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INTRO. NO. 713

Street name, Lem Davis St, Mark,

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 1993**

**No. 61**

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of the City of New York, passed by the Council on June 22, 1993, and approved by the Mayor on July 12, 1993.

CARLOS CUEVAS, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW §27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law §27, I hereby certify that the enclosed Local Law (Local Law 61 of 1993, Council Int. No. 713) contains the correct text and:

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Was approved by the Mayor on July 12, 1993.

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Carlos Cuevas  
June 30, 1993  
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Int. No. 738

Local Law #63

A LOCAL LAW to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing the increase in the amount to be expended in five business improvement districts.

Int. No. 740

Local Law #64

A LOCAL LAW to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to subcontractor data on Vendex.

Int. No. 744

Local Law #65

A LOCAL LAW in relation to a triangle name, Matthew S. Turner Triangle, Borough of Manhattan.

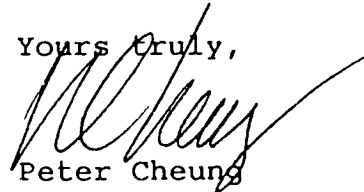
Int. No. 749

Local Law #66

A LOCAL LAW in relation to a playground name, Margaret Carnegie Playground, Borough of Brooklyn.

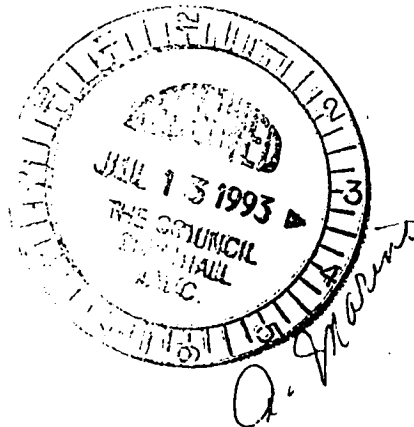
Which were approved by the Mayor under the date of July 12, 1993.

Yours Truly,



Peter Cheung

PC/aa  
Enclosures



**The Council of the City of New York  
Finance Division  
Marc V. Shaw, Director  
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Intro. No: 713  
Committee: Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs

**Title:** Local Law in relation to a street name, Leon Davis Street, Borough of Manhattan.      **Sponsor:** CM Duane

**Summary of Legislation:** The proposed Local Law would change the name of West 43rd street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues to Leon Davis Street.

**Effective Date:** Immediately upon enactment.

**FY in which full fiscal impact anticipated:** Fiscal 1993

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

|                  | Effective FY 93 | Fiscal 1994 | Annual |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| Revenues (+)     | None            | None        | None   |
| Expenditures (-) | (\$250.00)      | None        | None   |
| Net              | (\$250.00)      | None        | None   |

**Impact on Revenues:** There is no anticipated impact on revenues.

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The cost of producing a sign is approximately \$25.00 per sign on average. Two signs at \$25.00 per sign, plus an additional \$200.00 for the installation of each pair of signs brings the total to \$250.00.

**Source of Funds to Cover Estimated Costs:** General Fund

**Source of Information:** Council Finance

**Estimate prepared by:** Council Finance

**Date Submitted to Council:** To be considered by the Committee on June 14, 1993.

**FIS History:** To be considered by the Committee on June 14, 1993.

Staff: Thomas O'Hanlon  
Legislative Intern

Anthony Baronci  
Counsel to the Committee

T H E C O U N C I L  
REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION  
NICHOLAS LAPORTE, ACTING DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

June 17, 1993

INT. NO. 713:

By: Council Member Duane (by the request of the Mayor); also Council Members Eisland, Michels, Rivera, Robles and Spigner.

TITLE:

In relation to a street name, Leon Davis Street, Borough of Manhattan

INTENT:

This legislation would add, through the posting of an additional sign, the name Leon Davis Street, to 43rd Street between Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue.

