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3525 N.W. 23rd Street
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311
August 30, 2018

City of Pompano Beach
City Managers' Office
100 W. Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER
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Re: Naming and Renaming Request for Street
N.W. 8th Street, Pompano Beach 33060
To: Bishop D.E. Russell, Sr. Street

Dear City Manager and City Commissioners:

I am respectfully requesting the naming and renaming of N.W. 8th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060 to Bishop Douglas E. Russell, Sr. Street.

A community servant-leader and a respected entrepreneur, Bishop Russell founded the first Black Landscaping business in Pompano Beach in 1949, based on integrity, honesty and hard work. His first contract was on Hillsboro Beach (Inlet) located in Deerfield Beach, FL in 1950 as a landscaper for residential properties. He was also a journeyman in the area of Electronics and repairing technology for residential and commercial companies.

Being inspired by Bahamian parents, Elijah and Beatrice Russell, who farmed in Pompano Beach for George Banks in the vicinity presently known as Banks Road located in Pompano Beach, Florida, Bishop Russell, his wife Cosette Russell and children envisioned a life in farming. During the time period of 1949-1970 the vision became a reality. Bishop Russell began farming (beans, peppers, squash, eggplants, etc.) on leased land located in the area of Federal Highway (US1) and Copans Road. The family also farmed in the area of Dixie Highway and S.W. Second Street in Pompano Beach, FL.

Bishop Russell was an active member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church who was subsequently licensed as a minister. After serving other denominations, he was called by his first congregation to be the Founder and Bishop of **Fire Baptism and Truth Church, Inc.**, of Pompano Beach, FL. The church was birthed in 1966 and established in 1972 with the belief based on biblical scripture. Within six months of Bishop Russell's tenure, the congregation grew from eight to fifty members and continued to grow and became a beacon of Christian light within the community of Pompano Beach. From 1985 to 2000 under the leadership of Bishop Russell four churches were added in two states. Adults and children from all walks of life experienced the true meaning of love, acceptance and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Russell remained a Pioneer and faithful servant of God Almighty until his demise on April 22, 2014 at the age of 92.

Please carefully consider this request for my father...I am his daughter Gloria Russell-Grant

BOUNDARIES:

1. Dixie Highway/ NW 8th Street
2. NW 2nd Terrace/ NW 8th Street
3. Esther Rolle Ave.-NW 3rd Ave/ NW 8th Street
4. Grisham Ave.-NW4th Ave./ NW 8th Street
5. NW 5th Ave./ NW 8th Street
6. Blanche Ely Ave.-NW 6th Ave./NW 8th Street
7. NW 7th Ave./NW 8th Street
8. NW 7th Terr./NW 8th Street
9. Rev. Albert E. Johnson Ave.-NW 8th Ave./NW 8th Street
10. NW 9th Ave./NW 8th Street
11. Mossie Lee Jackson-NW 10th Ave./NW 8th Street

Bishop Douglas E. Russell
324 NW 8th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
June 26, 1921 – April 22, 2014
Born: Pompano Beach, FL

Daughter: Gloria Russell-Grant
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