

April 18, 2016

Honorable Brendan Reilly
Alderman, City of Chicago
121 N. LaSalle, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Alderman Reilly:

It is with a heavy heart that we respectfully make this request to honor Art Bryan, owner of The Redhead Piano Bar by renaming the portion of Ontario between Dearborn and State "Art Bryan Way". We wish Art would have been a part of the River North Community for many years to come, however, we want to propose this action so at least his name will live on.

As you are aware, Art had a major impact on River North and the community it has become today. As the owner of the iconic Redhead Piano Bar, he modeled the behaviors we wish all bar owners in River North would follow. His patrons followed his lead and respected his dress code, property and neighbors around the bar therefore causing very few disturbances in the area.

Anyone who knew Art knew that he was a very kind and generous man. This was reflected in the many donations he gave to causes across the city. He worked tirelessly on public safety issues as well as legislation affecting restaurants and bars. He attended CAPS meetings to support the police and communicated information regarding police activity within the River North Community.

Art Bryan should be recognized by River North residents and visitors for generations to come and we can think of no more fitting way then by renaming a portion of the street that was so important to him with his name. We are confident that many others in River North and the city itself will also support this request.

Please let us know the next steps in making this happen in the near future.

Sincerely,



Tara Fedorko, Chairwoman



Sharon I. Romack, President CEO

