

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-138**

*Acknowledging the Intent to name the proposed Teaching Kitchen "Deborah Christie Teaching Kitchen"*

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie was born in Heidelberg, Germany and raised in a military environment in various parts of the United States and Europe; and,

WHEREAS, in 1980, Ms. Christie moved to Columbia, South Carolina and began a career with Bank of America as a teller, quickly became a branch manager then served as a Vice President for 18 years; and,

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie served as Executive Director for the Columbia Housing Development Corporation and TN Development Corporation from 1999-2011; and,

WHEREAS, Deborah's expertise in housing redevelopment and educational programs provided her an opportunity to serve as Director of Community Development from 2011 until her untimely passing in May 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie was well known in the community for her hard work and dedication to serving our most vulnerable and low-moderate income population; and,

WHEREAS, some of Deborah Christie's many accomplishments included revitalizing disinvested neighborhoods through providing rehabilitated and newly constructed single-family homes for sale and affordable multifamily housing for rental; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Christie was instrumental in the development of educational programs to build inter-personal skills and on-the-job training for the under-employed and unemployed; and,

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie also had a vision for providing opportunities for individuals to improve their quality of life by living a healthy lifestyle; and,

WHEREAS, the Teaching Kitchen would be one way to address nutrition and health disparities in designated targeted areas such as the 29203 and 29204 where health disparities are a challenge, and,

WHEREAS, many people, particularly minorities, suffer from hypertension, diabetes, heart disease and obesity; and,

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie understood the importance of facing health challenges through a combination of medical treatments combined with a healthy life style, and;

WHEREAS, Deborah Christie's goal before her passing was to establish a "Teaching Kitchen" to show individuals how to eat healthier, prepare meals with fresh local food selections and work toward better outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, City leadership, staff and residents continue to benefit from the commitment, dedication and impact of Deborah Christie; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 that in honor of Ms. Deborah Christie's tireless service and dedication to the City of Columbia and its residents the City commits to naming the proposed Teaching Kitchen after Deborah Christie.

Requested by:

Councilmember Devine

Approved by:

Jenna B. Wilson  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Attorney

Introduced: 12/7/2021  
Final Reading: 12/7/2021

[Signature]  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika D. M. Hammond  
City Clerk

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# APPLICATION



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## HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE NAMING

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Please see submission checklist for materials necessary for application  
**SUBMISSION MATERIALS MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION**  
Application form and materials are **DUE AT 4:00 p.m.** thirty (30) days prior to ceremony.

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Is the designation:  Street Naming Topper  
(sign will be posted above standard city street signs)  
 Facility and site naming

Checklist:  Application  
 Council Member Sponsor  
 Letter(s) of Support

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Chaque Bolton for Tameika Isaac Devine  
Applicant Signature\*

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Tameika Isaac Devine  
Print Name

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Mailing Address

803-545-3061  
Phone Number

11/29/2021  
Date

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*Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.*

- 83 Signage wording cannot exceed twenty-six characters
- 82 Any changes to initial request must be made no more than 20 days prior to ceremony in writing
- 83 Signage wording and resolution will be finalized 15 days prior to ceremony
- 80 Applicant must provide letter(s) of support from neighborhood association, institution or business(s) impacted by the proposed honorary street, facility or site naming
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## HONORARY STREET/FACILITY AND SITE NAMING

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1. Name of individual or organization to be honored:

Deborah Christie Culinary Center

2. Name of street, facility or site proposed for designation:

Please list the intersecting street and block number. No more than two signs are permitted per designation.

Katheryn M. Bellfield Center \_\_\_\_\_

211 Grant Street \_\_\_\_\_

3. Attach sheet describing the significant contribution(s) this individual or organization has made in the community:

4. Location, date and time of unveiling ceremony:

TBD

5. Council Member Sponsor:

Name: Tameika Isaac Devine

### FOR STAFF USE:

Council Member Sponsor:  Approved  Rejected

Public Works:  Approved  Rejected

Review Type:  Staff  Council \_\_\_\_\_ Council Date \_\_\_\_\_