

81-R-18

A RESOLUTION

**Designating that Portion of Pitner Avenue
Between Dempster and Greenwood Street with the
Honorary Street Name Sign, "Pierre Jean-Paul Way"**

WHEREAS, Pierre Jean-Paul is a vital member of Evanston's community, arriving in Evanston in the 1950's from Haiti and still resides at 1341 Pitner Avenue; and

WHEREAS, over his almost 70-year residency of Evanston, Pierre Jean-Paul has provided valuable support to over 150 Haitian immigrants assisting them with food, shelter, and other means to make the transition easier to life in the United States;

WHEREAS, Pierre Jean-Paul opened a business in the 1980s called "JP Limousine Services" which provided quality chauffeuring options to politicians, dignitaries, university colleagues, staff, and countless business professionals as the appointed driver for Evanston's Omni Orrington Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial spirit and drive of Pierre Jean-Paul has positively impacted the diverse economic makeup of the City of Evanston,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:


SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Pierre Jean-Paul as a long-standing


member of its community by designating that portion of Pitner Avenue between Dempster Street and Greenwood Street "Pierre Jean-Paul Way."

SECTION 3: This Resolution 81-R-18 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest: 

Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Adopted: October 22, 2018



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City of Evanston Honorary Street Name Sign Application Form

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Honorary Street Name Sign program was established to allow citizens the opportunity to honor people who have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historic, or humanitarian acts. Request for an honorary designation has to originate with an Alderman and each Alderman may have one honorary designation approved each year. Honorary street name signs are displayed for a period of ten-years and the portion of a street so designated is one block long. The program is administered by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board through the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Final approval is granted by the Evanston City Council.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW:

NAME OF HONOREE: Pierre Jean-Paul Way
(as it would appear on the street sign)

PROPER STREET NAME: Pitner Ave

INTERSECTING STREETS AT EACH END OF THE ONE BLOCK AREA:

Pitner Ave. between Dempster St. and Greenwood St.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, AND GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR EACH OF THE APPLICABLE CRITERIA. A STREET CAN BE NAMED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, OR GROUP/DESIGNATION.

X **CULTURAL IMPACT TO CITY:**

Pierre Jean-Paul Sr. is a pioneer in the Evanston immigrant community in general, but in the Haitian community, in particular. He was one of the first to arrive here in the early 1950s and on his shoulders was a vast community that evolved; such that his little 3 bedroom home at 1341 Pitner Ave became the transfer station where more than 150 Haitian immigrants came through and found support from him; not only support in terms of monetary needs, but a place to stay, a place to eat, a place to get married, a place to baptize their children, a place to find a kind of assistance as they sought out what they needed to survive in the community. He and his wife were big shoulders, big hearts and no one has made the kind of contribution to the Haitian immigrant community as he has.

X HISTORICAL IMPACT TO CITY: _____ (see above)

X HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS: _____ (see above)

X CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH EVANSTON: _____ (see above)

X DISTINGUISHED CAREER BROUGHT TO THE CITY:

Pierre Jean-Paul is the owner of JP Limousine Service, which was established in Evanston in the late 1980s. JP has had the honor of chauffeuring many politicians, dignitaries, University of Chicago & Northwestern University colleagues, staff, as well as countless business professionals as the appointed driver for Evanston's Omni Orrington Hotel. The entrepreneurial spirit and drive of Pierre Jean-Paul has positively impacted the diverse economic makeup of our City of Evanston and for these reasons, I feel the 1300 block of Pitner Ave should be named after him.

X GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF STREET TO FOCUS OF INTEREST

Pierre Jean-Paul has been a vital member of Evanston's community residing at 1341 Pitner Avenue for almost 70-years.

