

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 22, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Request for Street Name Change – **Woodbine Avenue Honoring Dr. David Henderson Jr.**

This memorandum respectfully requests approval to rename **Woodbine Avenue between Morrell Avenue and Renner Road**, including the **900–1200 block of Woodbine Avenue**, in honor of **Dr. David Henderson Jr.**, in recognition of his lifetime of faithful service and extraordinary impact on the City of Dallas.

Dr. Henderson has served the Dallas community for more than five decades as a pastor, spiritual leader, and community advocate. He preached for over 52 years and pastored **Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church** for 41 years, helping transform the church into a cornerstone of faith, empowerment, and community uplift in Southern Dallas. His leadership extended beyond the pulpit through local and national service roles, mentoring generations and strengthening the connection between faith and civic life.

Dr. Henderson's influence extends far beyond the church. He has served in numerous leadership capacities, including Vice President of the African American Pastors Coalition C.D.C. Board, President of the Baptist Ministers Conference, and Instructor for the Congress of Christian Education, U.S.A. His prophetic voice, commitment to social justice, and unwavering advocacy for community uplift have strengthened bridges between faith institutions and civic life throughout Dallas.

**Changing the name of Woodbine Avenue to Dr. David Henderson Jr. Avenue**, near Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, would serve as a lasting and visible tribute to Dr. Henderson's legacy of service, leadership, and faith, while permanently recognizing his contributions to the residents of Dallas and the broader Southern Dallas community.

Please contact my office should additional information be required.

  
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Council Member, District 4

  
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