

Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Elise was a beloved sister, friend, advocate, and community leader who was known for her fierceness, kindness, and compassion who died at the young age of 31; and

WHEREAS, Elise was passionate about advancing social justice for LGBTQIA2S and BIPOC communities, especially Trans people of color like herself, who experience hardships, rejection, stigmatization, violence, and disparities regarding access to affirming health care services, community resources, and opportunities for housing, workforce development, and employment; and

WHEREAS, Elise made fighting discrimination her life's work as she interned at the AIDS Foundation Chicago and worked at Equality Illinois, the Chicago Reader, and the Civil Rights Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and would regularly join advocates from across Illinois to lobby state legislators in support of LGBTQ+ affirming legislation during annual LGBTQ+ Advocacy Days, and also served for three years as a member of the Equality Illinois Community Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, Elise traveled around the state to lift up LGBTQ+ Illinoisans, including several trips to Carbondale where she met with LGBTQ+ youth at the Rainbow Café LGBTQ Center, and was the keynote speaker at the Center's gala where her remarks inspired and offered hope to those who attended the event; and

WHEREAS, Elise was a founding member of the Chicago Therapy Collective, the mission of which is to promote city-wide accountability and action to alleviate LGBTQ+ health disparities and advance collective LGBTQ+ health and well-being through education, therapy, advocacy, and the arts, and Elise helped coordinate the Collective's annual Transgender Day of Resilience and Transgender Day of Visibility events and was a leader on the Hire Trans Now initiative to reduce anti-Trans hiring stigma and create pipelines to Trans-affirming jobs; *now therefore*:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of the 1500 block of West Catalpa Ave, from N Clark Ave running West to N Ashland Ave, as "Elise Malary Way"

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



Andre Vasquez, Jr.

