

**City Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

PRELIMINARY STAFF REPORT

To: City Planning Commission

Prepared by: Nicholas Kindel

Date: January 14, 2015

Street Name Change # 01/15

Consideration: A request to consider the re-naming of a section of Carondelet Street, from Felicity Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard, to be changed to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive. (PD 2)

I. Why is City Planning Commission (CPC) Action Required?

The CPC's Administrative Rules, Policies and Procedures require a CPC recommendation on all street name change requests prior to City Council action. The goals and objectives of the CPC's Street Naming Change Policy are as follows:

1. Preserve historic and significant street names that add to the City's cultural, architectural, and historic ambience;
2. Maintain the continuity of street names throughout the City;
3. Improve the clarity of the City's street name change system where possible, especially with respect to the identification of locations by those agencies with public safety and emergency services;
4. Provide a clear, efficient, and transparent procedure for the consideration of requests to rename streets and assist applicants through the process.

II. Analysis:

The criteria for evaluation of street name changes are provided in Section C of the City Planning Commission's Street Naming Policy. Each of the criteria is copied below, followed by a brief analysis by the staff.

1. **Streets may be named after historically significant actions, as part of a theme, or after a person who has made a demonstrable and significant positive impact on the City, State, or Country. In order to reduce any perception of misconduct, favoritism, or bias, no street shall be renamed to honor a person who has been deceased for no less than five (5) years.**

The requested name is proposed to recognize Bishop Robert C. Blakes, Sr., the late pastor and founder of New Home Ministries. Robert Blakes, Sr. was also known as “Prophet,” and he presided over his ministry with multiple locations in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Hammond, and Houston.¹ Bishop Blakes founded the church on Jackson Avenue in 1965 and moved it to an old synagogue located at 1616 Carondelet Street in 1984. The Carondelet Street church is located in the center of the proposed street name change request.

Upon moving his ministry to Carondelet Street, Bishop Blakes worked to reduce crime, blight and deterioration in the neighborhood. Bishop Blakes implemented many projects and programs including the Robert C. Blakes Bible College, the New Home Child Development Center, the weekly homeless feeding ministry, after school tutoring, youth and adult computer literacy classes, and various youth recreational programs.² Bishop Blakes died in April 2013 at age 74.

Streets may be named after a person who has made a demonstrable and significant impact on the City, State, or Country. The staff believes that Robert C. Blakes, Sr. meets this standard; however, no street shall be renamed to honor a person who has been deceased for no less than five (5) years. Robert C. Blakes, Sr. died less than two (2) years ago; therefore, the proposed street name change does not meet this requirement.

2. **No fragmentation of the name of any continuous street shall be permitted. All street renaming shall occur in such a manner that one of the following two criteria are met: 1) the entire length of a continuous street shall be renamed, or 2) a section of a street shall be renamed only where such section is physically separated or obstructed from other sections of the same street by structures, parks, canals, interstates, rivers, bayous, or other significant objects, or as a result of shifts in the City’s street grid pattern that causes a portion of a street to be clearly disconnected from other portions of the street.**

Carondelet Street is a one-way street that travels in the downriver direction. Carondelet Street starts in the Uptown Neighborhood at Robert Street and ends in the Central Business District at Canal Street when the name changes to Bourbon Street entering the French Quarter. Carondelet Street is a continuous street except at Josephine Street where a shift in the City’s street grid offsets Carondelet Street by approximately 100 feet.

The proposed location of the street name change is a four (4) block portion of Carondelet Street between Felicity Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. There

¹ Source: *Louisiana Weekly*, “Bishop Robert C. Blakes Sr. dies after nearly 50 years of ministry.” <http://www.louisianaweekly.com/bishop-robert-c-blakes-sr-dies-after-nearly-50-years-of-ministry/>

² Source: information provided by the applicant

are thirty-four (34) parcels that front this portion of Carondelet Street and fifty-three (53) addresses on Carondelet Street that would be impacted by this proposed street name change.³

This criterion prohibits fragmentation of any continuous street. All street name changes shall meet one of the two criteria. Either the entire length of the street shall be renamed, or a section of the street to be renamed shall be physically separated from other portions of the street. The first criterion is not met because only a portion of the street is proposed to be renamed. The second criterion is not met because there is no physical separation of this four (4) block portion from the rest of Carondelet Street. If this street name change request is approved, it could create confusion as it would break up an otherwise continuous stretch of Carondelet Street. Therefore, the proposed street name change does not meet this requirement.

