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Dear Denver Board of Parks and Recreation members,

I am writing in support of renaming the Northside Park, between 51<sup>st</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> avenues in Globeville, in recognition of the area's Latino and Italian immigrant history. As a former mayor, I understand the deep importance for our history to never be forgotten, especially when it was built the on the backs of hard-working immigrants who came to Denver to create a better life for their families and generations to come.

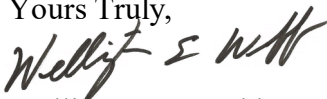
In that spirit it is only fitting to name the park Carpio-Sanguinette Park.

Former Denver City Councilman Salvadore "Sal" Carpio grew up in Globeville and worked hard to improve the neighborhood, which often was overlooked by the city. He was a community activist and first elected as the District 9 representative in 1974 and served three terms. I appointed him to oversee the Denver Housing Authority in 1994 and he served there until 2007, continuing to help improve the living conditions throughout north Denver.

The Sanguinette family played a significant role in north Denver. Immigrant brothers Louis and William Sanguinette came to the United States in 1853 and opened a grocery store in 1876. Over the years, the family bought more property and farmed the land. They also were outspoken protectors of the land when the South Platte River became a dumping grounding. Portions of the original Sanguinette farm are now part of Northside Park.

As this area of Denver changes, it is important to remind our longtime residents and newcomers of our pioneers and leaders who worked decades for the neighborhoods who use this park.

Yours Truly,



Wellington E. Webb  
Denver's Mayor, 1991-2003