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Manager Allegra "Happy" Haynes, and Members, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Denver Parks & Recreation Department 201 West Colfax Ave., Dept. 601 Denver, CO 80202

RE: Renaming of Northside Park to "Carpio-Sanguinette Park"

Manager Haynes and Advisory Board Members:

Please accept my letter of support of the petition to rename Northside Park as "Carpio-Sanguinette Park." It is a most appropriate tribute to both the late City Councilman Salvadore Carpio and the Sanguinette family, the historical owners in this area.

Obviously the Sanguinette family should be recognized for its presence of a century in this area and their contributions to it and to the greater Denver area. Although Denver has outgrown its agricultural activity, it remains an important part of our history and the Sanguinette family's prominent role in it and as Denver residents should be recognized.

I knew Mr. Carpio because he represented my district as a Denver City Councilman. He was a visionary with a big heart and endless energy. Mr. Carpio saw what needed to be done to improve Denver's future and then worked with the mayors and city council members with whom he served to improve the infrastructure and park system to facilitate Denver's evolution. The projects on which he worked are numerous and Denver is much improved as a consequence. Mr. Carpio also incorporated the community into the city's decision-making process, also a lasting improvement. Much of his efforts were to open opportunities for all, especially those who had been marginalized.

Mr. Carpio also improved the lives of many who had to live in subsidized housing, as Director of the Denver Housing Authority. He revitalized many of the facilities, using his managerial skills to obtain funding for these improvements, and improved the DHA systems. His efforts allowed those with housing needs to live with dignity meanwhile they improved their economic circumstances. Again, he poured all of his energy into opening opportunities for those with the most need.

It is only befitting that Denver recognize these significant individuals and their contributions to Denver at this time. I hope that you can accomplish this recognition through the naming of the Carpio-Sanguinette Park. Thank you very much for your attention to this letter.

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