



January 6, 2017

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
201 West Colfax Avenue
Department 601
Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Support Letter for the renaming of the Northside Park in honor of former Denver City Councilman Sal Carpio and the Sanguinette Family

Dear Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Serving as a Hospital Administrator for the leading Safety Net facility in the State of Colorado, and as the former Denver City Councilmember representing Council District #8, I wish to respectfully nominate the Northside Park to be renamed in honor of Sal Carpio and the Sanguinette Family.

I had the pleasure to know and work with Sal Carpio both on a personal and professional basis over many years and also worked with him on many community and business initiatives to make the City of Denver a place to thrive and grow careers and businesses. His mission was to always advocate and provide business opportunities to educate and mentor the next generation of leaders.

Sal was a great communicator and effortlessly collaborated to overcome any obstacles and successfully build business relationships supporting all by mentoring and networking, sharing what knowledge and experience she had to reach limitless possibilities. A brilliant leader everyone admired who sincerely demonstrated consistently he was a person who cared and could face the many obstacles. Sal Carpio invested in the community, Sal was the fabric of our community.

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 40th 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 50th and 51st 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*. By 1900 the Sanguinette farm was a triangle slice of land with the longest edge

along 51st Street. The eastern tip of their property abutted James Tynon's property, which today makes up the bulk of Northside Park. The family acquired Globeville School, which was opposite the northwest corner of the farm. The one room log cabin became the Sanguinetti's dining room when the school was upgraded to a brick school house in 1890.

I express my full support to nominate Northside Park be renamed for the Hon. Sal Carpio and the Sanguinette Family.

Sincerely,



Hon. Elbra Wedgeworth
Chief Government and Community Relations Officer
Denver Health

Cc: Councilwoman at Large Debbie Ortega
Councilman Albus Brooks