Portland has a tradition of naming public spaces after civil rights heroes who were emblematic of the communities they represented. Despite this, there is no street, building, or park in Portland named after an LGBTQ civil rights leader. The Harvey Milk Street Project is a campaign to name the 13 blocks of SW Stark Street after Harvey Milk, and is led by a grassroots coalition of members of the LGBTQ community and downtown business owners.

Harvey Milk was a prominent LGBTQ rights activist in the early stages of our community’s struggle for equality, and one of the first openly LGBTQ Americans ever elected to public office. His unapologetic insistence on full equality galvanized the budding LGBTQ rights movement. He supported activists around the country, including the campaign opposing the anti-LGBTQ Measure 51 in Oregon the same year he died. Harvey was assassinated in 1978 by an anti-gay activist and former colleague, who also murdered San Francisco’s pro-equality mayor. To this day, Milk’s legacy and message of hope continue to inspire young LGBTQ activists around the world.
“I am proud to add my enthusiastic support to this proposal to recognize Harvey Milk here in Portland. He was a role model of courage and honesty for our country.”

- Governor Barbara Roberts

“Given a history of bias and bigotry against the people who make up the GLBTQ community, we need to create cultural symbols that reinforce our roles as positive members of the broader society. Naming a street after Harvey Milk will… acknowledge our struggle and our humanity.”

- Kathleen Saadat, Portland activist & musician

“As a gay man and business owner on SW Stark Street, this project is remarkable to me. I was an LGBTQ activist in Togo before I was forced to leave and seek asylum here in the US, because my government passed a 5-year prison sentence for anyone who is gay. The Harvey Milk Street Project makes me so proud that I picked Portland to start my business and new life!”

- Jean Pierre Nugloze, Owner of N’Kossi Boutique de l’Afrique on Southwest Stark Street

“Harvey Milk’s message is one of positivity and hope. It’s exciting to see somebody who has done so much good be recognized, and I would love to have a street named after him in Portland.”

- Gus Van Sant, Portland filmmaker and director of the movie Milk, a biopic of Harvey Milk’s life

ENDORSEMENTS

**Community Organizations**

ACLU of Oregon
Basic Rights Oregon
Bridging Voices
Cascade AIDS Project
Dykes on Bikes PDX
El Hispanic News
First Unitarian Church of Portland
International Imperial Court Council
Northwest Gender Alliance
OHSU Partnership Project
Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Our House
Portland Gay Men’s Chorus
Portland Lesbian Choir
PSU’s Queer Resource Center
PQ Monthly
Pride Foundation
Pride Northwest
Prism Health
Quest Center for Integrative Health
Rose City Gay Freedom Band
Veterans for Human Rights

**Community Leaders**

Governor Barbara Roberts
Governor Ted Kulongoski
Darcelle XV & Roxy LeRoy
Kathleen Saadat
Gus Van Sant
Tom Potter
Stuart Milk
Terry Bean
Congressman Barney Frank
Cory L. Murphy-Helmkamp
Jean Pierre Nugloze
Lisa Schroeder
Suzanne Hale
Jason Collins

Thomas Lauderdale
State Rep. Karin Power
Cathy Travis
Nancy Hales
Dustin Lance Black
Judy and Dennis Shepard
Nicole Murray Ramirez
Marty Davis
Reverend Nathan Meckley, MCC
Roey Thorpe
Esera Tuaolo
Billy Bean
Homer Williams
Mark Edlen

**Portland’s Business Community**

Businesses on SW Stark St:
Al-Amir Restaurant
American Panda
Boxer Ramen
Caribbean Kitchen
Chez Dodo
Club Rouge
Crystal Hotel
Cultured Caveman
John Fluevog Shoes
Kenny & Zukes
Mother’s Bistro & Bar
N’Kossi Boutique de l’Afrique
Peterson’s Grocery Store
Pulehu Pizza
Quik Fish Poke Bar
Ringlers Annex
The Roxy
Scandals
Steven Allen
Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Sushi Food Cart
Timbuk2
Velvet Lounge Café
West End Bikes
Zeus Café

Other Portland Businesses:
Powell’s City of Books
McMenamins
Gerd-ing-Edlen
FamilyCare Health
Portland Institute for Contemporary Art
Harsch Investment Properties
Studio Blue
Rose City Commercial Real Estate
Hobo’s Restaurant
Blue Hour
23 Hoyt
Oregon Pacific Investments
The Rainbow Room Lounge
Stag PDX
Saucebox
Clark Lewis
Triangle Productions