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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, New Haven Board of Alders  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to respectfully submit the attached communication to the New Haven Board of Alders to designate the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue as "James Walker Way" in perpetuity of Mr. James Walker, a beloved and esteemed member of our community.

Mr. James Walker has been a beacon of inspiration in his community for over 20 years. As a dedicated community social worker, he has established the I Believe in Me Corporation (BIMEC) on the corner of Dixwell Avenue and Argyle Street to fulfill his mission of changing the lives of one neighbor at a time.

Under Mr. Walker's leadership, he has played a significant role in the development and betterment of the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhoods. His initiatives include annual community beautification projects, operating a food pantry, and overseeing neighborhood surveillance to ensure community safety. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided housing and supportive programs for men and women in need. Despite limited state or local funding, Mr. Walker has continued to provide programs and services aimed at empowering families in the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhood through education, training, and cultural awareness.

Therefore, I ask that the Board approve this communication, which calls for the designation of the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue in perpetuity of Mr. James Walker. This would make this corner a legacy in the Dixwell neighborhood and citywide as an official and permanent reminder of his love, commitment, great contributions, and service.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Troy Streater*

Hon. Troy Streater  
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