Since there is no way to meet the fragmentation requirement, the staff recommends working with the Department of Public Works to find another way to honor Bishop Blakes. One option, which is often used in other cities, is to place honorary street name sign(s) above or below the actual street sign(s) on the block of Carondelet Street with the New Home Ministry Church.⁴ The honorary signs would recognize Bishop Blakes without changing the official name of the street or the official addresses of the residences and businesses on the street (see Figure 1 below). Another option includes the erection of a statue or a plaque near the New Home Ministry Church on Carondelet Street.

³ As estimated by the staff using LAMA, the City's land management system.

⁴ The existing street name signs are blue, so the staff recommends that the honorary signs be different color, such as brown which is often used for historical and cultural markers.

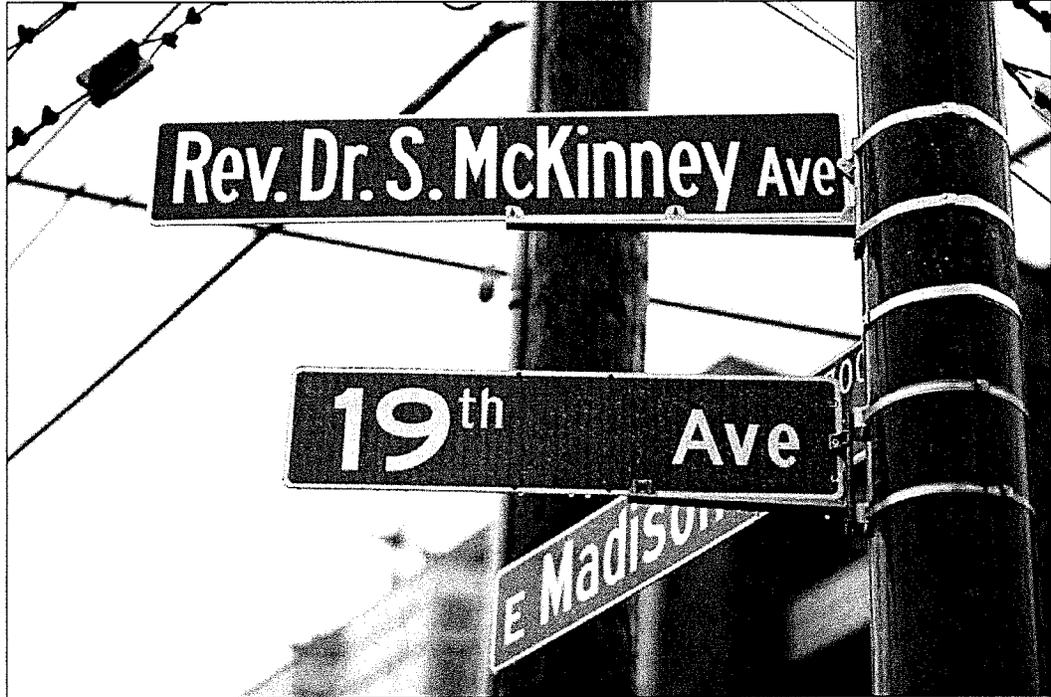


Figure 1: Honorary street name example from Seattle, Washington⁵

3. **The creation of duplicate street names shall not be permitted, and preference shall be given to requests for the renaming of existing duplicate street names. Street names shall be considered duplicate even if their suffixes (Street, Road, Circle, Boulevard, etc.) are different or if they have similar spellings (Claire Avenue and Clare Court) or pronunciations (Rayne Drive and Reynes Street).**

The staff did identify one similar example to the proposed street name in Robert Street, but there is nothing similar to Blakes or Robert Blakes in the City. Therefore, the proposed street name change request to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive would not create a duplicate street name.

