

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposal to designate a Secondary Street Name in honor of Dick "Night Train" Lane. As the Director of the documentary "TRAIN: The Dick 'Night Train' Lane Story," I have had the privilege of exploring and documenting the profound impact that Night Train has had on the city of Detroit and beyond.

Through our project, I had the opportunity to interview a number of esteemed community leaders who shared invaluable testimonials about Night Train's contributions. These voices include:

- Fred Hunter, Director of Detroit PAL, who spoke passionately about Lane's influence on youth sports and mentorship.
- Willie Horton, former MLB great and PAL director, who highlighted Lane's role in inspiring generations of athletes.
- Jamon Jordan, Official Detroit Historian, who provided insights into Lane's legacy within the context of Detroit's rich sports history.
- Robin Terry, Chairwoman and CEO of the Motown Museum, who reflected on Lane's cultural significance within the city.
- Rev. Horace Sheffield, III, Pastor and Social Activist, who emphasized Lane's commitment to community service.
- Bert Dearing Jr., Owner of Bert's Marketplace, who noted the local pride associated with Lane's achievements.
- Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, Pastor and NAACP Detroit President, who acknowledged Lane's role in advocating for social justice.
- Miller London, Former VP of Motown Records, who spoke to Lane's impact on the entertainment industry.

The collective sentiments of these leaders underscore the importance of honoring Dick “Night Train” Lane, not only as a sports icon but as a dedicated community figure who has left an indelible mark on Detroit.

I kindly urge the City Council to vote in favor of this honor for Night Train as one of this year's honorees. Recognizing his legacy through the naming of a street will ensure that future generations remember and celebrate his contributions to our community.

Thank you for considering this significant honor for an extraordinary individual.

Sincerely,

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