



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

June 25, 2010

Christopher Murray
District of Columbia Council
Committee of the Whole
Office of Vincent Gray

RE: FRANK KAMENY WAY RESOLUTION

Dear Mr. Murray,

Dupont Circle ANC 2B considered the above mentioned matter at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 12, 2010, and with a quorum of all nine Commissioners present, passed the following resolution by a unanimous vote of 9-0:

Resolution to Honor Franklin E. Kameny by Naming a Street in the District of Columbia
“Franklin Kameny Way”.

Whereas, Once upon a gay time, before the Stonewall riots in New York, before gay marriage, gay adoption and gay real estate, before “Will & Grace,” “The L Word” and cable channels called Logo and Here!, before everyone had a gay relative, there was a man who led a picket line in front of the White House. It was 1965, and the man was Franklin E. Kameny.

Whereas, Frank Kameny is recognized as one of the most significant figures in the gay rights movement.

Whereas, In 1957, Frank Kameny was dismissed from his position as an astronomer in the Army Map Service in because of his homosexuality, leading him to begin a struggle that would spearhead the homosexual rights movement in the United States.

Whereas, Frank Kameny was a founder of the Mattachine Society of Washington, one of the very first group that pressed aggressively for gay and lesbian civil rights.

Whereas, generations of Washingtonians – gay and straight alike – enjoy personal freedoms, respect, and success thanks to the tireless efforts of this remarkable man,

Therefore it be resolved that ANC 2B urge the District of Columbia to recognize the unique pioneering role of Dr. Kameny by naming a street in his honor.

Be it further resolved that we urge this street naming be done at the time of Gay Pride Week, June 12, 2010.

Be it further resolved that the street to be named be located in a area of the District of Columbia that has significance to the gay rights movement and/or Frank Kameny.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein will represent the Commission on this matter and is reachable at (202) 833-4440 or at mikesilversteinusa@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Will Stephens, Chair