4. **In order to provide for consistency in the naming of streets and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, all street names shall conform to the following standards:**
 - a. *A pre-directional indicator may be included as part of a street name. When used, pre-directional indicators must precede all other components of a street name, and the use of the predirectional indicator shall be consistent with the pattern established by the City (for example, with respect to Canal Street).*

⁵ Street signs are green and honorary sign is brown. Source: *SeattlePI.com*, "Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney honorary street sign unveiling," <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/slideshow/Rev-Dr-Samuel-B-McKinney-honorary-street-sign-81092/photo-5964037.php>

Only the directions North, South, East, and West shall be used as pre-directional indicators. No postdirectional indicators or other direction following a name shall be permitted;

There are not any pre-directional or post-directional indicators proposed as part of this street name change request.

b. The use of punctuation marks, including but not limited to the following, are prohibited: apostrophes, brackets, colons, commas, dashes, ellipses, question marks, exclamation marks, hyphens, parentheses, periods, quotation marks, semicolons, and slashes;

There are a number of punctuation marks in the proposed street name change to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive. Since punctuation marks are prohibited, including commas and periods, the staff would recommend modifying the street name change to remove all punctuation, if approved.

c. Diacritical marks (for example, ç, é, ô, etc.) and hyphens may be used;

There are not diacritical marks proposed as part of this street name change request.

d. The use of abbreviations (for example, Cath., Geo., Wm., etc.) are prohibited, except as provided below;

The proposed street name change to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive includes an abbreviated middle initial. Since the use of abbreviations is prohibited, the staff would recommend modifying the street name change to eliminate the use of abbreviations, if approved.

e. The use of titles (for example, Empress, Honorable, King, etc.), prefixes (for example, Dr., Mr., Rev., etc.), and suffixes (for example, Esquire, M.D., Ph.D., etc.) are prohibited, with the exception that suffixes forming part of the legal name of a person, and which are necessary to distinguish between two people with the same name, may be used. In such cases, the suffixes Junior and Senior shall be abbreviated Jr and Sr. No comma shall be used to separate such suffixes from the other portions of a name, and no period shall be used following such a suffix;

The proposed street name change to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive does not include the use of any titles, but it does include the use of a suffix. The proposed Sr suffix is part of the legal name of the person and may be used. The proposed comma and period shall not be used.

- e. *The shortest meaningful version of a proposed street name should be given preference;*

If it is to be approved, the staff recommends modifying the street name change to Blakes Street. Most street names in the city named after people contain only the person's last name; therefore, the staff would recommend Blakes rather than Robert Blakes Sr. In addition, most roads in the City use the suffix Avenue or Street;⁶ therefore, the staff would recommend the use of Street over Drive. Given the street naming policies above, the staff recommends elimination the punctuation, removing the abbreviations, and shortening the name. If approved, the staff recommends modifying the street name change to Blakes Street.

- f. *No new street name shall be permitted to exceed a length of thirty (30) characters. For this purpose of this standard, each letter, hyphen, numeral and space between works with a street name, including any pre-directional prefix (for example, North South etc.) and any street type suffix (for example, Avenue, Boulevard, etc.) shall be counted as an individual character. However, no diacritical mark shall be counted as a separate character from that of the letter to which it is added.*

The requested street name change to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive has twenty-seven (27) characters including letters, punctuations and spaces. The staff proposes modifying the street name change to Blakes Street, which has thirteen (13) characters. The proposed street name change meets this requirement.

