



City of New Haven

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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER
OF PARK STREET AND SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD "FRED HARRIS WAY" IN HONOR
OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS COMMUNITY ACTIVIST.

WHEREAS: his life and work embody the spirit of social justice and community empowerment in the
City of New Haven; and

WHEREAS: an advocate and believer in equality for all people; and

WHEREAS: his involvement in the civil rights movement to his involvement in the founding of the Hill
Parents Association; and

WHEREAS: his contributing to the establishment of the Hill Health Center; and

WHEREAS: in 1969, hired as Special Assistant to the Director of the Connecticut Mental Health
Center; and

WHEREAS: in this role, Mr. Harris sought to facilitate a stronger relationship between the
Connecticut
Mental Health Center and the underserved residents of the Hill area; and

WHEREAS: during the turbulent 1960's this led him to become deeply engaged with organized civil
rights groups notably the Black Panther Party; and

WHEREAS: in response to Mayor Richard C. Lee's urban renewal programs of the 1950's, which
specifically discriminated against lower income populations of color; and

WHEREAS: in 1966 Mr. Harris ran for a seat on the Connecticut General Assembly; and

WHEREAS: during his campaign, he advocated for policies aimed at addressing pollution,
environmental
degradation, tax burdens, and unaffordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders, that the corner of Park
Street and South Frontage Road be designated "Fred Harris Way" to preserve and share his story,
but also to encourage dialogue and reflection on critical themes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking is hereby
directed and authorized to implement this Order.

This Order was Passed by the Board of Alders on 8/5/2024.


Attest, City Clerk



Date

7/1/2024

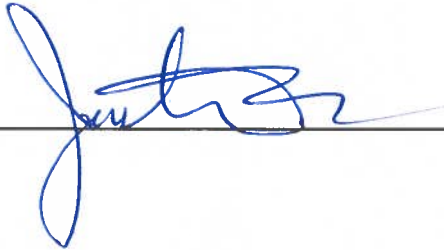
Signed, City Clerk



Date

8/21/2024

Signed, Mayor



Date

8/26/2024