

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:**               **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS ALDERS** Designating the corner of Lilac and Butler Street as "Mary C. Griffin Corner" in perpetuity for her love, commitment, outstanding contributions, and service to people in the Newhallville neighborhood.  
(Submitted by: Delphine Clyburn Alder, 20th Ward)

**REPORT: 1589-11**

**ADVICE:** No recommendation

### BACKGROUND

Community members have submitted an order proposing the corner of Lilac and Butler Street to be designated as " Mary C. Griffin Corner" to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Mary Griffin, a longtime resident and supporter of the Newhallville community.

Mrs. Mary Griffin is a longtime resident and supporter of the Newhallville community, living on Lilac Street in the Newhallville section of New Haven since 1972, known as the 'Mayor of Newhallville'. Mrs. Griffin dedicated herself to helping and giving in any capacity to her community. She became a teacher at Lincoln Bassett School and Troup Academy; worked with her local leaders, knocking on doors, providing information to residents regarding voter registration, volunteering at polling stations. Mrs. Griffin is an active participant and member of the Newhallville management team, instrumental in establishing a community block watch.

Mrs. Griffin also assisted in preparing food for the elderly, sick and shut-in. Mrs. Griffin has received several honors, awards and citations for the years for the work that she has done in the community, including: honored at First Calvery Baptist Church Banquet awards; Newhallville Annual Reunion Awards Ceremony; Newhallville Basketball as an honorary member; Lincoln Bassett School, Title I Program for her great work with children; recognition from local elected leaders for positive community involvement; and many more. Thus, it is fitting that the corner of Lilac and Butler Street be named 'Mary C. Griffin corner' in perpetuity of her contributions to the City of New Haven.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS


Community members have submitted a petition with 186 valid signatures. 250 city resident signatures required per General Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article I, Section 18-2.

The submission includes the official Order, which details on Mary C. Griffin's life, accomplishments, and contributions to the Newhallville community and residents across the City of New Haven.

### ADVICE

The Commission seeks to give a favorable recommendation because the Resolutions in the best interest of the City; however, the requirements per General Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article I, Section 18-2 were not fully met.

**ADOPTED:** 7.21.2021  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Aicha Woods  
Executive Director, City Plan Department