- 5. **The City Planning Commission may consider and recommend to the City Council any modification to a proposed street name that is deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of the Street Naming Policy or to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. However, the City Planning Commission shall not recommend any changes to the name of a street or right-of-way that is outside the bounding streets or other boundaries specified on the request submitted to the City Planning Commission by the City Council.**

To meet the street name standards in criteria 4, the staff recommends shortening the name and eliminating all punctuation. Therefore, the staff recommends modifying the street name change to Blakes Street, if approved.

⁶ Avenue is typically used for larger roads that have a neutral ground, while Street is typically used for the smaller roads.

6. **The City Planning Commission may waive any of the evaluation criteria in this section as part of its recommendation when doing so is deemed necessary in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community.**

The City Planning Commission staff does not find it necessary to waive criteria 1 and 2 to promote health, safety and general welfare of the community.

III. Comments from other Agencies:

The City Planning Commission's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) considered the street name change request at its meeting of December 17, 2014. During the discussion, members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Information Technology and Innovation (ITI) voiced concerns about the proposed street name change because it would fragment the street name on Carondelet Street. Based on this concern, DPW made a motion of **objection** to the request. The Department of Parks and Parkways seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Summary:

Street Name Change # 01/15 is a request to consider the re-naming of a section of Carondelet Street, from Felicity Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard, to be changed to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive. To meet the street naming standards, the staff would recommend modifying the street name change to Blakes Street, if approved. The request fails to meet criterion 1 because Bishop Blakes has been deceased for less than five (5) years and criterion 2 because the request would result in the fragmentation of Carondelet Street. In addition, the Planning Advisory Committee objected to the street name change request. Therefore, the staff recommends denial of the requested name change. The staff recommends that the applicant work with the Department of Public Works on other ways to honor Bishop Blakes such as honorary street signs.

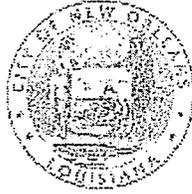
Conclusion and Recommendation:

The staff recommends **DENIAL** of the requested Street Name Change # 01/15.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. The street name change would recognize a person who has been deceased for less than five (5) years.
2. The street re-naming will result in the fragmentation of the Carondelet Street name.
3. Multiple City departments and agencies objected to the proposed street name change request at the PAC meeting.





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Dear Mr. Cramer:

I am writing you in support of two street name requests. New Home Full Gospel Ministries and the Blake family are requesting that Carondelete from Felicity to Martin Luther King be changed to Robert C. Blakes, Sr. Drive. According to the applicants, the 19 affected lots include 9 residential lots and 2 commercial lots on the street as well. Bishop Blakes was an outstanding spiritual leader and activist in the city of New Orleans for nearly 50 years. Mrs. Lois Blakes can be contacted at 905-4139.

Additionally, the New Hope Baptist Church is requesting that the 10 blocks of LaSalle between Earhart and Simon Bolivar be changed to Rev. John Raphael Jr. Way. According to the applicants, there are 9 single family units, eight double family units, 15 multi-family units, 12 empty lots, 22 blighted houses and three vacant commercial building on the location. Rev. Raphael was an influential anti-violence crusader in the city. Rev. Jamal Weathersby can be contacted at 533-5935.

The applicants have been notified that they will need to contact DPW for a statement of cost to replace the street signs and will need to deposit the funds with the Department of Finance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaToya Cantrell".

LaToya Cantrell
Councilmember, District 'B'

Nicholas J. Kindel

From: loisrblakes@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 4:16 PM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: Robert C. Blakes, Sr (Street Change)
Attachments: Robert_C_Blakes_publicworks_(1).docx

Mr. Kindel,

In response to your request, I am submitting the information you need for Robert C. Blakes Sr. street change. Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,



Lois R. Blakes

Bishop Robert C. Blakes Sr. (1938-2013)

(Also known as Prophet)

The late Bishop Robert C. Blake Sr. served as Senior Pastor of New Home Ministries for forty eight years before his death on April 11, 2013. His ministry began in 1965 with a very small congregation of approximately 30 persons. Under his leadership the ministry expanded to seven locations, four being in the New Orleans area. His congregations grew to approximately 12 to 15 thousand persons in attendance.

