

## **REPLACEMENT AGENDA ITEM #19**

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
**Councilman Nick Lebron**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**City of Hartford, January 11, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Osono Walters, known to many as JQ, was born in Hartford on July 12, 1996 and was raised in our city by Trician Salmon and Hasani Blake, and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters attended University High School, and Albertus Magnus College, where he starred on the basketball team, earning All American honors and the GNAC Player of the year award twice, and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters achieved his dream of becoming a professional basketball player in Argentina after he graduated from Albertus Magnus, and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters never forgot his roots in Hartford, keeping contact with his Mom, family, friends and fans and returned to Hartford when basketball play was suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters would coach children for free at Parker Memorial Center, inviting parents to bring their children through social media blasts to get free basketball lessons, and during the Pro-Am games he would volunteer at the Summer League teaching the youth basketball skills, and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters was taken from us way too soon on September 19<sup>th</sup> when he passed from unwarranted gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Jaqhawn Walters' merits have been honored both by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and The Village for Family and Children with a memorial scholarship fund and a star dedication in his name, respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, Luke Bronin, Mayor of Hartford and the Court of Common Council has proclaimed sincere condolences of the tragic passing of Jaqhawn Walters, in which they found the young man's civic engagement would live on in the lives of hundreds of residents he influenced,

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting that City of Hartford take steps to remember Jaqhawn Walters and provide constant reminder in the community he loved of the impact he made on the youth of our city; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council superimpose the name of Jaqhawn Walters at the Rosemont Street and Main Street to the intersection of Rosemont and Cambridge Street be displayed as Jaqhawn JQ Walters Way.