

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2014

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB14-0365
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
4 Health, Safety, Education and Services
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6 **A BILL**

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8 For an ordinance naming the City-owned building located at 2855 Tremont Place the
9 Elbra M. Wedgeworth Municipal Building
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Elbra Wedgeworth is a proud East Denver native, and her
12 professional experience in the private/public sector spans 26 years; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 Elbra Wedgeworth was elected as the City Councilwoman for District
15 8; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2003 when the City County of Denver was to experience the greatest
18 turnover in its government since 1904 due to term limitations, Elbra Wedgeworth was elected to
19 serve a second four-year term as the District 8 representative unopposed, and she provided the
20 dedicated leadership needed for a smooth transition for the newly elected officials who took office
21 in 2003; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, Elbra Wedgeworth's City Council colleagues unanimously elected her the
24 Council President for 2003-2005, during which time she oversaw the multimillion dollar city council
25 budget, revised the council rules and completely restructured the council committees; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, during Elbra Wedgeworth's tenure on City Council, she oversaw the
28 renaissance of Council District 8 through various projects, including the redevelopment of East
29 Village Housing Project, Mercy Hospital Redevelopment, Hope IV Redevelopment/Denver Housing
30 Authority, Skyline Park Renovation, Hyatt Regency Convention Center Hotel, Colorado Convention
31 Center Expansion, Morrison Park Improvements, Fuller Park Improvements, Hiawatha Davis Jr.
32 Recreation Center, City Park Golf Course renovation, Denver Health Park Hill Health Clinic,
33 Pauline Robinson Library, and the Blair Caldwell African-American Research Library; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Elbra Wedgeworth served as the President/Chair of the Denver 2008
2 Convention Host Committee for the historic Democratic National Convention; her leadership was
3 crucial and key to Denver being chosen to host the Convention; the 2008 Convention was the
4 largest convention in the history of the City of Denver and the State of Colorado; the Host
5 Committee raised funds and in-kind donations of more than \$135 million; the Convention itself
6 generated more than \$266.0 million dollars in economic benefit; and Elbra Wedgeworth will be
7 remembered as the first African-American woman to be President/Chair of a Host Committee in
8 the history of either political party; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, *5280 Magazine* named Elbra Wedgeworth as a woman of Colorado
11 who has played a historically significant role because of chiefly being responsible for bringing the
12 2008 Democratic National Convention to Denver; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, in April of 2012, Elbra Wedgeworth was named by the Denver Post as One of
15 Colorado’s Most Influential Women and was named one of Denver’s 25 Most Powerful women by
16 the Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce and also receiving their ATHENA Award which
17 honors Colorado women who best exemplify exceptional professional achievement, devotion to
18 community service, and assisting other women in the attainment of professional excellence and
19 leadership skills; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, Elbra was inducted into the “Blacks in Colorado” Hall of Fame by the
22 Denver Public Library; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, in April 2007, Elbra Wedgeworth became the Chief Government and
25 Community Relations Officer at Denver Health and Hospital Authority where she is responsible for
26 all governmental legislative matters on the local, state and federal level and is the hospital’s liaison
27 for Community Outreach Initiatives; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, in September 2008, Elbra Wedgeworth was elected unanimously as the
30 President of the Denver Union Station Project Authority Board of Directors and is serving her 6th
31 term as the Board President; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Elbra Wedgeworth currently serves as the Chairwoman for the Downtown
2 Denver Partnership Inc., the first person of color male or female to serve as Chairperson in the
3 Partnership’s 58 year history; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, Elbra Wedgeworth also serves as a member to the Metro Regional Council for
6 the El Pomar Regional Partnerships Program; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, Section 2-275 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code sets forth the procedures
9 and criteria for naming City-owned buildings; a petition has been submitted to the Council pursuant
10 to the Code proposing that the building located at 2855 Tremont Place should be named in honor
11 of Elbra M. Wedgeworth; and the City Council has determined that Elbra M. Wedgeworth is an
12 outstanding Denver resident who was and is influential in the cultural, political, economic and
13 social life of the community for the reasons set forth above.

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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
16 **DENVER:**

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18 **Section 1.** The City-owned property at 2855 Tremont Place shall henceforth be named the
19 Elbra M. Wedgeworth Municipal Building.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: April 22, 2014.

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: April 29, 2014.

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2014

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2014

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2014; _____ 2014

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12 PREPARED BY: David W. Broadwell, Asst. City Attorney DATE: April 29, 2014

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14 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
17 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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19 D. Scott Martinez, Denver City Attorney

20 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2014

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