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From: Susan Barnes-Gelt, former councilwoman at-large

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Manager, Allegra 'Happy' Haynes

Dear PRAB,

I enthusiastically support changing the name of Northside Park to Carpio / Sanguinette Park.

It is entirely appropriate to honor the two families. As the longtime council representative for the district, Sal Carpio represented the interests of his constituents with compassion and intelligence. Born in Globeville, Carpio possessed a keen understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the residents of his community. As Denver's first Latino councilman, Sal mentored and set a high standard for countless future city leaders.

Sal also played a very important role throughout his tenure at the helm of the Denver Housing Authority. He understood both the needs and the dreams of the Authority's clients. Sal was an early and effective advocate for mixed-income housing, recognizing the futility of isolated, low-income communities.

An eloquent advocate for fair housing, economic opportunity and civil rights, Carpio mentored numerous political leaders including Federico Peña, Rich Castro, Ramona Martinez and Deborah Ortega.

The Sanguinette family also played a vital role in the colorful and diverse history of Globeville, Elyria & Swansea. Perhaps the earliest settlers of the community, the Sanguinette's were generous and inclusive.

It is entirely appropriate to name this newly restored and enhanced public park - a valuable civic amenity - for two of the leading families of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Susan Barnes-Gelt

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