

February 5, 2026

To The City Clerk of Allentown,

I am reaching out today regarding the renaming of the 2000 block of Liberty Street to Rose Kennedy Way. I have been a volunteer with the Allentown St. Patrick's Parade committee for approximately 15 years, and one of my primary responsibilities is to photograph the parade and surrounding events. Each year, I am struck by the participation and celebrations on Liberty Street. Rosie's neighbors always poured out in numbers to support the parade and celebrate the day together as a community. Her block always has the biggest crowds and the best decorations, all inspired by Rosie. Once you knew Rosie, you discovered that her hospitality and warm heart did not stop at the sidewalk. Her caring for her neighbors was not a one-day thing, but a year-round, genuine love for her community. Please see the attached photos to fill in the "picture" of who she was and the legacy she created.

Our community needs more people like Rosie, and I sincerely hope you will approve the renaming of Liberty Street to Rose Kennedy Way in her honor.

Thank you for your consideration,

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(Also Allentown resident at 720 N26th. Street!)

