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June 28, 2023

The Honorable,
Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee on the
Naming of Public Buildings, Facilities, and Streets
City Hall

Honorable Members,

Please accept this letter as expressing my strong support for the proposal to re-name the 30th and Cawker Park Area at 2929 North 30th Street as Alwin Lopen (Al) Jarreau Park.

I will be direct. As the representative of this area on the Common Council, only a few years ago I thought very seriously about naming an entire stretch of Fond du Lac Ave. permanently after Mr. Jarreau. I have long thought it regrettable that so many in this city – even those born and raised here – are unaware of his origins and how this community shaped one of the great legacies in music. Seven Grammy awards, 12 Grammy nominations, music that covered the range from R&B to contemporary to Jazz – all these things were his; but his gifts were even greater. This deserves to be remembered.

And he was always ours. No matter where he went, he consistently spoke fondly of this place, something not all do. I think naming this park in his memory is a modest step towards honoring his legacy and memory.

Thank you for your consideration and, should you have questions of me, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very Sincerely,

Khalif J. Rainey,
Alderman, 7th District

Attachment