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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that Brookline Avenue at Jefferson Avenue in the Clifton neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Louise Spiegel Way" in honor of Louise Spiegel and in recognition of her contributions and public service to the Cincinnati community.

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel was a longtime Cincinnati resident who sought to challenge the status quo, and strived to empower the less fortunate, especially young black youth and men, the Appalachian community, and women from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Louise Spiegel was an early supporter and advocate of Cincinnati's Appalachian population and a founder of the Urban Appalachian Council and received the Kinship Award; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel advocated for the Black community in all areas including equal opportunity in housing, education, and business; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel was also a leader and advocate of the Woman's City Club, promoting advocacy for social justice and civic improvement; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel based her advocacy around organizing the civic sector and getting local people involved as she believed public policy was dominated by corporate interests and needed more civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel collaborated with the consulting firm Applied Information Resources to found Citizens for Civic Renewal and she brought together diverse gatherings of activists to introduce them and their ideas to each other; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel was also a member of the Cincinnati Association, the Civic Confederation, the Race Relations Council, the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Steering Committee, and was appointed to serve on the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission from 2003 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Commission's Hall of Fame in 2014 for her work and dedication to bringing people together and work in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Louise Spiegel has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati's citizens, and her contributions and service in civic discourse and advocacy for civil rights will long be remembered; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Brookline Avenue at Jefferson Avenue in the Clifton neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Louise Spiegel Way" in honor of Louise Spiegel and in recognition of her contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through civil discourse and advocacy for civil rights.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Brookline Avenue at Jefferson Avenue as "Louise Spiegel Way" in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Louise Spiegel via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk