



November 13, 2024

Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue
Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

Dear Community Board 8,

We are writing to express our strong support for co-naming this street in honor of the late Alexei Navalny.

Alexei Navalny's legacy as an opposition leader, anti-corruption activist, and tireless advocate for democracy and human rights resonates far beyond Russia, including here on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. His influence is evident locally, with a petition gathering 10,000 signatures in support of co-naming 91st Street. After Navalny's death, people from all over the state gathered outside the Russian consulate, creating a memorial that grew with flowers, candles, and heartfelt messages. For days, mourners came to honor his life, a testament to his lasting impact.

Navalny's courageous efforts to expose corruption at the highest levels of the Russian government earned him international acclaim. His tragic death while imprisoned in Russia (under suspicious circumstances) has been met with widespread global condemnation.

Co-naming this street would not just be a symbolic gesture; it would be a powerful statement that New York City stands with the principles of human rights and democracy and would serve as a lasting tribute to Navalny's impact and a reminder of the ongoing fight for justice and freedom. In stark contrast, Russia recently renamed the street in front of the U.S. Embassy "Donetsk People's Republic Square"—a pointed move that undermines democratic values.

As Navalny said in his final message to the world, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing." By honoring his legacy, we reaffirm our commitment to action, and we set an example for others around the world.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Alex Bores in black ink.

Alex Bores
State Assemblymember, 73rd District

Handwritten signature of Jerrold Nadler in black ink.

Jerrold Nadler
Representative, 12th Congressional District