

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2016

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB16-0474
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Infrastructure & Culture

A BILL

For an ordinance renaming Barnum North Park located north of 6th Avenue/U.S. 6, west of Federal Boulevard and east of Knox Court as “M.L. ‘Sam’ Sandos Park”

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver owns and operates Barnum North Park located north of 6th Avenue/U.S.6, west of Federal Boulevard and east of Knox Court as a designated park under the Denver Charter; and

WHEREAS, M.L. “Sam” Sandos was a life-long resident of the Villa Park neighborhood and served on the Denver City Council for District 3 from 1975 to 1987, as well as starting various programs and projects, such as Denver Health Westside Clinic, the Sam Sandos Christmas Basket program, and the Hispanic Annual Salute; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, a petition was initiated by Councilman Paul Lopez and signed by over 700 persons to rename Barnum North Park as “M.L. ‘Sam’ Sandos Park,” with letters of support from Councilwoman Deborah Ortega, Concerned Citizens for Barnum; Villa Park Neighborhood Association; and former Mayor Federico Peña; and

WHEREAS, in support of the petition, Councilman Paul Lopez stated: *“Sandos initiated and led the vision to develop this sticker-ridden and muddy gully where neighborhood children regularly played ball, into the baseball fields that exist there today, and enjoyed by residents throughout the Westside--whether by putting on a glove, swinging for the fences, or sitting in the stands to watch their little leaguers run the bases. Due to the efforts and vision of Councilman Sandos, Barnum north is an active park today”*; and

WHEREAS, in her letter of support, Councilwoman Deborah Ortega stated: *“Sam always worked for the benefit of the people in his district and to assure that the voices of all neighborhoods were heard at city hall”*; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the proposed renaming of this park and the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted at its meeting on April 14, 2016, to recommend the renaming of Barnum North Park to “M.L. ‘Sam’ Sandos Park”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

1 **Section 1.** That Barnum North Park be and the same is hereby renamed, and shall be
2 known as, M.L. "SAM" SANDOS PARK.

3 **Section 2.** That this action shall be effective upon the final adoption of the ordinance.

4 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 29, 2016

5 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: July 5, 2016

6 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2016

7 _____ - PRESIDENT

8 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2016

9 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
10 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
11 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

12 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2016; _____, 2016

13 PREPARED BY: Patrick A. Wheeler, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 7, 2016

14 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
15 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
17 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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19 Denver City Attorney

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21 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2016