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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Cecilia “The Queen” Gilbert
East Wells Street from North Jefferson Street to North Jackson Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to an application dated April 7, 2025 regarding a request for an honorary street name of Cecilia “The Queen” Gilbert on East Wells Street from North Jefferson Street to North Jackson Street.

Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances provides the guidelines to consider when reviewing honorary street name requests. The guidelines provided in the code have been reviewed and the following comments are offered.

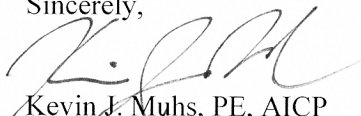
Cecilia Gilbert was a valued member of the community in many respects. In 1976 she began her career as an analyst and spokeswoman for the Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations, and later moving on to the Department of Public Works in 2001. She coordinated many iconic city events such as Bastille Days, Dr. Martin Luther King Day, and the Christmas tree lighting. After retiring, Mayor Tom Barrett appointed her to the Administrative Review Board of Appeals. Cecilia was also a board member of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, the Lakefront Festival of the Arts, and the Cathedral Square Friends, just to name a few.

The request to honor Cecilia Gilbert with an honorary street name of “Cecilia “The Queen” Gilbert” includes 27 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign.

Two (2) blue honorary street signs will be needed. Please refer to the attached map showing where the honorary street name signs will be located. The petitioner may choose to furnish the honorary street signs, but they must be fabricated to established City standards. The City can fabricate the signs at \$50 each. In either case, the City will install the honorary street signs at a cost of \$50 per sign. The petitioner is to deposit \$100 to the City if they furnish the signs or \$200 if the City fabricates and installs the signs. If a sign needs to be replaced in the future, the City is to be notified of the missing or damaged sign and the petitioner is to cover the cost to fabricate and mount the sign as described above. The City’s cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.

East Wells Street will remain the official street name so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,



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City Engineer

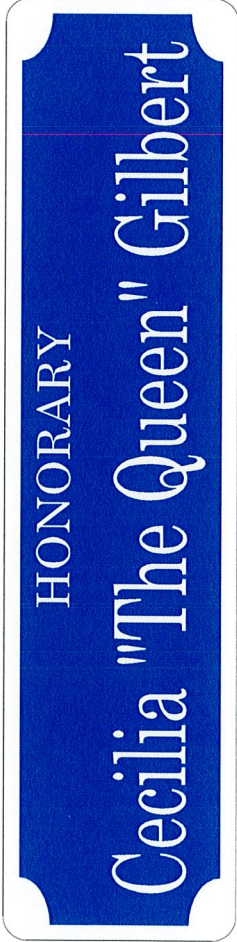
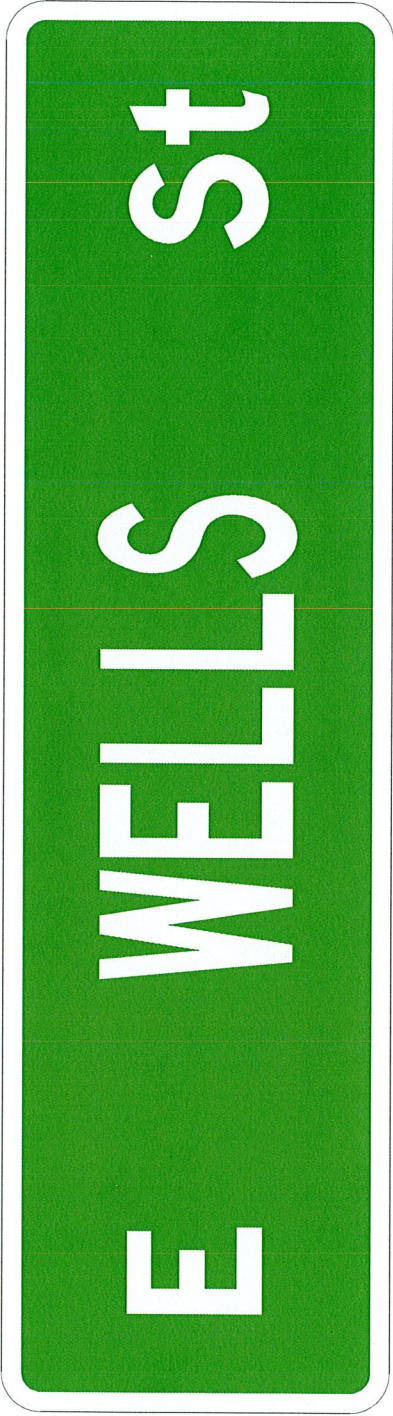
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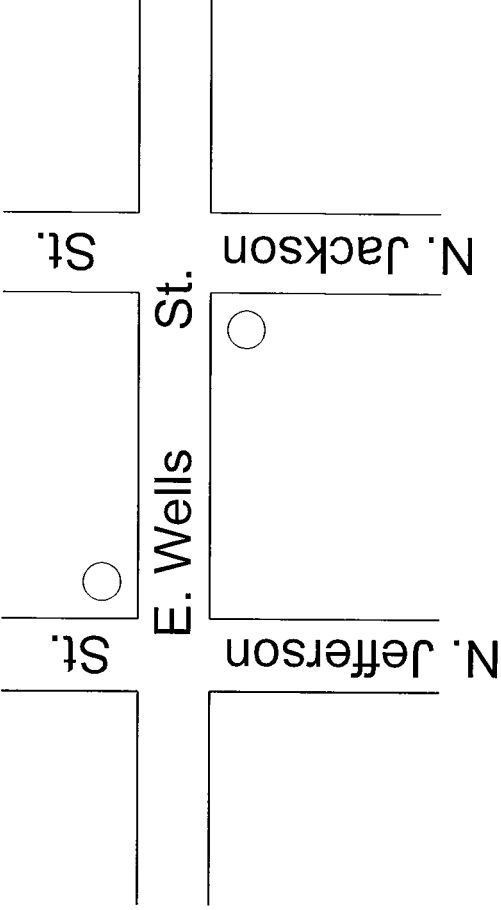
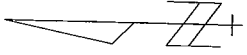


Honorary Street Name Request:
Cecilia "The Queen" Gilbert
E. Wells St. from
N. Jefferson St. to N. Jackson St.



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E. Wells St. from N. Jefferson St. to N. Jackson St.



○ - Location of street signs where honorary street name of "Cecilia "The Queen" Gilbert" will be mounted.

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