

To the Honorable Mayor and Esteemed Council of the City of Phoenix

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix, in its resolute commitment to recognizing luminaries whose contributions have bolstered the civic and moral fabric of our community, endeavors to preserve in its records those whose lives reflect the virtues of intellect, statesmanship, and unwavering principle;

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles J. Kirk, a distinguished public intellectual, advocate for non-violent civil discourse, skilled statesman, and minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, dedicated his life to fostering liberty and justice, leaving a legacy that harmonizes with the eternal aspirations of a free and virtuous society, as affirmed, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7, King James Version);

WHEREAS, by establishing Turning Point USA, a Phoenix-based organization and a source of pride for the entire city, Mr. Kirk enriched the community with a renewed spirit of ethical and intellectual vigor;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk's profound learning and mastery of governance enabled him to navigate the turbulent currents of public debate with admirable serenity, encouraging dialogue that united rather than divided and illuminated rather than obscured the path to civic unity;

WHEREAS, as a beacon of non-violent communication, Mr. Kirk demonstrated the power of reasoned dialogue, confronting the challenges of a fractured age with the dignity befitting a true statesman;

WHEREAS, the tragic assassination of Mr. Kirk on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University, a calculated act confessed by the perpetrator, underscores the dangers faced by those who uphold truth in a contentious era, yet elevates his sacrifice into a noble summons to preserve his ideals,

notably as yesterday marked what should have been his 32nd birthday;

WHEREAS, this deplorable act, rather than diminishing Mr. Kirk's influence, has sharpened the focus on his contributions, urging us to honor his memory by upholding the values of peaceful discourse and wise leadership he championed, while extending our deepest sympathies to his devoted wife, Erika Kirk, and their children, a daughter born in August 2022 and a son in May 2024, who now bear the enduring loss of a beloved father whose guidance will forever shape their lives;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk, an ardent admirer of baseball, America's cherished pastime, embraced its lessons of teamwork, integrity, and fair play, values shared by countless fans who also hold dear his all-American ethos; this passion finds a fitting parallel in the 7th Street Overpass, adjacent to the downtown baseball stadium, a vibrant gathering place for sports and civic events, where the proposed "Charlie Kirk Memorial Bridge" would serve as a constant reminder and inspiration to the thousands who cross it, encouraging them to maintain the peace and civility Mr. Kirk exemplified, as echoed in "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another" (Romans 14:19, King James Version);

WHEREAS, renaming the 7th Street Overpass between Lincoln Street and Jefferson Street as "Charlie Kirk Memorial Bridge" constitutes a solemn civic tribute, embedding the legacy of a public intellectual, statesman, and minister whose life testified to the transformative alliance of faith and reason;

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix, entrusted with the authority to designate its structures, holds the unique privilege of immortalizing those whose efforts have enriched the public good, ensuring that a fallen statesman's name endures as a beacon for future generations;

WHEREAS, this redesignation necessitates no address changes for businesses or residences, imposes no financial burden (private funds for signage and improvements are secured), and aligns with the City's absence of prior or current plans to name this overpass;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Phoenix, in united appeal, have urged me, following my attendance at their significant vigil outside Mr. Kirk's community hub, to press the city to acknowledge the lasting significance of his contributions, advocating swift and deliberate action to honor a life, though cut short, that continues to inspire the pursuit of justice, truth, and civic virtue;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, citizen and resident of the City of Phoenix, hereby petition the City Council to deliberate and enact, within fifteen (15) days, a resolution, ordinance, or measure to redesignate the 7th Street Overpass, between Lincoln Street and Jefferson Street, as "Charlie Kirk Memorial Bridge," in perpetual recognition of his exemplary service as a public intellectual, advocate for non-violent discourse, statesman, master of statecraft, and minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose life, though ended by assassination, remains a clarion call to justice, reason, and compassion, even as his family bears their grief, and to execute all necessary actions with the dignity and promptness befitting such a tribute.

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev. J. B. Maupin, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

**Reverend Jarrett Barton Maupin, Jr.
of 9616 S. 1st Avenue, Phx, AZ 85041.**

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