Bishop Blakes' ministry has had a tremendous impact on communities throughout the city. Upon moving to Carondelet Street in 1984, he discovered that the area was infested with crime, blight and deterioration. The presence of this progressive ministry in that area, served as a catalyst towards the purchase and restoration of many blighted properties. His greatest challenge was the restoration of the old run down Jewish Synagogue that had been abandoned for several years. Today, it stands as a beautiful house of worship and has been classified as a historical site. It has become a frequent stop for tourists who want to take a tour. This spiritual leader and community activist had a determination to bring about change. He worked diligently with former mayors, council persons and other community leaders to accomplish this goal. The Carondelet Street location is now headquarters for the entire ministry, from New Orleans, to Hammond, to Baton Rouge and Houston, TX.

Prophet Blakes was not only a strong advocate for community development he was also involved in community outreach. Under his leadership numerous projects and programs were implemented including the Robert C. Blakes Bible College, the New Home Child Development Center, the Weekly Feeding Ministry to the Homeless Community, Youth after School Tutoring, Computer Literacy Lab for both youth and adults, and various Recreational Activities for Youth such as Basketball, Drill Team and Dance.

The Legacy of Bishop Blakes lives on with his immediate family, his church family and the thousands of lives he touched in this city and across the nation.



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Contributing Writer

Bishop Robert C. Blakes, Sr., pastor and founder of New Home Ministries, died last week of congestive heart failure. He was 74.

Bishop Blakes, better known as “Prophet,” presided over a congregation that grew to what New Home Ministries called “a family of churches” in the New Orleans area, Baton Rouge, Hammond and Houston.



The crown jewel of the New Home Ministries is the church at 1616 Carondelet, a former synagogue that is full gospel churches, Temple New Home Ministries, headed by Bishop Blake and Broadmoor New Home Ministries, whose pastor is Bishop Blakes’ son, the Rev. Samuel Blakes. Robert C. Blakes, Jr. is pastor of New Home Ministries churches in New Orleans East and Houston.

Bishop Blakes was born in Woodville, Miss., but adopted New Orleans as his home. In 1965, he founded New Home Missionary Baptist Church at 3140 Jackson Avenue. The church, which described itself as “The Little Church With a Lot of Fire,” started with 30 congregants.

After he started his church, Bishop Blakes studied theology at Union Theological Seminary and later at Christian Bible College. In the 1970s Bishop Blakes embraced the full gospel movement that was attracting more and more congregants.

As his church grew under the full gospel banner, Bishop Blakes relocated to 3720 S. Broad Ave. The church moved to the Carondelet Street location in 1984. By 1991, the church’s name was changed to New Home Full Gospel Church, according to Verna Cook, New Home’s administrator and Bishop Blakes’ sister-in-law.

Bishop Blakes' ministry spanned 48 years in which he influenced many people, said his friend, the Rev. Dale Sanders, pastor of Fifth African Baptist Church. "He was a man who spoke truth to power," Rev. Sanders said. "He was a man who stood for the people and stood with the people."

Bishop Blakes began curtailing his ministry in recent months and was in and out of the hospital for his heart.

He is survived by his wife, Lois R. Blakes; two sons, Robert C. Blakes, Jr., and Samuel R. Blakes; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

At press time, funeral arrangements were incomplete.

This article originally published in the April 15, 2013 print edition of The Louisiana Weekly newspaper.