COMMENT:

Leon Davis was born on Nov. 21, 1905 in Pinsk, Russia and came to the United States in 1921, at the age of 15. In 1932, he founded Local 1199 of the Drug, Hospital & Health Care Employees Union and served as its president for a half century until he retired in 1982. He died on September 14, 1992 at the

age of 84.

As president of the Local 1199, Leon Davis lead the crusade to attain basic rights and benefits for forgotten health care workers. His work built the foundation for current employment standards for Local 1199 members such as: pension benefits, job training, child care funds, fair wages and good working conditions. As a result of his efforts, a New York State law which denied health care workers in nonprofit institutions the right to bargain collectively was repealed in 1963 and a similar federal law was overturned in 1974.

Under Mr. Davis' leadership, Local 1199 grew from a half-dozen New York City pharmacy workers into the largest health workers union in the United States with a membership of over 150,000 professional and non-professional health care employees located in 20 states.

In addition to his work in the labor movement, Mr. Davis believed that the Union had wider responsibilities to society. This was illustrated by Local 1199's early opposition to the United States military presence in Vietnam, its participation in the civil rights movement and the creation of the widely-admired Bread and Roses Cultural program. It was Mr. Davis' unrelenting passion for equality and justice that led the late Dr. Martin Luther King to describe Local 1199 as "my favorite union."

This legislation would designate West 43rd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenue as Leon Davis Street, the location of the headquarters of the Local 1199.

This local law would take effect immediately.

Parks  
6/17 hearing-int. no. 713  
6/7/93

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Referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.



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Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Date: 6/17/93

Int. 744, 713, 712, 749 Res. 1308 M- \_\_\_\_\_

Oversight Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

*coupled*

| Council Member | Present | Yes | No | Abstain | Yes | No | Abstain |
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| Ward           | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| Povman         | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| Foster         | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| DiBrienza      | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| Eldridge       |         |     |    |         |     |    |         |
| Duane          | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| McCabe         | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| Pagan          | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
| Eristoff       | ✓       | ✓   |    |         |     |    |         |
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| Total Present  | 8       | 8   | 0  |         |     |    |         |

Other Council Members Attending: Robles, Fields

Time of Opening: 1:10

Time of Adjournment: 2:20

Speakers:

- Res 1308
- ① David Condliffe, Exec. Director of 1000
  - ② David Bronston
  - ③ Martin Maniak
  - ④ Tim Burke

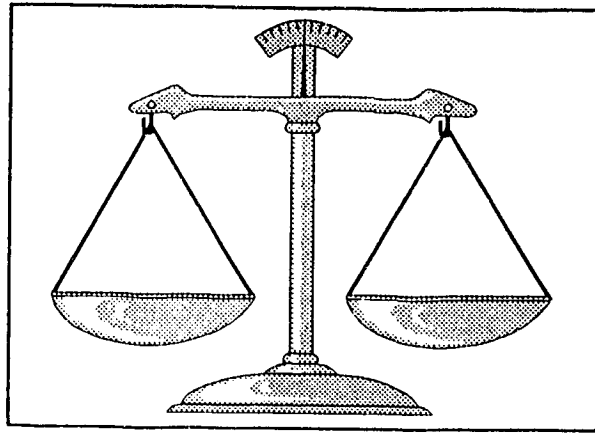
- Int. 744
- ① Esther Turner-Demby

- Int 749
- ① Ken Haber, Bklyn Borough Pres' office
  - ② Wilma Huertas, Chief of

- ③ Lois R. Cooper
  - ④ Theresa Cianciotta
  - ⑤ Guido Cianciotta
- Int. 713

- ① Aoe Foner, Exec. Dir of Local 1199

- Prop. Int. 712-A
- ① Frank Vernuccio



**Committee on  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
Walter Ward, Chairperson

Thursday, June 17, 1993  
Hearing Room  
250 Broadway 23rd Floor  
New York, New York 10007

1:00 P.M.

Re: Int. 712 - By Council Member DeMarco - A LOCAL LAW in relation to a triangle name, Michael Crescenzo Triangle, Borough of the Bronx.

