

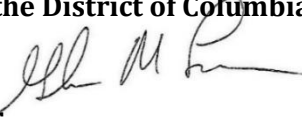
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Ronald ‘Ron’ Austin Memorial Park
Designation Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-196, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on July 2, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Ronald Austin was a Ward 4 resident who attended Calvin Coolidge Senior High School. Mr. Austin served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC), including as the chair of ANC 4B. Mr. Austin worked on constituent services for Councilmembers John L. Ray, Adrian Fenty, and Muriel Bowser. He later led Mayor Bowser’s Office of the Clean City. Mr. Austin also worked for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for over twenty years. Mr. Austin passed away on June 21, 2018.

The bill designates the triangle park bounded by 2nd Street, N.W., North Dakota Avenue, N.W., and Quackenbos Street, N.W. as Ronald ‘Ron’ Austin Memorial Park.

The bill also expands the exceptions for any name designation or change from Mayoral and Council approval¹ to include any ancillary interior spaces of a District of Columbia Public Schools building, such as an auditorium or library.

¹ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01(7)).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 25-0196, "Ronald 'Ron' Austin Memorial Park Designation Act of 2024," Draft bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 2, 2024

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DPR will install a sign at the triangle park designating it as Ronald 'Ron' Austin Memorial Park. The sign will cost \$5,000 and DPR can absorb the cost with the agency's existing budgeted resources. There are no costs associated with exempting ancillary indoor public school building spaces from Council approval when designating or changing a name.