

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-0889

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of JTA and CMs Gaffney and Newby

**Date of Introduction:** December 10, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU

**Date of Analysis:** December 10, 2019

**Type of Action:** Renaming of right-of-way; requesting Ordinance Code waiver; requesting honorary street designation and roadside markers

**Bill Summary:** The bill changes the name of "Johnson Street" to "LaVilla Center Drive". The bill waives Section 745.105 of the Ordinance Code which requires written notification to residents of street name changes because JTA is the sole property owner in the impacted area. Following the name change, LaVilla Center Drive will have two honorary street designations for James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson with roadside markers placed in appropriate locations on LaVilla Center Drive.

**Background Information:** The JTA is currently constructing a new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center facility on Johnson Street, and will be located as a part of the re-emerging and re-development of the LaVilla Community. The JTA requests a street name change to honor the history and culture of LaVilla as well as the placement of two historic markers along the street to honor LaVilla's famous residents, James Weldon Johnson and his brother J. Rosamond Johnson.

**Policy Impact Area:** District 7 rights-of-way

**Fiscal Impact:** JTA has paid \$2,000.00 for the street renaming. Minimal costs anticipated for new signage and maintenance.

**Analyst:** Baltiero