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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: Re: FW: Re: [NCPRCNO] Street Name Change Proposals: Portions of Carondelet & LaSalle Streets

yes, thanks

On 1/15/2015 9:12 AM, Nicholas J. Kindel wrote:

Hello Peter,

I just wanted to check to see if this was meant to be an official comment that you want me to include as part of the record of these proposed street name change request? Please let me know. Thanks.

nick

From: Paul Cramer
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Re: [NCPRCNO] Street Name Change Proposals: Portions of Carondelet & LaSalle Streets

From: peter gardner [<mailto:peter@petergardner.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 2:53 PM
To: louise Martin; felicity Street Redevelopment Project Inc; info@coliseumsquare.org; saturnscreenprinting@gmail.com; gad >> Karen Gadbois; LaToya Cantrell; Stacy Head; Jason R. Williams; Michelle Kimball; CPCinfo; Paul Cramer; Timothy Terrell; nolamillworks@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Re: [NCPRCNO] Street Name Change Proposals: Portions of Carondelet & LaSalle Streets

All, You may have seen this already, but if not, there is a proposal for some name changes to carondelet and lasalle. I'm emailing it to you because it may be relevant to you. Please share this with anyone you think might find this relevant.

I personally think this is inappropriate. If the City or other groups want to honor people they could do an honorary name change where the actual street name is not changed but a supplemental sign would be added. Below is a picture of how Chicago does it, and it seems like a much easier and more palatable solution

Whether you approve or disapprove, please let City Planning and your elected officials know.

Thanks, Peter Gardner



----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Paul Cramer** <pcramer@nola.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 11:55 AM
Subject: Street Name Change Proposals
To: Paul Cramer <pcramer@nola.gov>

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

**PUBLIC HEARING: 1:30 PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL
-1E07)**

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE CPC ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING STREET NAMES CHANGES, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 FOLLOWING THE ZONING PUBLIC HEARING, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL 1E07), ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES.

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December 24 and 31, 2014, January 7, 2015

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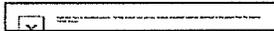
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From: Liz Winston <liz@wirthmoorerealty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Paul Cramer; Stacy Head; Jason R. Williams; Susan G. Guidry; LaToya Cantrell; DistrictC; Jared C. Brossett; James A. Gray
Subject: Re: Street Name Change Proposals

Mr. Cramer and Council Members:

Council consideration of street name changes really bothers me. I am certain that a great majority of citizens would feel the same if they were aware of such nonsense.

Renaming of sections of streets causes confusion for citizens, delivery/service people and visitors, and expense to the city, residents and businesses on those sections of streets, mapmakers, etc.

God help those who google directions.

What a waste of time and resources! How about providing street signs where missing before changing ones already in place.

How do these requests even get to be brought before the council? Please inform me of the application process. If you pass these changes, I may consider applying to rename my street. Only a small section.

Liz Winston



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Paul Cramer

From: CPCinfo
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 9:24 AM
To: Paul Cramer
Subject: FW: Against Proposed name change of Carondelet Street between Felicity Streets and Martin Luther King Blvd.

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The City Planning Commission Staff

From: Lee Stafford [<mailto:saturnscreenprinting@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:15 PM
To: CPCinfo
Subject: Against Proposed name change of Carondelet Street between Felicity Streets and Martin Luther King Blvd.

To:

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To: Paul Cramer and the members of the New Orleans City Planning Commission.

I am against the proposed name change of Carondelet Street for the blocks between Felicity and Martin Luther King Boulevard to Robert C. Blakes Sr. Drive for the following reasons:

- It is disruptive when giving directions to people coming into the neighborhood.
- I have never heard of Mr. Blake.
- This neighborhood has already had more than its share of street name changes.
- This is a nationally recognized historic district and needs to remain intact and connected with its past.
- It sets a bad precedent if names of streets can be changed so easily and without good reason.

I am resident, property owner and business owner at 1618 Oretha C. Haley Blvd.

Thank you for your outreach.

Lee Stafford

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From: CPCInfo
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FYI

The City Planning Commission Staff

From: Gabriel Bordenave [<mailto:gabebordenave@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 10:40 PM
To: CPCInfo
Subject: Street name change 01/15

I am OPPOSED to renaming a mere few blocks of Carondelet Street. New Orleans already has enough confusion in its street grid and having a street's name change for just a few blocks will create hassle, confusion (especially to tourists), and wasted time and productivity. It could also cause people to get lost and linger in a not-so-safe neighborhood.

GDB
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