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**File Name:** Calling for the renaming of the City-County Building as the President Barack Obama City-County Building for the City of Madison and Dane County.

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Calling for the renaming of the City-County Building as the President Barack Obama City-County Building for the City of Madison and Dane County.

**Notes:**

**Sponsors:** Samba Baldeh, David Ahrens and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

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**Attachments:**

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### Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
2	06/20/2017	Laura Larsen	Approve

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	06/15/2017	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b>		This Resolution was Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Notes:</b>		City-County Liaison Committee, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Commission				
2	COMMON COUNCIL	06/20/2017	Refer	CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE			Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>		A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.				
	<b>Notes:</b>		Additional referrals: Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Commission				

- 2 CITY-COUNTY LIAISON 06/20/2017 Refer FINANCE  
COMMITTEE COMMITTEE  
**Action Text:** This Resolution was Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE  
**Notes:**
- 2 CITY-COUNTY LIAISON 06/20/2017 Refer EQUAL  
COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES  
COMMISSION  
**Action Text:** This Resolution was Refer to the EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION  
**Notes:**
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### Text of Legislative File 47713

#### Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

#### Title

Calling for the renaming of the City-County Building as the President Barack Obama City-County Building for the City of Madison and Dane County.

#### Body

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama is the only sitting President of the United States to visit the City-County Building. The President held an event outside the building on November 5, 2012, drawing tens of thousands of people to downtown Madison. The City-County Building was chosen by the President's staff because of the iconic view it provided and because of the confidence in a Madison welcome. Indeed, it was the largest attendance of any of the President's events that year; and,

WHEREAS, through its many years as the central home of government for the County of Dane and City of Madison, the City-County Building has never had a formal name, other than the generic designation, which describes its function; and,

WHEREAS, President Obama ended his second term as the 44th President of the United States on January 20, 2017. He served the state and nation with dignity and grace for eight years. He advocated for the principles held dear by our community: equality, social justice, and stewardship for our neighbors, communities, and environment; and,

WHEREAS, as Americans we benefited from the grace and wisdom of the First Lady, Michelle Obama, and watched their daughters, Malia and Sasha, grow from children to the young women they are today; and,

WHEREAS, Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the 35th President of the United States, presented the Profile in Courage award to former President Obama in March of this year. She stated, "President Kennedy called on a new generation of Americans to give their talents to the service of the country. With exceptional dignity and courage, President Obama has carried that torch into our time, providing young people of all backgrounds with an example they can emulate in their own lives."; and,

WHEREAS, the values of President Obama mirror those of Madison and Dane County leaders and residents. As President Obama's term in office has recently ended, it seems appropriate to rename the building that serves as the central home of City and County government after former President Obama,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City-County Building be renamed the "President Barack Obama City-County Building" as it continues to serve local government

offices and functions for the City of Madison and Dane County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a plaque memorializing President Barack Obama's service and this designation be placed outside the City-County Building, to further honor his legacy as America's 44th President.

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Notes and links:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/special-section/obama/obama-make-education-america-s-national-mission/article\\_fb9a1752-c979-11de-8273-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/special-section/obama/obama-make-education-america-s-national-mission/article_fb9a1752-c979-11de-8273-001cc4c03286.html)

On the anniversary of last year's historic election, President Barack Obama on Wednesday (November 4, 2009) told an audience of more than 600 at Madison's Wright Middle School that he wanted to use more than \$4 billion in federal incentives to "make education America's national mission." ... He was the first sitting President to visit Madison since Harry Truman on [] 1950.

Bascom Hill - October 4, 2012.

6 public visits to Madison - twice as a candidate and 4 times as President.

On the day before the 2012 election in front of the City-County Building, with Bruce Springsteen by his side and 18,000 people in attendance

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/obama-springsteen-rally-thou-sands-on-eve-of-election/article\\_46171a2c-275b-11e2-a625-001a4bcf887a.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/obama-springsteen-rally-thou-sands-on-eve-of-election/article_46171a2c-275b-11e2-a625-001a4bcf887a.html)