

**RESOLUTION** 31302

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of University Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as "Gerard Schwarz Place."

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is fortunate to be home to many outstanding artists and arts organizations that enrich our quality of life, including Music Director Gerard Schwarz, who has fostered Seattle Symphony's legacy of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Schwarz, stepping down after 26 years of service as Seattle Symphony's music director, has transformed Seattle Symphony into an ensemble of international prominence, leading the orchestra on numerous tours and carrying the Seattle mantle with him as he conducted all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Schwarz – currently the longest serving music director of any major orchestra – was a prime mover in the creation of Benaroya Hall, which opened its doors in 1998 and today is an integral part of the health of Seattle's downtown; and

WHEREAS, under Maestro Schwarz's leadership, the audience has grown from 5,000 subscribers in 1983 to 35,000 subscribers today; and as one of the most recorded orchestras in the world, Maestro Schwarz has collaborated with the symphony on more than 125 recording projects resulting in 12 Grammy nominations and two Emmy Awards for televised performances; and

WHEREAS, educational outreach under Maestro Schwarz has blossomed with Soundbridge Seattle Symphony Music Discovery Center, bringing music to 20,000 annually, as well as education programs inspiring thousands of students through music; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Schwarz's many fans throughout Seattle have been celebrating his legacy this concert season, which culminates with his final performances as Music Director June 16 and 18, 2011; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE  
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. University Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues shall have an honorary designation as "Gerard Schwarz Place."

1 Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation place  
2 memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Gerard Schwarz  
3 Place" honorary designation.

4 Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or future  
5 signage that reflects the honorary designation of University Street, with the exception of the  
6 memorial signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

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8 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, and  
9 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
10 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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12 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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14 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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17 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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19 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of University Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as "Gerard Schwarz Place."

**Summary of the Legislation:** This legislation requests the Seattle Department of Transportation to manufacture, install and maintain memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations out of existing departmental budget for the honorary naming designation of "Gerard Schwarz Place" for University Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues.

**Background:** Maestro Schwarz – celebrating his 27<sup>th</sup> and last season as Seattle Symphony's music director – has transformed Seattle Symphony into an ensemble of international prominence, leading the orchestra on numerous tours and carrying the Seattle mantle with him as he conducts all over the world.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.** The Seattle Symphony is paying the cost of the manufacture and installation of two honorary designation signs.

Attachment A: Map

