

**BY AUTHORITY**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB20-1444  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure

**A BILL**

**For an ordinance renaming Columbus Park located at 1501 West 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue as  
“La Raza Park”**

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver owns and operates Columbus Park, located 1501 West 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as a designated park under the Denver Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the area in which this park is located, Northwest Denver has a strong Chicano and Latino population and was the epicenter of the Chicano Movement in the 1960s and the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day there are many celebrations in the park that honor the culture and victories that this movement created, including Dia de los Muertos, immigrant rights events, cultural events and social justice marches; and

**WHEREAS**, supporters of renaming do not consider the renaming as “rewriting history”, but rather celebrating the specific history and culture of the neighborhood within which the park is located; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Naming Policy, a petition was initiated by Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval and signed by 701 individuals to rename Columbus Park as “La Raza Park,” with forty-five (45) letters or emails of support from Colorado Senator Julie Gonzales; Colorado poet laureate Bobby LeFebre; and Leadership Council Spokesperson for the American Indian Movement of Colorado Glenn Morris; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the proposed renaming of this park and the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted at its meeting on November 16, 2020, to recommend the renaming of Columbus Park to “La Raza Park.”

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That Columbus Park be and the same is hereby renamed, and shall be known as La Raza Park.

**Section 2.** That this action shall be effective upon the final adoption of the ordinance.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: December 8, 2020 Consent  
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: December 8, 2020 Consent  
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT  
5 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_  
6 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_;  
10 PREPARED BY: Jason D. Moore, Assistant City Attorney DATE: December 10, 2020  
11 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of  
12 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §  
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
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16 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney  
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18 BY: *Jonathan Griffin*, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Dec 10, 2020, 2020