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### **Evans Mourns Loss of Gay Rights Giant Frank Kameny** *Joins the District & Country in Remembrance of a Legend*

Washington, DC – Councilmember Jack Evans today expressed his deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Frank Kameny. Kameny was a leading figure in the gay rights movement and remained a strong advocate for equality up until his death.

“Dr. Kameny’s contributions to the gay rights movement here in DC and around the country simply cannot be overstated,” Evans said. “He risked everything not only for what he knew was right, but also to blaze a trail for those who came after him in an effort to lessen their struggle.”

Evans joined then-Mayor Adrian Fenty and other city and community leaders in June 2010 to rename a section of 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Dupont Circle “Frank Kameny Way” in his honor.

“Dr. Kameny will be missed greatly, but his contributions and life’s work undoubtedly will live on.”

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