



GREATER ARLINGTON CIVIC COUNCIL, INC.
P.O. Box 8283
Jacksonville, FL 32239

November 7, 2023

RE: Ordinance 2023-

Dear Jacksonville City Council members:

The Greater Arlington Civic Council requests that the Jacksonville City Council rename the recently acquired Circle of Faith Ministries Building after Rita Reagan.

Rita Reagan was the driving force of the campaign to convince the City of Jacksonville to purchase the Norman Silent Film Studios in Arlington. The City purchased the historic complex in 2002. However, the studio building on Commerce Street remained in private hands until the City was able to also acquire it.

As part of her initiative to save the silent film complex, Mrs. Reagan was a founding member of Norman Studios Silent Film Museum, Inc. Now that the City has reunified the entire historic Norman Studios complex with its recent purchase of the remaining original Norman property, it is fitting that the historic studio building be named the Rita F. Reagan Building in recognition of her decades-long commitment to preserving what is now a National Historic Landmark.

Respectfully,

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Lad Hawkins, President
Greater Arlington Civic Council