

City of Cincinnati
An Ordinance No. _____

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DECLARING that the intersection of East Seymour Street and Langdon Farm Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Steven Reece Way in honor of Dr. Steven Reece and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Reece is a longtime civic leader, businessman, entrepreneur, and leader in civic empowerment in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reece graduated from Withrow High school in 1965; and

WHEREAS, following the 1968 riots in the City, Dr. Reece developed Operation Step Up which helped inner city youths with musical talents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reece was the Chief of Staff to the City's first African American Mayor, Ted Barry, in 1972 at the age of 27; and

WHEREAS, after leaving City Hall, Dr. Reece founded Communiplex as an advertising, marketing, and promotions company and was a founding member of the first African American Chamber of Commerce in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reece has served on the national boards for Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Push Coalition and Dr. Martin Luther King's Operation Breadbasket; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reece has served at the New Friendship Baptist Church, has a doctorate degree from Temple Bible College, and is active in the Masons, including by organizing the Black and White Masons to engage for the first time in fraternal recognition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Reece's contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and its citizens will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the intersection of East Seymour Street and Langdon Farm Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Steven Reece Way in honor of Dr. Steven Reece and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

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 the intersection of East Seymour Street and Langdon Farm Road as Dr. Steven Reece 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 Dr. Reece and his family via the office of Mayor John Cranley.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk