



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOARD OF ALDERS**

Ellen Cupo
Alder, Ward 8

20 Brown Street, Apt. 2
New Haven, CT 06511-5742

Telephone: (203) 584-7071
E-mail: Ward8@newhavenct.gov

Chair
Legislation Committee
Member
Youth & Youth Services Committee

July 31, 2024

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

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders the following communication to designate the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way" in memory of a deceased individual and a beloved member of our community.

Tragically on April 7th, 2024, his family, friends, and community were devastated to learn of Mr. Wallace's' passing. A New Haven native for over fifty (50) years he changed his life around and became a significant member of the community. In 2004 he and his mother founded the nonprofit organization "Guns Down Books Up". Distributing books, school supplies, and clothing to children in need at Jocelyn Square Park. Working with the elderly, homeless, and less fortunate populations were among his selfless contributions that included street cleanups, basketball tournaments, and mentoring countless youth.

Mr. Wallace led by example, demonstrating to young people that they too could turn away from violence to a life of self-respect, responsibility and love for their community.

Therefore, I ask that the Board approve this communication and recognize the work that Mr. Wallace has done to ensure he is remembered by naming the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way" in recognition for his selfless, thoughtful, and many contributions to the community while promoting self-respect and responsibility.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cupo
Honorable Ellen Cupo
Alder, Ward 8

