



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Reverend Dr. Willie A. Simmons and Reverend Dr. Samuel Austin

Date(s): Saturday, May 29, 2021

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of 18th Avenue and South 10th Street

Ceremonial Intersection Name: Simmons/Austin Plaza

Sponsor: Council Member, LaMonica R. McIver

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6PSF-f, adopted on May 20, 2015, authorizes the designation of an intersection, etc. for honorary and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, for many years First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church has been the bedrock and cornerstone of the 18th Avenue/South 10th Street/Springfield Avenue community, where it has not only provided spiritual sustenance and nourishment, but the other essentials needed to improve the quality of life of its underserved residents including food, clothing and shelter; and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership, hard work and sturdy stewardship of the late Reverend Dr. Willie A. Simmons and Reverend Dr. Samuel Austin, First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church spearheaded affordable housing, new commercial development along the Springfield Avenue corridor and increased job growth, contributing greatly to the stabilization and revitalization of the community and changing the lives of many Newark residents; and

WHEREAS, through the unyielding and unwavering contributions of civic giants such as Reverend Dr. Willie A. Simmons and Reverend Samuel Austin, two (2) men of notable individual accomplishments and accolades within their own right, the City of Newark's re-emergence as a leading urban city is a testament to their lifetime of achievement and unselfish service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the honorary and ceremonial renaming of the intersection of 18th Avenue and South 10th Street as "Simmons/Austin Plaza".
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain 18th Avenue and South 10th Street in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes the renaming of the intersection of 18th Avenue and South 10th Street as "Simmons/Austin Plaza", for honorary and ceremonial purposes.