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Good evening to the Members of the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders.

I am submitting testimony IN OPPOSITION of the application submitted to the New Haven Board of Alders to designate the corner of Edward B. Grant Way to Charles 'Charlie' Arcangelo Corner.

This item (LM2023-0232) originally came before City Plan Commission on April 19, 2023 (Item 1630-11) and the CPC recommended that the BOA NOT APPROVE!

Minutes from our meeting state, 'the Commission notes that **the proposed location for the sign is at the corner of a street named to honor another prominent New Haven leader: Edward B. Grant.** The Commission notes that the addition of a sign to honor an **additional individual would diminish the honoring of Edward B. Grant** and urges the applicant to consider an alternative location. The Commission also notes that **the signatures on the petition do not appear to meet the requirements** of Section 18-2(a)(3) and two of the other requirements of the ordinance have not been met (a plan of the site of the **proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city, and proposed wording of the signage were not provided**). ADVICE The City Plan Commission recommends that the Board

of Alders does not approve the item because 1) the application does not meet the requirements of the ordinance and 2) because a different location should be identified so that the current name of the street (Edward B. Grant Way) which already honors a New Haven leader, is not overshadowed.'

During the meeting, as a commissioner who was also very familiar with the legacy of Edward Grant, I provided the CPC members with historical context on the work 'Mr. Freddie Fixer' did in New Haven being one of the founding members of the New Haven Environmental Justice Network, as well as the significant impact he had on the City of New Haven by pioneering the first organized recycling in town. He helped organize several grassroots groups like the Black Coalition. I expressed to the commission that although Charles Arcangelo was a pillar in the community where he lived, to name the corner where his business was located would overshadow the legacy of Edward Grant and suggested they seek a more appropriate location like in the neighborhood where he practiced his philanthropy. I also informed the commission that a majority of the signatures on the petition were not from residents in the area where the corner would be named but were also not from residents in the neighborhood where he lived.

The item that is coming before CSEP tonight is the exact same request and materials that was presented to City Plan in April 2023, with no change ... same resolution, same letter (dated March 2023), same petition with same signatures dated 2021-2022. It does not appear that any work has been done since, and nothing has been added since to warrant any reconsideration of the application. It also does not appear that the authors of this proposal have given the recommendation of the CPC any thought nor have they even tried to identify an alternate location for the signage. For these reasons, I would urge the BOA CSEP Committee to deny this request.

Respectfully,

Leslie Radcliffe  
New Haven Resident  
City Plan Commissioner