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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Ms. Joyce A. Hughes and to extend our sincerest condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing, Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Joyce A. Hughes passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 14, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce, a lifelong resident of Weinland Park, was born in Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday December 18, 1946 to Mr. Samuel H. Hughes and Mrs. Stella V. Hughes; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce attended Weinland Park Elementary, Indianola Middle and Columbus North High School graduating in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce had an outgoing engaging personality and was known for her many talents, including singing; as a young adult, she was a member of a women's gospel quartet, known as the Voices of Praise; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce had an administrative career with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services - retiring from the State after 29 years - however Joyce's passion was her never ending quest to improve her community - she will be remembered for her work with the Weinland Park Civic Association where she served as President - and for her work as a Commissioner with the University Area Commission - among her achievements, she worked to slow down the busy traffic on Summit and 4th streets, she fought to eliminate crime and blight, and she helped guide the re-development of a rundown, gang-infested area near the southeast corner of the Ohio State University campus - an area that has attracted new residents with its transformation - under Joyce's leadership dozens of new and renovated homes were constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce understood the importance of serving others, she enjoyed life and encouraged others to do so - she was a spiritual person and a faithful member of the 7th Avenue Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce counted her family among her proudest achievements - Left to cherish her memory, her sister, Stephanie Jackson of Mission, Texas; her brother, Virgil (Hazel) Hughes; aunts, Mary Morris-Gibbons and Bernice (Donald) Collins; nieces, Marchon, Stephanie and Rhyann Hughes, Paulette Nixon and Syreeta McFadden; nephews, BJ, Alton (Demetria), Brian (Laren) Jackson, Stephen (Aja) and Virgil Hughes II, Jovon Allen, Lamont (Melissa) McFadden and Paul (Gina) Nixon; ten great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Debbie Hughes; special cousin, Pearl Penn and a host of relatives and close friends; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Ms. Joyce A. Hughes and extends our sincerest condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing Tuesday, March 14, 2017.