

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
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(Resolution No. 260469)

## RESOLUTION

Also naming the 4100 Block of Powelton Avenue as “West Powelton Steppers Way” to honor the legacy and impact of the West Powelton Steppers and Drum Squad on the community.

WHEREAS, The West Powelton Steppers and Drum Squad was founded in 1991 by the late Mrs. Elsie Wise to provide a safe and creative outlet for youth in the West Powelton community; and

WHEREAS, Through her leadership, Mrs. Wise instilled values of discipline, teamwork, and self-respect in generations of young people, building a lasting foundation of community pride; and

WHEREAS, The organization continues today under the direction of her grandson, Mr. Antoine Mapp, carrying forward her vision and expanding its impact across the community; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, the West Powelton Steppers have provided structured programming, mentorship, and positive engagement for youth, serving as a violence prevention and community-building force; and

WHEREAS, The Steppers have earned the nickname of “The Hardest Working Drumline” because they perform in over 700 per year; and

WHEREAS, The group has achieved local, state, and national recognition, including performances across the country and serving as the official drumline for the Philadelphia 76ers, Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia International Airport, and the Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, The West Powelton Steppers continue to serve as a source of pride, resilience, and opportunity within the West Powelton community; and

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WHEREAS, Also naming the 4100 Block of Powelton Avenue as “West Powelton Steppers Way” would provide a lasting tribute to their legacy and ensure their impact remains visible in the community they have long served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the 4100 Block of Powelton Avenue also be named “West Powelton Steppers Way” in honor of their legacy, service, and enduring impact on the West Powelton community.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth day of May, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Gauthier

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Gauthier, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,  
Landau, Lozada, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Squilla