

The US now contains no fewer than 890 streets, boulevards, avenues and courts named after the slain Civil Rights leader. The naming of streets for Dr. King is about honoring his contributions, but it also creates places that retell the history of the United States to include a wider, more racially and ethnically diverse society.

The process of naming a street after King, can be more than a celebration but also a test of social equality within this community.

At the last City Council meeting someone mentioned maybe giving the street an entire new name, anything but that one. I truly believe that it degrades the Civil Rights leader's importance and perpetuates the same aspect of segregation that he battled.

Street names have the power to touch and connect different groups some of which may not identify with King. Street names offer a means of making the past a visible & important part of everyday realities. I ask that you vote yes on the renaming of Johnson St. to MLK Blvd.

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