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July 6, 2017

Greg Harrison, City Manager
City of Pompano Beach
100 W Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Dear Mr. Greg Harrison,

Please be advised that Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr. would like to submit a formal request to have NW 18th Street in the city of Pompano Beach renamed after a true servant leader, Soror Runette L. Williams, Charter Member of Broward County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Soror Williams is a native of Madison, Florida where she was born to Hudson and Lubertha Hill. She received her primary and secondary education while residing in Madison, Florida. In 1951, she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida A&M University. She received her Master's Degree from the University of Chicago in 1960. She also completed further study at Florida Atlantic University. Education is her divine gift and she used it to serve others. Soror Williams taught for nine years at Coleman Elementary School (subsequently demolished) before becoming a Principal in 1960. She spent 17 years at Sanders Park Elementary School where she was the first Principal and then 4 years at Markham Elementary. She retired from Broward County Schools in 1981; taking an early retirement due to family illness.

While most cities only bestow such honors on greats after their deaths, we are of the firm position that this should happen while Mrs. Runette Williams is still living. Mrs. Williams is very active in her community where she serves as a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a life member of the NAACP, and a devoted member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club of Pompano Beach-Westside, Sanders Park Civic Association, and Broward County Retired Educators Association. She has received numerous awards and accolades for her work in education and for her service to the community.

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Confirmed NW 16th Street
per Senator Thurston Rsm 7/19

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We are sure others will join in this request. We are willing to meet and work with the City to make this honor happen.

Sincerely,



Perry E. Thurston, Jr.
State Senator, District 33

CC: Robert Holmes, Sanders Park Homeowner's Association
Barry McMillon, President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Malcolm Roberts, Deacon, Mount Calvary Baptist Church
Johnny McCray, Attorney, Pompano Beach
James Jones, Pompano Beach Kiwanis