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Subject: Request for Linwood Park to be Named after Jesse D. Sandoval

Dear Senator Wendy Davis and Councilman Joel Burns,

It is with pride that I request to have Linwood Park located in the Linwood Neighborhood be named after my father, Jesse D. Sandoval. Linwood Park is located at 301 Wimberly, Fort Worth, TX 76107. Dad went out of his way with the support and assistance of my mother to help the neighborhood. As you know, Dad was one of most gentle souls you could ever meet, he was calm, studious and his intellect spoke volumes. Even when he lost his wife of 60 years in the fire of their modest home in 2008, he never gave up doing for others. Just this year, a week after his burial, he was presented with the prestigious award that honors Heroes who carry the spirit of Cesar Chavez. I was the lucky one who cared for my Dad the last two years of his life. Since I lived with a hero, I proudly accepted his award.

After serving in the Navy in WWII, Dad came home to a place where Mexican-Americans were refused burial in cemeteries in the country that they protected and lost their lives and where restaurants refused to serve Hispanics. Dad noticed these social inequities and decided to do something about them. With quiet humor but determination, he learned to use the political process. He believed that the vote is the most powerful weapon that anyone has. He knew as Cesar Chavez knew that no matter what you do, it's all about Basic Human Rights (life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness) and getting the right people in the right places. He also marched with Cesar Chavez, his hero, to Austin our state capitol. Both were natural consensus builders and organizers.

Being born in poverty and with an arthritic spine, did not prevent my Dad from being athletic in school. He played football for Paschal High School. In his twenties, he organized a Baseball Team in the Linwood neighborhood to get the young men engaged in a positive way and off the streets. He went on to manage city baseball teams in order to give the Latinos an opportunity to compete in sports and learn good sportsmanship. I have attached a picture of the young baseball players in the neighborhood he managed in the 1950's. Some of their families still live and own property in Linwood.

He passed away as the President of the Linwood Neighborhood Association where he grew up and were I was born, the neighborhood made famous by the flood of 1949, the 2000 Tornado, and the neighborhood that is struggling to survive against developers. As you know, until the day he died, he was still asking for a community center for the neighborhood.

Thank you on behalf of my family, the Spirit of my Father and the many persons he positively impacted. Please let me know what I need to do to name Linwood Park after my father. I have attached his bio, a picture of the neighborhood baseball team (thank goodness I had a copy before the fire), an article by FW Weekly and a list of his Naval/World War II Medals.

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