

City of Columbus, GA  
Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: Columbus GA Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

PHONE NUMBER: 706-464-1286 POC: Pat Hugley Green

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 12346 Columbus, GA 31917

NAME OF HONOREE: Honorable Evelyn Turner Pugh Park  
(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):

LIVING OR (DECEASED)  
(CIRCLE ONE)

EXISTING BUILDING OR FACILITY NAME: Carver Park

REQUESTED SIGN LOCATION: Facility entrances, buildings and where all current signs exists

OTHER TYPE: This request is to name the Park and Buildings in the park Hon. Evelyn Turner Pugh. The name should read Hon. Evelyn Turner Pugh Park and Recreation Center.

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:

SEE ATTACHED

PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:

The Honorable Evelyn Turner Pugh served as the City Council representative for district 4 for over 30 years. SEE ATTACHED


ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF STREET OR FACILITY TO THE AREA OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:

SEE ATTACHED

CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

**SEE ATTACHED**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**

  
MARCH 26, 2024

**DATE:**

*Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at [lgilsson@columbusga.org](mailto:lgilsson@columbusga.org)*

*For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.*

*DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:*

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: March 27, 2024

Date application was submitted to the Engineering Department to verify any conflicts with existing street and the requested  
honorary designation: Submitted to the Department of Parks & Recreation on March 29, 2024

Date response received from the Engineering Department: Response from Parks & Rec on April 2, 2024

Any conflicts identified: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost associated with request: estimated cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: April 9, 2024

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: July 3, 2024

Official action taken: Recommendation of Approval.

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution or ordinance listed for adoption by Council:

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

The Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. members support naming Carver Park as the Evelyn Turner Pugh Park in honor of her iconic service to Council District 4 and the Columbus Community. She served District 4, an area stretching from Macon Road southwest to St. Mary's Road, for over three decades. She was first elected in 1988 and served until October 2019 due to health issues.

We support bestowing this honor because of her commitment and dedication to this community and the state of Georgia. Pugh, a Carver High School, and Columbus College graduate, worked 20 years at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia and 15 years at SunTrust Bank, where she was a vice president. She was appointed by former Gov. Zell Miller to the Georgia Policy Council on Children and Families in 1995, the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government Advisory Committee in 1995, and the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse (MHMRSA) Funding Study Committee in 1998. Pugh also was appointed chairwoman of the National League of Cities Public Safety & Crime Prevention Steering Committee in 1996, when she worked with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the U.S. Department of Justice to increase the flexibility in the use of grants from Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS.

She was elected Georgia Chair of Women in Municipal Government in 1995 and President of the Georgia Municipal Association in 1999. Former Lt. Governor Mark Taylor appointed her to the Georgia Public Defenders Council. She also served on the Board of Directors and Advisory Council of the National League of Cities. Locally, Pugh served on the Board of Directors for Girls Inc., St. Francis Hospital, Columbus Technical College, Columbus Housing Initiative, Liberty Theatre, and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation. She also was a member of the Columbus Chapter of The Links Inc. In 2012, the Columbus Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity presented her with the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Award. Georgia Trend magazine named her one of the state's best public servants in 2007.

Evelyn Turner Pugh was a committed servant leader. She gave a lifetime of service to her community through 49 years as a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. member, serving as chapter president and financial officer. Evelyn was a dedicated member of her church, Revelation Missionary Baptist Church, and the Columbus, GA Chapter of the Links, Inc., a national service organization. Her support of her alma mater, Carver High School, and Columbus State University were stellar and consistent.

So, we submit this jewel, a diamond in our community with a legacy that needs to be honored for generations to come. Evelyn Turner Pugh, a diamond known for her outstanding brilliance, fire, unconditional commitment, and service to District 4 and the city of Columbus, is to be honored with her name affixed to Carver Park.