

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Re: Gibran Khalil Gibran Commemorative Blades on Ridgewood Avenue

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor R. Brockington**

Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor**

WHEREAS St. Elias Lebanese Antiochan Orthodox Parish on Ridgewood Avenue would like to install commemorative blades on Ridgewood Avenue in honour of renowned Lebanese poet Gibran Khalil Gibran; and

WHEREAS the parish recently dedicated a statue to Gibran Khalil Gibran on their property, and a number of other jurisdictions in North America have dedicated streets or other public places in his honour; and

WHEREAS Ridgewood Avenue would not be re-named, but rather commemorative blades designed and installed for installation on the street sign posts between Riverside Drive and Springland Drive, similar in appearance to those installed in other areas of the City including, but not limited, to Little Italy and Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, given the street is not being re-named, this initiative does not fall within the parameters of the Commemorative Naming Program; and

WHEREAS these commemorative blades do not fall within the criteria of the City's Tourism and Public Service Signs policy, which provides for such unique street signage in designated historical or cultural areas;

WHEREAS the St Elias Lebanese Antiochian Orthodox Parish has arranged to pay for the signs and installation; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an exemption to the City's Tourism and Public Service Signs Policy to permit the installation of "Gibran Khalil Gibran" commemorative blades along Ridgewood Avenue between Riverside Drive and Springland Drive, with the cost to be funded by the St Elias Lebanese Antiochian Orthodox Parish.