Int. 713 - By Council Member Duane (by the request of the Mayor) - A LOCAL LAW in relation to a street name, Leon Davis Street, Borough of Manhattan.

Int. 744 - By Council Member Fields - A LOCAL LAW in relation to a triangle name, Matthew S. Turner Triangle, Borough of Manhattan.

Int. 749 - By Council Member Robles - A LOCAL LAW in relation to a playground name, Margaret Carnegie Playground, Borough of Brooklyn.

Res. 1308 - By Council Members Eristoff, Albanese, Pagan, Ward, Cerullo III & Millard - Resolution calling upon the State Legislature and Governor of New York to enact legislation to protect and preserve the Adirondack Park's unique shoreline and backcountry resources; and further to ensure the protection of valuable threatened park resources by the establishment of a state environmental assistance fund.

Coupled - adopted by a vote of 8 in the affirmative  
and none in the negative

Time of opening 1:10  
Time of adjournment 2:20

# THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

Int. No. 713

April 21, 1993

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL  
CITY HALL  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

YVONNE GONZALEZ  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL

TELEPHONE  
212-788-7210

June 3, 1993

Ms. Alice K. Olson  
Chair  
Community Board 4.  
330 West 42nd Street  
New York NY 11036

RE: Int. 713 Leon Davis Street

Dear Ms. Olson:

Please be advised that the Committee on Transportation will meet on Monday, June 14, 1993 at 1:00PM, in the Committee Room, City Hall, 2nd Floor, New York, NY regarding the above referred topic(s).

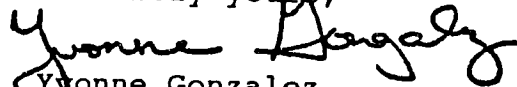
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

  
Yvonne Gonzalez  
Assistant Counsel

YG/do



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SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL  
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Co-Chair  
Community Board 4.  
330 West 42nd Street  
New York NY 11036

RE: Int. 713 Leon Davis Street

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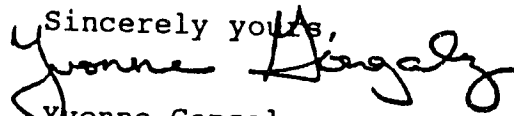
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YG/do

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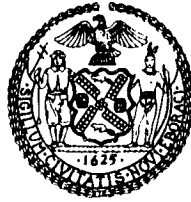
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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

FRANK T. W. NEW  
DIRECTOR  
CITY LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

52 CHAMBERS STREET  
ROOM 309  
(212) 788-2902

April 16, 1993

Honorable Peter F. Vallone  
Speaker of the Council  
City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Vallone:

On behalf of the Mayor, I am herewith transmitting copies of a proposed local law, in relation to a street name, Leon Davis Street, Borough of Manhattan, together with memorandum in support, for introduction in the City Council.

The Mayor would appreciate introduction of this legislation at the earliest convenient date.

Sincerely,

Frank T.W. New

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enclosure

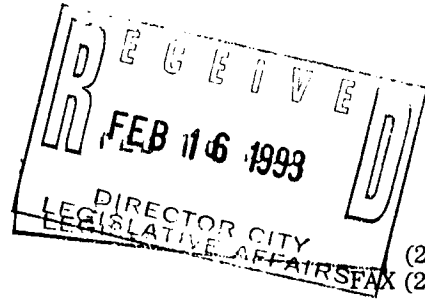
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*Dunn &  
Chris Quinn*

Frank T. New  
Office of the Mayor's Legislative  
Representative to the City Council

FEB 16 1993

Dear Mr. New:

Transmitted herewith, approved as to form, is a proposed local law in relation to a street name, Leon Davis Street, Borough of Manhattan.

Approval as to form by this office does not, of course, constitute approval as to the merits of the bill.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. REPHEN  
Chief  
Division of Legal Counsel



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

FRANK T. W. NEW  
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "A. New".

