

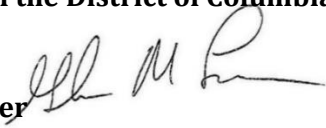
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Glen Lee**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** September 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Zelda Fichandler Way Designation Act of 2024

**REFERENCE:** Bill 25-829, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 3, 2024

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**Conclusion**

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

**Background**

Zelda Fichandler, known as the matriarch of America’s regional theaters, founded Arena Stage in 1950 as the District’s first racially integrated theater with her husband and a local drama teacher. She was Arena Stage’s artistic director for forty years and often showcased authors who had not yet established themselves. Fichandler died on July 29, 2016.

The bill designates 6<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. between M Street, S.W. and the alleyway behind Arena Stage<sup>1</sup> as Zelda Fichandler Way.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will fabricate and install three

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<sup>1</sup> The northern endpoint of the symbolic designation is the boundary of the lot known for tax assessment purposes as Square 472, Lot 129.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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signs to symbolically designate the roadway as Zelda Fichandler Way. The signs, including poles, will cost \$840 and DDOT can absorb the cost within its existing budgeted resources.