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**President Valerie Mason**

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Dear President Mason,

We are writing to express our strong support for the co-naming of the street located at 91st Street between Madison Avenue and 5th Avenue, where the Russian Consulate-General in New York is situated, in honor of the late Alexei Navalny.

Alexei Navalny was a prominent Russian opposition leader, anti-corruption activist, and a tireless advocate for democracy and human rights. His courageous efforts to expose corruption at the highest levels of the Russian government earned him international recognition and widespread admiration. Tragically, Navalny was announced to have died in a Russian prison on February 16, 2024, under suspicious circumstances that have drawn condemnation from across the globe.

Navalny's work and his ultimate sacrifice symbolizes the ongoing struggle for freedom and justice in the Russian Federation. Co-naming this street in his honor would serve as a powerful statement of solidarity with those who continue to fight for these values under oppressive regimes. It would also ensure that his legacy endures in the hearts and minds of New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

We are not alone in this call for action. A change.org petition requesting the co-naming of this street has garnered significant support of over 8,000 signers, reflecting a broad consensus among citizens who wish to see Alexei Navalny's name honored in this meaningful way. This petition demonstrates the public's desire to commemorate his bravery and to stand in defiance of the injustices that led to his untimely death.

Co-naming this street is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a declaration that New York City stands firmly in support of human rights and democratic values. It would serve as a constant reminder of the global impact of Navalny's work and the importance of continuing to advocate for those who cannot do so themselves.

We look forward to working with the Community Board to take the necessary steps to rename the street in honor of Alexei Navalny. His legacy deserves to be recognized and remembered, and this act would be a fitting tribute to his life and work for a democratic Russia.

Sincerely,

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