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

Dear Manager Haynes and Members of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board:

I have a long and happy relationship with the people of Globeville. They chose me to be their lawyer in *Escamilla v. Asarco*, a precedent setting class action case 23 years ago that resulted, after a six-week trial, in the cleanup of every property in Globeville north of I-70 and compensation to residential property owners and the residents of public housing for the damage caused by the contamination of the neighborhood with lead, arsenic and cadmium.

I want to congratulate the Denver Parks & Recreation Department and the Denver City Council for having invested substantial sums to make the parks serving Globeville, Swansea, Elyria and the Central Platte Valley what they are today. It would be a fitting recognition of the efforts that went into the preservation and creation of Northside Park for it to be renamed the “Carpio-Sanguinette Park,” and I urge you to make that change. It would pay tribute to, and remind current residents of, the history of Northside Park and the people deeply rooted in the community who enabled the Park to be what it is today.

The name change would honor the Sanguinettes as farm to table pioneers, for having turned the soil and grown crops on the very land that is now Northside Park—crops which they sold to neighbors from their grocery store in North Denver. And it would honor Sal Carpio for his unstinting efforts to rehabilitate this parkland and reclaim it from its sad decline as the North Denver Treatment Plant. Sal worked tirelessly to return this site to a place of wonder and fun for the people who live in the neighborhoods nearby.

By celebrating people who have so enriched our lives with their dedicated work, we inspire a new generation to make their future worthy of our past.

Very truly yours,



Macon Cowles

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