



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

June 25, 2021

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Mayor  
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Council of the District of Columbia  
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RE: Proposed Dedication of the 1200 Block of 18th Street NW

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2021, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, streets and avenues in the District of Columbia are typically named for states, geographic locations, famous Americans, flowers, trees, and other things,

WHEREAS, very few of our streets and avenues are named after people who actually lived here and contributed to the life of our city and the quality of life of our fellow citizens,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has led in the honorary renaming of streets within the ANC in honor of Frank Kameny and Annie Kaylor,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the renaming of streets should reflect the rich diversity of those who have contributed to the life of our city in every way,

WHEREAS, the block of 18th Street between M Street and Connecticut Avenue NW is the epicenter of an area called “Club Central,” an entertainment district known nationally for good times and great music,

WHEREAS, “Sam the Man” Burns was a beloved fixture in Club Central, known primarily as the DJ at the Eighteenth Street Lounge for three decades, the godfather of DC’s house music scene, a mentor to many, and a good friend to so many more,

WHEREAS, Sam Burns died unexpectedly on March 7, 2020, just days before the pandemic, leaving a hole in the hearts of so many at a time when there was no way to safely gather, mourn his passing, and memorialize him,

WHEREAS, media reports at the time of Sam Burns passing referred to him as “the Chuck Brown of House Music and most famous DJ in DC Nightlife” with thousands of fans, friends and supporters, and

WHEREAS, now that DC is reopening, ANC 2B believes that now is a proper time to recognize the contributions of “Sam the Man” and the role he played in DC’s music scene in our neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the efforts of the family and friends of the late “Sam the Man” Burns to have the block of 18th Street between M Street and Connecticut Avenue NW renamed in his honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Mayor and the DC Council to support, pass, and sign into law legislation to honor DC’s rich music scene and the memory of Samuel Andre Burns by renaming that block of 18th Street NW in Club Central in his honor.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein ([2B06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B06@anc.dc.gov)) and Robin Nunn ([2B03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B03@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Nunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Nunn  
Vice Chair