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February 7, 2017

Manager Allegra “Happy” Haynes, and  
Members, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Denver Parks & Recreation Department  
201 West Colfax Ave., Dept 601  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Manager Haynes and Advisory Board Members:

I am writing in strong support to rename Northside Park in Denver’s Globeville neighborhood to “Carpio-Sanguinette Park” in honor of both Mr. Salvadore “Sal” Carpio and Family Sanguinette.

Salvadore “Sal” Carpio was dedicated and committed to the citizens of Denver. His accomplishments improved the lives of thousands. He was a champion for those he served and a visionary that helped make Denver the city it is today. Carpio’s family settled in Globeville when Sal was two years old. He attended Garden Place Elementary and later Mt. Carmel High School when his family moved to North Denver.

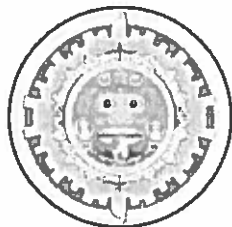
Carpio’s political career began in May 1974 when he was elected to represent District 9 on Denver City Council. District 9 was a sprawling crescent-shaped district that stretched from I-70 on the north to Mississippi on the south, and Colorado Blvd. on the east to Federal on the West. It included the neighborhoods of Globeville, Swansea, Eylria, RINO, Sunnyside, Chaffee Park, Lower Highlands, Jefferson Park, Central Plate Valley, Curtis Park, Lower Downton, La Alma Lincoln Park, Baker, Broadway Market and the Gates site along Santa Fe. Carpio made significant and lasting contributions to the City and County of Denver and the park system during his tenure. The expansion of parks in his district is a lasting legacy.

Carpio’s contributions to the City were not limited to his service on City Council. He made significant and lasting contributions during his tenure as Executive Director at Denver Housing Authority (DHA). Carpio transformed thousands of lives by providing safe, affordable housing. Under Carpio’s leadership DHA garnered three national U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOPE VI grants to revitalize Quigg Newton Homes, Curtis Park Homes and Park Avenue housing. He guided the agency in the redevelopment and modernization of the North Lincoln Park Homes, Barney Ford Heights, Walsh Annex Thomas Connole, Thomas Bean Towers and Hirschfeld Towers, Walsh Manor and Mallory Apartments. As a result, the quality of lives of the residents in these communities



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was dramatically improved. The office of the Inspector General recognized his leadership and administrative skill in recognizing DHA for the financial controls and efficient administration of federal funds under Carpio.

Italian immigrant brothers Louis and William Sanguinette came to the United States in 1853 with their parents and eight other siblings. By 1876 they were grocers living near the Denver Pacific Junction in North Denver. Louis purchased land at 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Walnut in 1874, which remained in the family until the 1970s. Louis soon acquired an additional 10 acres of farmland east of Washington Street between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets. In 1880 Louis joined a movement to protest the use of the Platte River as a dumping ground. His strongly-worded letter about the damage caused to animals and people who relied on the polluted water made the front page of the *Rocky Mountain News*.

Renaming the park to Carpio-Sanguinette Park recognizes the people who provided the foundation upon which today's Globeville is being built and will be an ongoing reminder to future generations of the contributions an immigrant environmentally conscious family and a visionary leader made to our community and City.

En Comunidad,

Rudy Gonzales  
Executive Director