

November 9, 2015

Councilwoman Debi Rose  
130 Stuyvesant Place 6th Floor, Room 602  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Re: Farrell Street Renaming

Dear Councilmember Rose

I am writing to express my strong support for the renaming of a street or intersection in honor of Robert S. and Donald H. Farrell

These two men, and the family business they established more than 120 years ago, Farrell Lumber, were pillars of the community. They were never too busy to devote their personal time to benefit their Port Richmond friends and neighbors.

The list of community activities performed by Robert and Donald Farrell is quite lengthy and very impressive, and their generous donations of building materials to needy churches and community groups should not go unnoticed by the community.

A street renaming in honor of these two men would remind the community – and other business people – of the important role businesses have in the well-being of their communities. Not only do they provide leadership, but by setting an example of community selflessness make Staten Island a better place to live. The resurgence of the Port Richmond community is due in no small part to the material and spiritual generosity of the Farrell brothers.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my strong support for renaming a street or intersection in honor of Robert and Donald Farrell.

Sincerely,

James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

