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## Subject: Letter of Support

Manager Allegra "Happy" Hanes and Park and Recreation Advisory Board Members, I am writing to you in support of the renaming of Northside Park to the Carpio-Sanguenette-Park. As a native "Denverite", I am well aware of the individual and collective efforts it has taken to make our city a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

The contributions that Sal Carpio made to this city are numerous. His tenure on the Denver City Council was very important to our Latino Community. His election was important, but it was what and how he represented us as well as what he accomplished for all of our citizens. As the representative of District 9 Sal was key in creating a vision for our city. He could connect with his constituents on a human level. He listened to those he represented and collaborated in their best interest.

There are parts of our city like Globeville that had no voice prior to the "Neighborhood Notification Ordinance" that he authored. Our neighborhoods now have associations and areable to participate more effectively. Sal recognized the importance of access to parks and recreation for all.

His foresight to secure funding to change the Northside Water Treatment Plant into a park changed it from a blighted space into a place for families in the neighborhood. Sal understood the importance the importance of all people in our city to have access to the best quality of life possible. His contributions to improve Denver continued beyond his service on City Council as he went on to be the Executive Director at the Denver Housing Authority.

I knew Sal as a man who lead a life of service and had a positive impact on our city and our citizens because he cared deeply that all individuals have access and opportunity.

A Carpio-Sanguinette Park in Gobeville would represent our roots and branches. Our roots from an immigrant family and the branches from a man with a vision for for the future.

Respectfully,

Dr. Patricia "Patty" Baca