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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of March 16, 2021

FROM: Council Member D'Andre Jones

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF LEROY POND DRIVE TO NOLAN RICHARDSON DRIVE AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MEADOW STREET BETWEEN STADIUM DRIVE AND GRAHAM AVENUE TO LEROY POND DRIVE

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Council Member D'Andre Jones

City Attorney Kit Williams

Approved as to form

Williams, Kit

From:

D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>

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Thursday, March 04, 2021 12:02 PM

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Williams, Kit

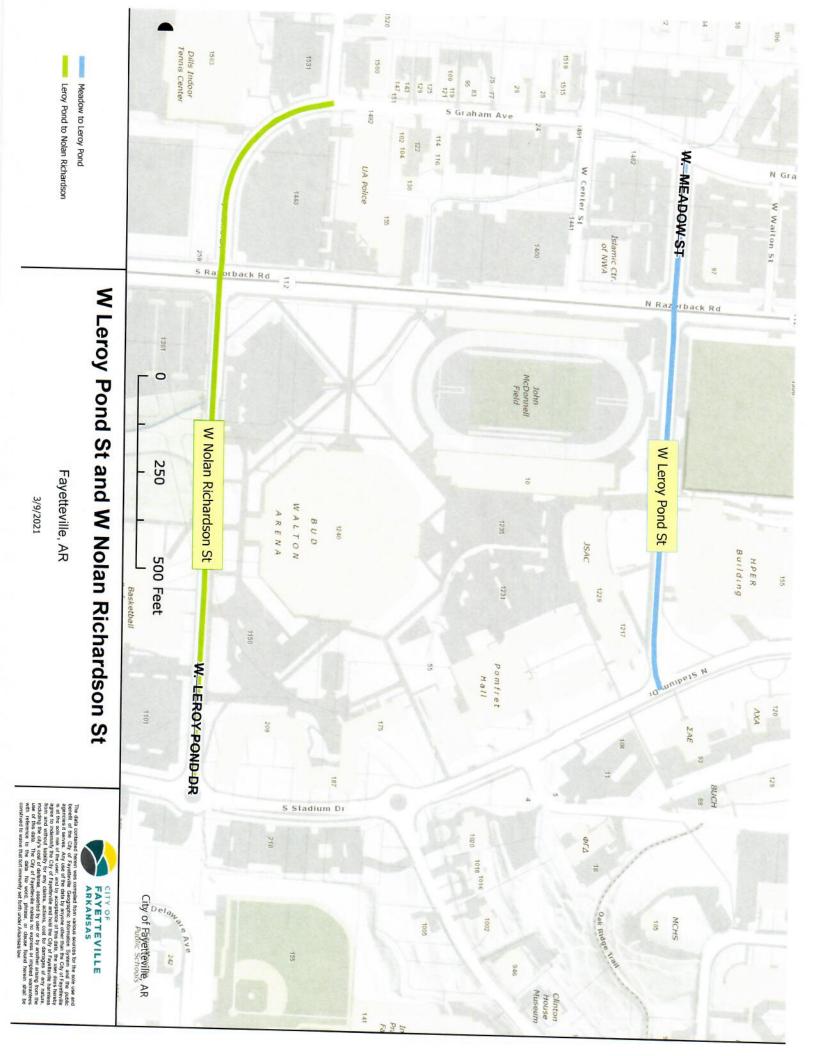
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Resolution looks good

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Hey Kit everything is good, I have a question when do I need to present it in order for to be considered at this upcoming agenda session??

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Williams, Kit

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Tuesday, March 02, 2021 12:39 PM

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Williams, Kit

Subject:

Resolution for street name change

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Hello Kit,

I would like to get with you and write the resolution in relation to changing the street name from Leroy Pond to Nolan Richardson Avenue. I am hoping to have it placed on the agenda at the March 9th agenda session meeting.

Best Regards,

D'Andre L. Jones - MSW, MA Fayetteville City Council Ward 1 Position 2

"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BLACK ALUMNI SOCIETY STREET NAMING PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL: TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY NOLAN RICHARDSON JR. TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND TO REQUEST THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE RENAME LEROY POND DRIVE NOLAN RICHARDSON BLVD IN SOLADARITY AND ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNIVERSIY OF ARKANSAS NAMING THE BASKETBALL COURT IN BUD WALTON ARENA IN HIS HONOR. LEROY POND DR. WOULD BE RELOCATED TO WHAT IS CURRENTLY MEADOW STREET.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- Coach Nolan Richardson Jr. was the men's head basketball coach for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorbacks from 1985 until 2002;
- Coach Richardson became the first Razorback basketball coach to lead the team to win an NCAA Division I Men's Championship Game when the Razorbacks beat the Duke University Blue Devils 76-72 on April 4, 1994, in Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Coach Richardson remains the only head basketball coach in American basketball history to win a Division
 National Championship, an NIT Championship, and a National Junior College Championship;
- During his tenure at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Coach Richardson's teams made 3 trips to the NCAA Final Four and won 3 Southwest Conference Regular Season Championships, 3 Southwest Conference Tournament Championships, 2 Southeastern Conference ("SEC") Regular Season Championships, 4 SEC Western Division Championships, and an SEC Tournament Championship;
- Coach Richardson is a three-time Southwest Conference Coach of the Year, the Naismith College Coach of the Year in 1994, and the SEC Coach of the Year in 1998;
- Coach Richardson was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1998, the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, and the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014;
- Coach Richardson has the highest all-time winning percentage in the history of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville basketball team, with 389 wins and only 169 losses in 17 seasons with the Razorbacks;
- Coach Richardson has been honored for his work and service to the Yvonne Richardson Community
 Center here in Fayetteville as well as other organizations such as Sacred Heart where he was named Father
 Rahm Segundo Barrio Person of the year for 2017. This award recognizes an individual or organization
 committed to the betterment, works, and service to the cultural, historical, economic, educational, and
 social empowerment of the Segundo Barrio and its inhabitants, values, and unique experience;

Coach Nolan Richardson is truly valued in the Fayetteville community. As head coach of a National Champion basketball program, Coach Richardson was a source of leadership for the black community in Arkansas. After his departure from the University, he chose to remain in Fayetteville and has showed many African American students that this was a place they could call home. Coach Nolan Richardson embodied and empowered the growing diversity of the University of Arkansas.

To recognize and honor Coach Richardson's impact on the city of Fayetteville, the campus community, and the state, the University of Arkansas Black Alumni Society feels it is appropriate that the street located directly in front of Bud Walton Arena be named in his honor.

The UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BLACK ALUMNI SOCIETY recognizes and appreciates the dedication and hard work Coach Nolan Richardson Jr. showed as the head coach and requests that Leroy Pond Dr. be relocated to Meadow Street and the current street named Leroy Pond Dr. be renamed Nolan Richardson Blvd.