 102981, and any other ordinance to the extent inconsistent.

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey was born and raised in Seattle, attending the St. Nicholas School and graduating from the University of Washington in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey's commitment to service was evident from a young age, as she spent two years in Diyarbakir, Turkey as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer before returning home to work as a caseworker in Washington State's juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Barbara Bailey opened her first bookstore in Seattle, B. Bailey Books, that would mark the beginning of her career as a successful small business owner and advocate for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Barbara Bailey opened her second store, Bailey/Coy Books on Broadway Avenue, which served as a fixture of the Capitol Hill LGBTQ+ community for 25+ years, granting booklovers and authors a gathering space, and which also served as a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ individuals and youth at the height LGBTQ+ persecution in our country; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey was one of the founders of the Pride Foundation, which was founded in 1985 during the height of the HIV & AIDS crisis, to create a source of light and hope in a period of profound darkness; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Foundation has gone on to invest more than \$70 million in transformative community

change; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Foundation continues to maintain a scholarship in Barbara Bailey's name, intended for lesbian students in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Barbara Bailey championed civil rights in Seattle for communities of color, for the LGBTQ+ community, and organizations in our City and across our State that are advocating for and protecting the rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey frequently opened up her home to host fundraisers for organizations and candidates that were fighting to improve the lives of our most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey's relentless determination and strength in everything she did influenced countless individuals and continues to serve as inspiration and as a model for leaders in Seattle's LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey raised funds and community awareness for the rights and healthcare for those suffering from HIV/AIDS since the beginning of the AIDS crisis, and supported the creation of Bailey Boushay House, named in honor of her brother Thatcher Bailey and his partner Frank Boushay, who died of AIDS in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bailey worked tirelessly for the health, diversity, and vitality of Capitol Hill and paved the road to office for Cal Anderson and many others through her continued activism; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the street leading to Cal Anderson Park, at the site of the proposed AIDS Memorial Pathway Project, and which will serve as the site for a farmer's market, transit hub, and community gathering place be named for Barbara Bailey; and

WHEREAS, East Denny Way between Broadway East and 10th Avenue East is designated by the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation as a Festival Street; and

WHEREAS, City departments have reviewed this proposal and agree that no significant, negative impacts would result from this proposal; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The name of a portion of East Denny Way between Broadway East and 10th Avenue East, located between Block 35 and Block 46, John H. Nagle’s Second Addition, as recorded in Volume 5 of Plats, page 67, is changed to East Barbara Bailey Way, superseding the relevant portions of Ordinance 4044, Ordinance 89910, Ordinance 102981, and any other ordinance to the extent inconsistent.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2019, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2019.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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