Dear Resident Name:

The Petersburg City Council proposed to rename streets in Petersburg after African-Americans whose history has established a mark on this City. It is their desire to (1) promote the African-American History in this City, (2) to uplift the African-American Experience in this City, (3) to honor those African-American’s who are/were trailblazers and (4) to show our younger generation a greater sense of self by promoting those African-Americans who grew up in Petersburg and went forward that are doing/did great things.

A public hearing will be scheduled for May 7, 2019; to provide City Council an opportunity to hear from the public on the following street name changes:

- Combine High Pearl Street and Johnson Road, making it one street and renaming it Moses Malone Boulevard. Mr. Malone grew up in this area of the City, and it signifies unity by merging the two streets which are divided by a bridge and race. This act signifies how this athlete grew up on one side of the bride and brought awareness and fame for the High School on other side.

High Pearl Street - The African-American Neighborhood

Johnson Road - The Caucasian Side.

The Proposal

Rename this entire corridor, combining both streets and making it

Moses Malone Boulevard

Born and Raised in Petersburg, VA
- We would combine the one corridor which has two different street names into one street named after the Fauntleroy’s.

- Change North Carolina Ave. to Roger Gregory Way. Judge Roger Gregory grew up on North Carolina Ave. and because the very first African-American Appellate Judge in Virginia. He is also the only Judge nominated by two different Presidents of both political parties.

- Change Harding Street to Ricky Henley Avenue

- The Fauntleroy’s
  Hermanze – the first African-American Mayor of Petersburg
  Germaine – the first African-American Female School Supt in Petersburg
  Both born and raised in Petersburg, VA

- Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
  Appointed by President Clinton and President Bush
  Grew up on North Carolina Ave. – Petersburg, Virginia

- Ricky Cardell Hunley is an American former college and professional football player who was a linebacker in the National Football League for seven seasons during the 1980s and early 1990s. Hunley played college football for the University of Arizona, and was twice recognized as a consensus All-American.
The City of Petersburg would appreciate your response to the following question:
Do you have any objections to the street name change applicable to you? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please explain: _____________________________________________________________
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Completed questionnaires must be returned to:

City of Petersburg
Department of Public Works and Public Utilities
103 W Tabb Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

It is imperative to complete the questionnaire and return it to the address listed above. If the City of Petersburg Department of Public Works and Utilities does not receive a completed questionnaire or otherwise hear from you within thirty (30) working days from the date of this letter, the Department advises that it will not proceed with the street name change on the assumption that you object to the request.

Sincerely,

Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides
City Manager