X A LIVING INDIVIDUAL (EXCLUSIVE OF CITY OF EVANSTON STAFF)

Signature of Applicant: Ald Peter Braithwaite (approved via email) Date: 10/7/18
(Alderpersion)

Applicant's Address: 1425 Darrow, Evanston Phone _____

Email: pbraithwaite@cityofevanston.org

Signature of Applicant: Gabrielle Jean-Paul Aguilar Date: 10/07/18

Applicant's Address: 1915 Foster St. Evanston, IL 60201 Phone 773-860-7611

Email: gabijaquilar@gmail.com

Submit completed form to:

City of Evanston

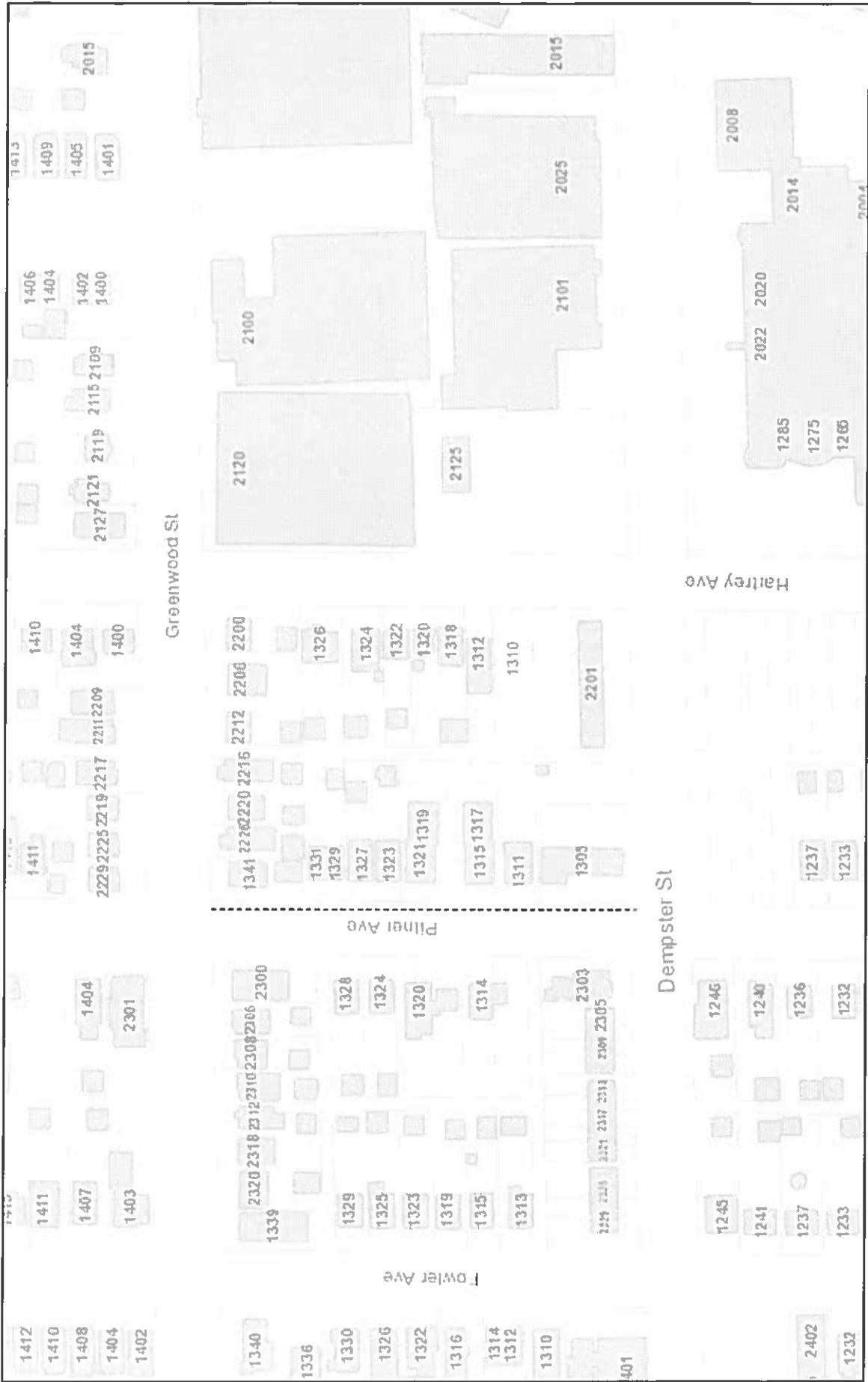
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Pierre Jean-Paul Way



October 9, 2018

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