

## ORDINANCE

WHEREAS Verlean Perkins was born April 9, 1934, and was a proud lifelong Chicagoan.

WHEREAS Verlean Perkins was a devoted educator, organizer, and poll worker.

WHEREAS Verlean was deeply committed to youth and spent over 30 years as a member of the Chicago Public School Board and worked with the summer food program for over 15 years.

WHEREAS she also served as Chairperson and volunteer for the Chicago Academic Games League for twenty years and was a member of the parent patrol.

WHEREAS Verlean remained committed to advancing civic engagement in her community and served as a poll worker every election and as a community representative on the Local School Council

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Section 1: According to an ordinance hereto passed by the City Council, which allows the erection of honorary street signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action of standardization of 6100 - 6246 S. Wabash Avenue as Verlean Perkins Avenue.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Jeanette Taylor  
20th Ward Alderwoman

## Biography

Verlean Perkins was born April 9, 1934 to the late Katherine Vincent and Verdell Lloyd.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of the Apostolic Church of God. She was educated in the Chicago Public School system.

She was employed with the Board of Education for over 30 years. She also worked with the Summer Food Program for over 15 years. Children were her life.

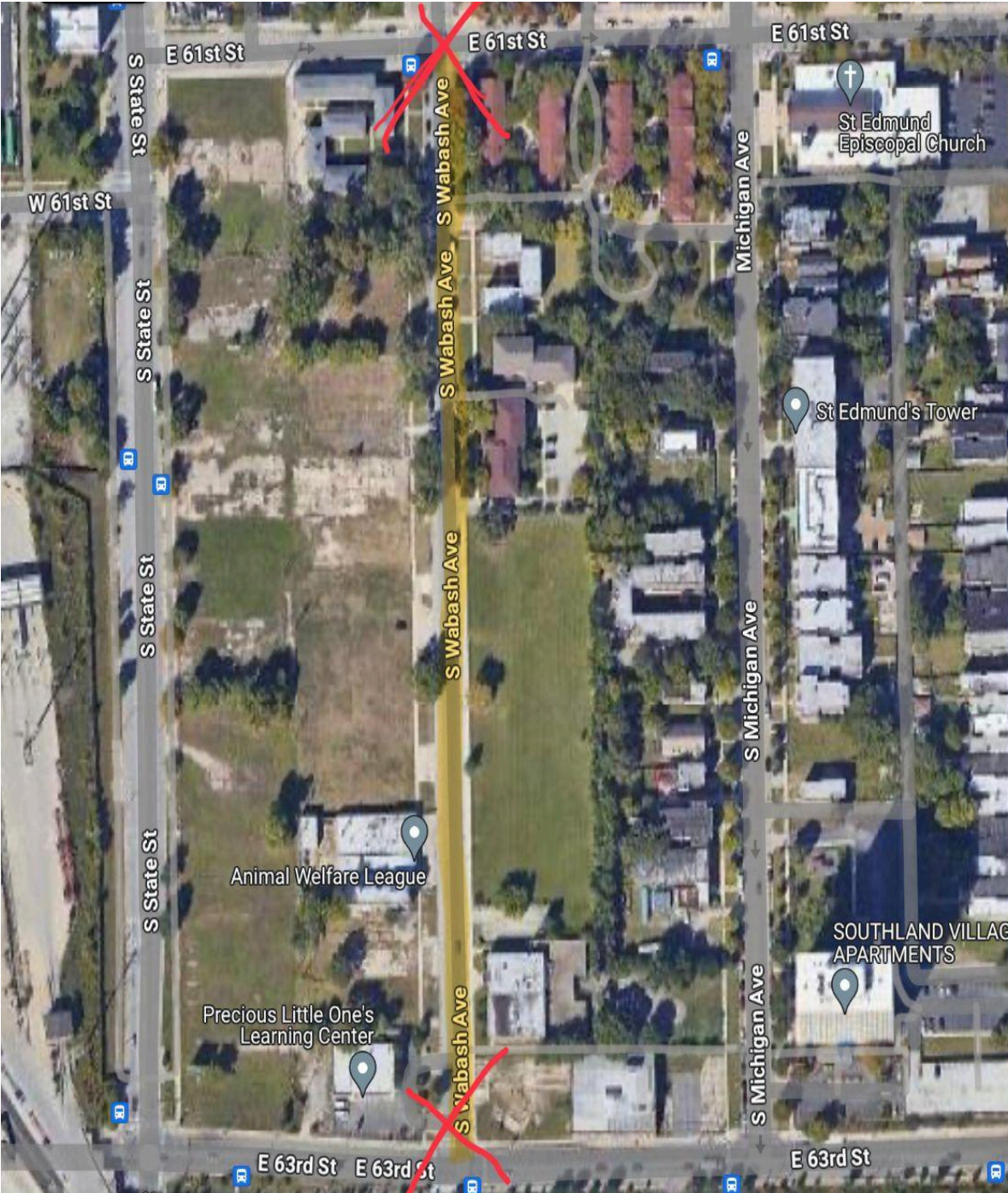
Verlean worked the polls every election. She was also chairperson and volunteer for the children in the Chicago Academic Games League for 20 years. She was on the parent patrol and a community representative for the Local School Council and Beta Club. She was also a surrogate parent to a host of kids who fondly referred to her as "Apple Woman."

She was preceded in death by her longtime companion, Henry Graham.

## Reason for Honoring

Verlean spent her entire life being a surrogate mother to hundreds of children who lived in the row houses on 61st and Wabash. She dedicated her life to creating a sense of community on her block and her legacy left a lasting impression on residents all across her community. It is only right we allow that legacy to be memorialized by honoring her with a street designation on the block she called her lifelong home.

Map of Site



Date: 4/23/24

Office of Budget and Management  
121 N. LaSalle, Room 604  
Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Jeanette Taylor, Alderman of the 20th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Verlean Perkins from my:

- Ward's annual menu program budget
- Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the

Chicago  
Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

  
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Alderman