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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 Redfield Street and Columbus Avenue as "Jerry J. Bell Corner" in perpetuity of Mr. Jerry J. Bell, a beloved and esteemed member of our community.

Mr. Bell was a man of vision, purpose, and compassion. From his early days in New Haven, he worked tirelessly to strengthen neighborhoods and build community bonds. His contributions, whether through service at the Housing Authority, teaching children art, supporting local organizations, or advocating for civic engagement, touched countless lives and left a lasting mark on our city.

Perhaps most emblematic of his dedication was his leadership as Garden Coordinator of Redfield Street for more than 30 years. What once was a dumping ground becoming a thriving community space under his stewardship, providing food, fellowship, and inspiration for generations. His recognition as the 2023 Senior Volunteer of the Year was a fitting tribute to a life centered on service. Mr. Bell's example reminds us that the power of one dedicated individual can transform communities and uplift entire generations. His legacy will endure as a beacon of what it means to serve with humility, passion, and love for one's neighbors.

Therefore, I ask that the Board approve this communication, which calls for the designation of the above-mentioned corner in perpetuity of Mr. Jerry J. Bell making this corner a legacy in the Hill 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.

Sincerely,

Hon. Evelyn Rodriguez
Alder, Ward 4