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

**TITLE:** A Local Law to add the name Leon Davis Street to West 43rd Street.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

This proposed local law would add a second name, Leon Davis Street, to West 43rd Street from Eighth Avenue to Ninth Avenue in Manhattan.

**REASONS FOR SUPPORT:**

Leon Julius Davis, founded Local 1199 of the Drug, Hospital & Health Care Employees Union in 1932 and served as its president for half a century until his retirement in 1982. He died on September 14, 1992 at the age of 84.

Leon Davis led organizing campaigns in the late 1950s and early 1960s that established Local 1199 as New York's largest health care workers union. He also led national organizing campaigns that established 1199 locals in 20 states reaching membership of 150,000 at the time of his retirement.

Largely through Mr. Davis's efforts, a New York State law denying the right of collective bargaining to health care workers was repealed in 1963. A similar federal law was overturned in 1974.

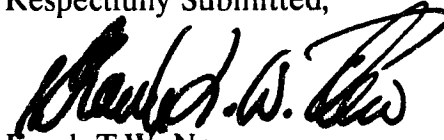
His wisdom, courage, strength and passion for justice left a permanent stamp on Local 1199, and the labor movement in general. Under his leadership, Local 1199's organizing crusades included an alliance with the civil rights movement that led the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to describe 1199 as "my favorite union." Davis' vision of 1199's wider responsibilities led to the creation of the widely-admired Bread and Roses cultural program.

This proposed local law would add the name Leon Davis to West 43rd Street in Manhattan, the street outside the headquarters of Local 1199.

Manhattan Community Planning Board #4 supports adding the name Leon Davis to West 43rd Street, as does Local 1199. Leon Davis is survived by his wife Julia, two daughters Jo Ubogy and Liane Vida, and two grandchildren.

Accordingly, the Mayor urges the earliest possible favorable consideration of this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank T.W. New

FTWN/fm  
4/20/93

Parks

# Int. 713

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**THE COUNCIL  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

**Appearance Card**

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. 713 Res. No. \_\_\_\_\_

in favor     in opposition

Date: June 17, 1993

Name: MOE FONER (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 48-28 196 Place, Flushing ny

I represent: LOCAL 1199

Address: 310 West 43rd Street NYC

◆ Please complete this card and return to the Sergeant-at-Arms ◆



CITY OF NEW YORK  
COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 4  
330 WEST 42ND STREET • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036  
TEL. 736-4538

ALICE K. OLSON

CHAIR

JULIA FITZGERALD

DISTRICT MANAGER

April 19, 1993

Ms. Yvonne Gonzalez, Deputy Counsel to the Speaker  
City Council Speaker's Office, City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Request for supplementary street sign on W. 43rd St. between 8th & 9th Aves. to honor Leon Davis

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

At its monthly Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 1993, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 adopted the following resolution regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas, Local 1199 has requested supplementary street signs for West 43rd Street between 8th and 9th Avenues adding the name "Leon Davis Street" to the existing appellation of the block; and

Whereas, Leon Davis campaigned in the 1950's to organize New York City hospital workers and demonstrated leadership, vision and sacrifice in this endeavor; and

Whereas, Local 1199 is an integral part of the Community Board No. 4 community and has its headquarters on the subject block; and

Whereas, Local 1199's request for this supplementary street name was presented at a public hearing before Manhattan Community Board No. 4 on April 7, 1993. At this public hearing, the majority of speakers were in favor of Local 1199's proposal; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Manhattan Community Board No. 4 endorses the proposal of Local 1199 for supplementary street signs on West 43rd Street between 8th and 9th Avenues to honor Leon Davis, provided that these supplementary street signs are in addition to, and not replacements for, the existing street signs identifying the block as West 43rd Street.

Sincerely,

*Alice K. Olson*  
Alice K. Olson, Chair  
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*Ann Sewell*  
Ann Sewell, Co-Chair  
Small Business Assistance &  
Transportation Committee

*Peter Obletz*

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