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To All Concerned:

I write in support of the renaming of Northside Park to "Carpio-Sanguinette Park" to honor two extraordinary individuals and families. I am more familiar with Mr. Sal Carpio and thus focus my letter on his behalf.

I first met Sal Carpio when he ran for City Council in 1974. I was a young lawyer and eventually became involved in neighborhood issues. I recall that Sal Carpio was always fighting for his constituents and later had the honor of working with him when I was elected as a State Legislator and then as Mayor of Denver. I worked with Sal Carpio at the State Capitol to support many Denver priorities and could always count on Sal Carpio for his sage advice and political guidance. Later as Mayor of Denver, I would rely on his wisdom to help me work through the many complicated and challenging issues facing our city in the 1980s.

His leadership on many city matters are too numerous to list but his work in giving neighborhood leaders a greater voice in land use decisions was something I always believed in and benefitted from as an active member of two Northside neighborhood groups. I recall his leadership in created Viking Park which today serves as a beautiful gateway to north Denver.

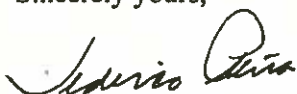
One of the most monumental projects I led as Mayor of Denver was the redevelopment of the then abandoned Central Platte Valley. Sal Carpio's early vision and his subsequent support of the Central Platte Valley plan, all led to the ultimate redevelopment of this land into one of the most remarkable transformations in urban America. Fittingly, he helped shape today's Northside Park and it is appropriate that it now be named in his honor.

Sal Carpio's love of Denver did not end with his work on City Council as he subsequently led the Denver Housing Authority in revitalizing many housing developments in Denver. Today, thousands of Denverites benefit from his commitment of the less fortunate in our City.

My greatest admiration of Sal Carpio stems from his renowned honesty, integrity and devotion to the people of Denver. He is truly deserving of this honor and the renaming of this park will serve as an inspiration to many Northside youth to work hard, dream big, and contribute to their city.

I wholeheartedly support the renaming of Northside Park to "Carpio-Sanguinette Park" and urge all those involved to support this effort.

Sincerely yours,



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