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Street Co-Naming Request Application

Please complete the following application and bring the required materials to the Transportation Committee meeting.

1. Applicant's Name Je'Jae Cleopatra Daniels
2. Applicant's Telephone Number and e-mail JeJaeDaniels35@gmail.com | 862-246-6169
3. Applicant's Address 95 Clinton Street Apt #2A NY, NY 10002
4. Applicant's connection to proposed honoree I grew up blocks from STAR House and not knowing its trans history. with the ongoing violent transphobic culture, we tgnci* New Yorkers need recognition.
5. Proposed Honoree's Name Marsha P. Johnson & Slyvia Rivera's STAR HOUSE
6. Is proposed honoree an ☐ Individual or ☒ Non-profit Organization (check one)
7. Proposed Location for Co-naming 213 East 2nd Street
8. Does the proposed location already have a co-name? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - a. If Yes indicate the current name _____
9. Has any other public area been named after the proposed honoree? ☐ Y ☒ N
 - a. If yes indicate the location _____

Attach any relevant documentation along with the required petition of support from the residents and businesses on the street proposed to be co-named.

Street Conaming Request

10/14/2025

Where: East 2nd Street between Avenue B and Avenue C

Coname: Marsha P. Johnson & Sylvia Rivera Way

Biographical Description & Significance:

Marsha P. Johnson (1945–1992), born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Sylvia Rivera (1951–2002), born in the Bronx, New York, were pioneering activists whose courage and vision transformed the trajectory of LGBTQ+ justice in New York City and beyond. Both trans women of color, Johnson and Rivera fought tirelessly for those most marginalized—poor, homeless, trans, and gender nonconforming people—at a time when mainstream movements often excluded them. Their leadership in the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 placed them at the heart of a turning point in history, igniting what became the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.

In 1970, they co-founded Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR), the first known trans rights organization in New York City and one of the earliest worldwide. STAR House, at 213 East 2nd Street in the East Village, was both an organizing hub and a sanctuary. It provided food, shelter, and community to young TGNC people abandoned by families and underserved by institutions. Decades ahead of its time, STAR House was a living model of gender justice, housing justice, and mutual aid—principles that remain urgent and relevant today.

For Community Board 3, the legacy of STAR House is profoundly local. The East Village and Lower East Side were the soil in which Johnson and Rivera planted seeds of resilience, resistance, and care. Honoring them with the co-naming of Marsha P. Johnson & Sylvia Rivera Way ensures that this history is not erased but recognized as a defining part of the neighborhood's identity.

As a TGNC New Yorker myself who grew up just a few blocks away, I was unaware of STAR House's history until adulthood. Discovering that such groundbreaking organizing once took place in my own neighborhood reshaped my understanding of community, belonging, and possibility. Johnson and Rivera's vision continues to inspire new generations of TGNC New Yorkers like me to carry forward the fight for justice, dignity, and safety.

A street co-naming is more than symbolic—it is a public acknowledgment that the struggles and leadership of trans women of color are woven into the fabric of New York City history. Their names deserve to stand permanently in the streets they helped transform.