



SHORTER COMMUNITY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Honorable Carla Madison
City Councilwoman, City Council District 8
2713 Welton Street
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Dear Councilwoman Madison,


I am writing this letter on behalf of the members of Shorter Community African Methodist Episcopal Church. We are requesting that the Park located at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard, now known as Northeast Denver Community Park, be renamed in honor of a former pastor and community leader now deceased, The Reverend J. Langston Boyd, Jr. As you are well aware the Reverend J. Langston Boyd, Jr. took over the helm of Shorter Community African Methodist Episcopal in 1978. For 27 years he tirelessly lead both this church and the Denver Community as a civil rights and social justice advocate.

The Reverend J. Langston Boyd, a Founding member of the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance, was instrumental in leading the North City Park Community in renaming Jackson Street to Richard Allen Court. He also was responsible for requesting that 32nd Avenue be renamed Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. In 1991, Reverend Boyd's crowning accomplishment was the completion of the New Shorter Community African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reverend Boyd's activist spirit helped to thwart the building of a Wendy's Restaurant at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard. The City of Denver opted to construct what is now North Denver Park in order to preserve the natural beauty of the North City Park Neighborhood. We believe that it would be a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the uplift of all people to rename this park "J. Langston Boyd Park."

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours truly,


The Reverend Dr. Timothy E. Tyler, Senior Pastor
Shorter Community AME Church

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