

Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

File No. Ord. 24-018
Agenda No. 3.5 (1st Reading)
Agenda No. 4.5 (2nd Reading and Final Passage)



AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE MILLER BRANCH LIBRARY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM AS THE “DAOUD-DAVID WILLIAMS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER” IN HONOR OF DAOUD-DAVID WILLIAMS.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

WHEREAS, Daoud-David Williams is a beloved husband to Barbara Williams, father to Kimberly, Sam, Nicole, and Turiya Williams, and a cherished member of the Jersey City community; and

WHEREAS, Daoud was born on July 23, 1943, to Elizabeth and John Williams, and is a brother to two siblings, Carter and Paulette Williams; and

WHEREAS, Daoud is a lifelong resident of Jersey City who is a product of the public school system and attended Jersey City State College and Saint Peter’s College; and

WHEREAS, Daoud also served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1963 and is currently a member of the VFW Post; and
WHEREAS, Daoud was responsible for mounting a successful “Save the Miller Branch Library from Demolition” campaign, initiating a successful campaign to install a public parking lot for the MBL, and reestablished the defunct Miller Branch Library auditorium as a first-rate venue for the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Daoud was the founder, former Director, and presently the Cultural Arts Coordinator of Community Awareness Series of the Jersey City Free Public Library; and

WHEREAS, in his work with the Community Awareness Series from 1977 to the present, Daoud-David Williams has produced over 10,000 programs and events, including the longest-running Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the longest-running Kwanzaa celebration in Jersey City, and multiple other annual programs for Jazz Appreciation, Women’s History Month; African American History, and World Cultures; and

WHEREAS, Daoud is the Founder, Director, Bandleader and Musician of the Spirit of Life Ensemble (Artist-in-Residence) for the Community Awareness Series of the Jersey City Free Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The Jersey City Free Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to honor and commemorate the achievements of Daoud-David Williams and recommends the the Jersey City Council that the auditorium of the Miller Branch Library be named the “Daoud-David Williams Cultural Arts Center” in honor of his contributions to the Jersey City Free Public Library and to the community of Jersey City as a whole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY AS FOLLOWS:

A. That the Miller Branch Library Auditorium, located at 489 Bergen Avenue, shall be known as the “Daoud-David Williams Cultural Arts Center” in honor of Daoud-David Williams; and

B. This ordinance shall be a part of Jersey City Code as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have it codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.

C. If any part of this ordinance is to any extent invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all other parts shall remain in full force and effect.

D. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest possible time and manner provided by law.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

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Business Administrator

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Corporation Counsel

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION – Mar 20 2024						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	9-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES	AYE	

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – Apr 10 2024						
RIDLEY	ABSENT	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

SPEAKERS:

Sam Williams, Jerome Choice, Terry Hill, Barbara Williams, Omar Barbour, Philip Carrington, Juan Cartagena, Alessandro Delconte, Gil Corby, Sam Pesin, Glendia Cannon, LaVern Washington, June Jones, Tony Goodson, Ray Benitez, Kimberly Williams, David Williams

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY –						
RIDLEY		SALEH		DEGISE		
PRINZ-AREY		SOLOMON		RIVERA		
BOGGIANO		GILMORE		WATTERMAN, PRES.		

RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE – Apr 10 2024						
RIDLEY	ABSENT	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

Adopted on first reading of the Council of Jersey City, N.J. on **Mar 20 2024**

Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on **Apr 10 2024**

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting on Apr 10 2024



City Clerk



Joyce E. Watterman, President of Council
Approved: Apr 10 2024



Steven M. Fulop, Mayor
Date to Mayor: Apr 11 2024
Approved: Apr 11 2024

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FACT SHEET -

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any ordinance that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the ordinance.

Project Manager

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Department	Municipal Council	
Division	Municipal Council	

Note: Project Manager must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 1:00 p.m.)

Meeting	Regular Meeting of Municipal Council - Mar 20 2024
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Purpose

Councilman Rivera and the Jersey City Free Public Library Board of Trustees support this ordinance
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Cost (Identify all sources and amounts)

Contract term (include all)

n/a

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ATTACHMENTS:

JCFPL RES 2 authorization of facility naming ADOPTED Daoud's Ordinance
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Approved by
John Metro, Business Administrator

Status:
Approved - Mar 20 2024



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JERSEY CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION 2.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF JERSEY CITY
MARCH 12, 2024**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Free Public Library hereby authorizes and recommends the naming of the auditorium of the Miller Branch Library, by the Municipal Council of Jersey City, to be designated as the Daoud-David Williams Cultural Arts Center.

WHEREAS, the Library wishes to honor and commemorate the achievements of Daoud-David Williams, who is the founder and former Director of the Community Awareness Series of the Jersey City Free Public Library; and

WHEREAS, in his work with the Community Awareness Series from 1977 to the present, Daoud-David Williams has produced over 10,000 programs and events, including the longest-running annual program in Jersey City that pays tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the longest-running annual Kwanzaa celebration in Jersey City, and multiple other annual programs for Jazz Appreciation, Women's History, African-American History, and World Cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Library desires to dedicate the auditorium of the Miller Branch Library as the Daoud-David Williams Cultural Arts Center, in honor of the contributions of Daoud-David Williams to the Jersey City Free Public Library and to the community of Jersey City as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Free Public Library does hereby authorize and recommend the naming of the auditorium of the Miller Branch Library, by the Municipal Council of Jersey City, to be designated as the Daoud-David Williams Cultural Arts Center.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JERSEY CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ACTION:

Motion: Fernandez

Second: Harris

TRUSTEE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
President Nur-E Farhana Rahman	X			
Secretary Curt Harris	X			
Treasurer Oren Auslin	X			
Supt. Norma Fernandez	X			
Vivian Brady-Phillips				X
Vishesh Modi	X			
Megan Morey				X

March 12, 2024

SEAL:

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