

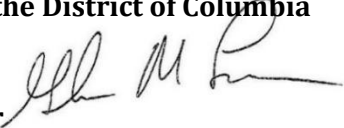
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – William Dorsey Swann Street Designation
Amendment Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-154, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on March 9, 2023

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) requires \$30,000 to implement the bill's signage requirement.

Background

William Dorsey Swann, a former slave, is known as the first drag queen in America. Swann held drag balls in Washington, DC in the late 1800's that were broken up by police and he was arrested several times. His activities are some of the first known LGBTQ resistance efforts. Swann died in 1925.

Swann Street, N.W. stretches from 14th Street, N.W. to 19th Street, N.W., and is located between and parallel to S Street, N.W. and T Street, N.W. The bill maintains Swann Street, N.W., but officially names the street in honor of William Dorsey Swann. The bill requires the DPR to install a commemorative sign in Reservation 144 located at the intersection of Swann Street, N.W., New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. and 17th Street, N.W. DPR should consult with Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B on the sign's design.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DPR will need to work with ANC 2B to design the sign and then will fabricate and

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install it in Reservation 144. The fabrication and installation will cost \$30,000 and the agency is unable to absorb the cost within its existing budgeted resources.