



A GATEWAY TO HEALTH FOR THE UNDERSERVED

February 21, 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 to offer my enthusiastic support for the renaming of Northside Park in Denver’s Globeville neighborhood to “Carpio-Sanguinette Park” in honor of both Mr. Salvadore “Sal” Carpio and the Sanguinette family. The renaming of the park holds particular significance for the immigrant families served by Clínica Tepeyac, given that both the park and our clinic are located in the Globeville neighborhood.

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.

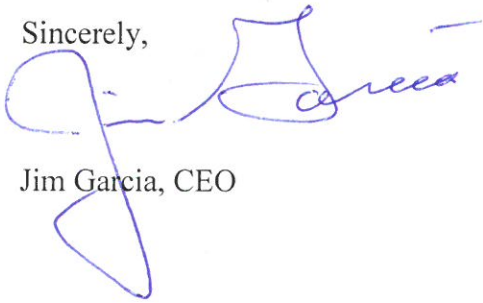
Carpio’s political career began in May 1974 when he was elected to represent District 9 on Denver City Council. District 9 was a sprawling crescent-shaped district that stretched from I-70 on the north to Mississippi on the south, and Colorado Blvd. on the east to Federal on the West. It included the 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 that should be part of the historical record.

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 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*.

Again, I wholeheartedly support the renaming the Northside park to Carpio-Sanguinette Park. This is an important step in recognizing the people who provided the foundation for the revitalization of today's Globeville community and it will be an ongoing reminder to future generations of the significant contributions of an environmentally conscious, immigrant family and a visionary leader.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Garcia", with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards and to the left.

Jim Garcia, CEO