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Subject: Fw: Whitney Ave in Ward 7
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:42:51 AM

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From: Lucas, Robert <robert.lucas@yale.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 4:53:34 PM
To: Albert Lucas <alucas@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Whitney Ave in Ward 7

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Dear Al,

Eli suggested I reach out to you about the process to petition a street name change. Please let know if you have more information this process. Thanks.

Best,
Robert

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eli Sabin <WARD7@newhavenct.gov>
Date: February 26, 2023 at 4:41:51 PM EST
To: "Lucas, Robert" <robert.lucas@yale.edu>
Subject: Re: Whitney Ave in Ward 7

Hi Robert,

Please reach out to Al Lucas at alucas@newhavenct.gov for more information.

Best,
Eli

Alder Eli Sabin
Ward 7, New Haven
ward7@newhavenct.gov

On Feb 22, 2023, at 10:32 PM, Lucas, Robert
<robert.lucas@yale.edu> wrote:

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Dear Eli,

I hope you are well. I'm an MBA student at Yale School of Management, and I want to share an opinion article I wrote in the Yale Daily News today calling on Yale to stop using Eli Whitney's name to promote its academic programs. I also suggest changing the name of Whitney Ave, which is partially in your ward along with SOM (<https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2023/02/22/lucas-yale-its-time-to-rethink-eli-whitney/>). In a sad irony, SOM is on Whitney Ave. The Whitney family history also runs counter to SOM's business and society mission, the University overall.

I'm hoping to organize a name change the near term. Is this something you handle as an alderman? Is there a formal process or petition form that can be completed? I see Greenwich has a process for petitioning street name changes, but I'm not sure if New Haven has something comparable.

As a courtesy, I will email the other two aldermen (19 & 21) that include Whitney Ave. Thanks for your help.

Best,
Robert