

**From:** [Aleta ulibarri](#)  
**To:** [denc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [BULK] [EXTERNAL] Support of Elaine and Fred Ulibarri Pocket park  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 11:46:02 AM

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## **To Whom it May Concern<**

I am writing this letter of support for the Bryant Park Naming in the Valverde Community for my late Aunt and Uncle Elaine and Fred Ulibarri. I am a 32 year veteran teacher with Denver Public Schools. I taught at Rishel Middle School for 19 years, a school in the Valverde Community, and 13 years at the Denver School of the Arts. I feel qualified and honored to lend my support of this worthy endeavor.

Elaine was one of the founding members of Servicios de La Raza, a Mental Health Agency serving the Latino community in the midst of the civil rights Chicano Movement. She was employed as a Mental Health Therapist for 15 years. Elaine was a very dedicated Valverde community activist, parent, and supportive neighbor. I saw firsthand her struggles at raising a family, mother to seven children, pursuing an advanced education later in life and working full time at Servicios de la Raza. Elaine served her troubled community with family, financial and mental health issues with steadfast commitment, passion and hard work. I remember having many conversations with her about her work. With tears in her eyes and a lump in her throat she told me how difficult her job was. She had such compassion and empathy for her clients, and how she always felt she could do more for them. But she always found the energy and drive to serve others all while nurturing her own family. The woman was a saint. Along with her, my Uncle Fred supported her efforts by being a friend to the community, helping his neighbors, having community gatherings, and taking the time to repair broken bicycles for the neighborhood children.

The Valverde community is better and stronger with Elaine and Fred having carried that torch for those less fortunate and in need of her expertise in the mental health field. They are most deserving of any and all accolades we can bestow upon them posthumously. Your kind and thoughtful consideration in a naming a park after Elaine and Fred Ulibarri is paramount and greatly deserved.

I would just like to add my heartfelt appreciation and recognition to my cousin Evon Lopez for her tireless commitment, perseverance and effort in getting this park named after her beloved parents. She has been working for months, getting needed signatures, finding co-workers from her mother's past employment to pay tribute, encouraging her family members to write letters and speak at public forums and working tirelessly with Denver Parks and Recreation officials to process the necessary paperwork in getting this naming completed. Evon has gone above and beyond and truly deserves this park named after her parents.

Respectfully yours,

Aleta Ulibarri

**From:** [Amy Razzaque](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Evon Lopez](#); [Clark, Jolon M. - CC Member District 7 Denver City Council](#); [Thompson, Maggie M. - CC Senior City Council Aide District 7](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Naming Ulibarri Park  
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Honorable Denver Councilmembers,

It is with deep respect for our city and community that I am requesting you to support naming the unnamed park on 100 S. Bryant Street to "Ulibarri Park." While this is a charge led by Evon Lopez, a thoughtful and dedicated community member, the initiative is supported by community leaders, neighbors, and many organizations.

I represent District 7 on the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and also live in Overland, which is a couple of miles South of Valverde. I have had the honor of working with Ms. Lopez for over a year as she has worked tirelessly to bring this issue in front of you. When Ms. Lopez presented her case to PRAB, we voted unanimously to support naming the currently unnamed park "Ulibarri", which means "new village" in Spanish. Valverde is one of the most underserved areas in the city (an issue that is clearly highlighted in the Denver Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Equity Index Map from 2020), and leaving the park unnamed for three decades minimizes the respect and collective focus that Valverde community members deserve. Redlining and a historical lack of resources have wreaked havoc in Valverde for generations, yet in spite of exploitation and marginalization, they have been building a *new village* to fight these historically oppressive practices and policies.

Ms. Lopez has deep roots in the neighborhood where this park is located. The name Ulibarri would be symbolic of the community's power, resilience, strength, and dedication to fighting injustice through collectivist action and community care. The name would also be symbolic of Ms. Lopez's family's legacy and their leadership in pursuit of a healthy and just village. Appropriately elevating the needs of the Valverde community has taken a long time, but there has been some forward progress, and naming this currently unnamed park to Ulibarri Park would be a visible, tangible, and impactful step forward.

Thank you for your dedication to our city,

*Dr. Rana (Amy) Razzaque*

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District 7 [STAR](#) Community Advisory Committee

**From:** [Sean Brady](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tonight's Council  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 2:03:37 PM

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Hi

I want to express my support for naming the park in the Valverde neighborhood as Ulibarri Park. I have got to know the story of this family in Valverde and it is a beautiful story. I am a big fan of areas having names which connect with the people who live there; especially when I feel the larger area (City of Denver) does not display this heritage in its naming of places. This is a beautiful story of a family with a strong long term positive presence in a forgotten corner of the city. This family still has a strong positive presence. This name will help show the strong Latino community that they are listened to and belong. Coincidentally, the name means little village which is a good fit with the atmosphere in the area.

Thanks  
Sean Brady

**From:** [Heidi Newhart](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ulabarri Park renaming  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 2:04:29 PM

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Hello, I just wanted to reach out to support the impactful and important work of our Val Verde neighbors and friends in the renaming of their park. As we move to reclaim our commons in a way they restores equity and resiliency in our city, this renaming is an important marker to highlight and uplift the efforts of our community. Please vote yes on this renaming.

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**From:** [Mar Kin](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ulibarri Park Naming Process - City Council Date: 11.7.2022 @ 5:30pm  
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**Attachments:** [Ulibarri Park-2022-City Council Members.docx](#)

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Greetings City Council Members,

Please accept my attached written testimony for final approval to name the park located at 100 S. Bryant Street, Denver, CO 80219, in the Valverde Neighborhood, "Ulibarri Park."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Thank you,

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**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written testimony in support of Ulibarri Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 2:09:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of Support for Ulibarri Park.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

With the attached letter, I would like to share my support for the naming of the park at 100 S. Bryant St. "Ulibarri Park." Please share with Council President Torres and her council colleagues.

Thank you,

Frank

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