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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request – Gary P. Grunau Memorial Plaza  
at 200 block of West Highland Avenue

Dear Honorable Members:

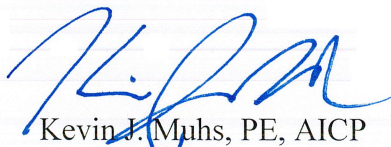
This letter is in reply to an application dated December 12, 2024 regarding a request for an Official name of Gary P. Grunau Memorial Plaza at the 200 block of West Highland Avenue.

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.

Gary P. Grunau was a developer, contractor, philanthropist, and visionary. He was born in 1939 and died in 2019. His contributions to the community, and in particular our built environment, are many and varied. The development of the Hyatt Hotel in the early 1980's was one his biggest and earliest contributions to the skyline. He later spearheaded the development of the Wisconsin Center District which continues to transform downtown Milwaukee.

The request to honor Gary P. Grunau with an Official Plaza name will be with a sign provided as part of the project. West Highland Avenue will remain the official street name for a portion of the street so addresses will not change.

Sincerely,



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City Engineer

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Attachments

