

137 NW 15th Street  
Pompano Beach, Florida

February 6, 2018

City of Pompano Beach,  
Mr. Greg Harrison, City Manager  
100 West Atlantic Blvd.  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

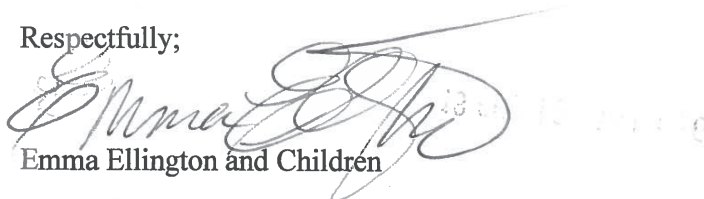
Dear Mr. Harrison;

This letter is a request by the Ellington family to rename N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue off MLK to **Ellington Avenue** in memory and honor of both our families. The Ellington's parents and grandparents came to Pompano in the early 1900's. Emma's grandparents came to Pompano in the 1920's, her grandparents were sharecroppers. Charles grandfather, Tom Baker came to Pompano in 1908 the year the city was incorporated. Mr. Baker worked by clearing land for white property owners, and in turn he was paid in property, he eventually built up holdings of approx 6 acres plus, on and near Hammonville Road. Tom Baker built small houses on tracts of land and rented them out providing work and housing for his family and other migrants moving to Pompano to work on the farms. Julius Ellington moved to Pompano after serving in the Navy, Mr. Ellington purchased property on N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 1918 and built the family home, and a restaurant where Larkins Center stands today. The Ellington's restaurant was one of the few black owned in Pompano providing free meals to those who could not pay. The Ellington's father also traveled to Palm Beach County farms selling meats, fruits and vegetables to migrants that live on the farms that did not have transportation to the nearest town.

Charles and Emma continued the legacy of their parents and grandparents by providing a home for the elderly for many years, affordable rental units, an affordable town home, complex for first time home buyers. Four generations of Ellington's were born in Pompano, giving back to their community in many ways as educators, nurses, firefighters, government and law enforcement. Volunteering many hours in various organizations throughout Broward County. Thank you for considering a true Pioneer Family Name **Ellington**.

Enclosed is a check for five hundred dollars (\$500) for the application fee.

Respectfully;

  
Emma Ellington and Children