

## Racine Iron & Wire Works, Inc.

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Ms. Tracey Larrin Alderwoman, 4<sup>th</sup> District City of Racine 730 Washington Avenue Racine WI 53403

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Re: We are OPPOSED to renaming Prospect Street

Dear Ms. Larrin:

Racine Iron & Wire Works Inc. IS OPPOSED to the re-naming of Prospect Street. We have been located at 905 Prospect Street since 1910. We wish to remain on Prospect Street.

Re-naming Prospect Street would impose real costs and burdens on residents. When Racine Iron eliminated our post office box in 2009, it took years to get all of our customers, vendors, government agencies and others to change their records. And most already had our street address in their systems. Many entities have several systems and they each must be changed.

We are not well informed of the merits of honoring the proposed honoree. I know that for several years the mission gave away hamburger and hot dog buns. I routinely had to pick up buns that littered Prospect Street, including both intact plastic bags of buns and individual buns torn apart and scattered. One foul-mouthed woman who was scattering buns told me she was "feeding the animals".

Those who wish to honor the honoree should develop a plan that they can fund themselves, rather than dump the cost on others. Please leave Prospect Street out of that discussion.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Hayssen General Manager

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