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**AGENDA**



**Thursday, April 27, 2006**

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**Public Hearings and Possible Actions  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

ITEM NO: 48

**Subject:** Approve naming the dedicated parkland known as Morrison Tract, located in the 9800 Block of FM 969, after John Trevino, Jr.

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## APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

I, Josephine Zamarripa, request that the name "John Trevino" be considered for the destination park referred to as "Morrison Ranch," which facility is located in the 9800 Block of FM 969. Please refer to attached letter for more detailed biographical information about John.

**Biographical Synopsis:** My younger brother, John Trevino has over forty years of community involvement and advocacy through public service. He is currently the HUB-coordinator at the University of Texas at Austin. He has assisted in the creation of HUB offices at the UT System's 15 campuses, and has represented the UT System at various forums statewide. John is currently a Board Member of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority and a member of the Policy Advisory Committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). His prior experience includes business development consulting with the University of Texas, EG&G (Texas and Mexico City) and Erlich Bober (government entities). John was a member of the Austin City Council from 1975 to 1988. He was the first Hispanic elected to the Austin City Council. He was the first Hispanic to hold the position of Mayor Pro Tem, a position he held from 1981-1988. John also served as Acting Mayor from February to May 1988.

**Individual's Involvement in the Community:** In addition to the above political and professional involvement, John also is a former member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Texas Municipal League, the National League of Cities, the International Board of Directors of the U.S./Mexico Sister Cities Association, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society. He has served as the Austin City Council Member on the Austin Housing Development Corporation and the Austin Industrial Development Corporation, past Chair of the Capital Area Planning Council, Chairman of the Austin Saltillo Sister Cities Association, and a former member of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Individual's Connection to the Facility:** There is no direct connection between John and the facility proposed for re-naming, however since Morrison Ranch is located in East Austin and since John lived in East Austin at various times and has worked to improve the quality of life in East Austin throughout his life, then there is an indirect connection to this facility that make this proposal very appropriate.

I and/or my family will pay the full cost for replacement signs and plaques if it is deemed necessary by the City of Austin.

Submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department this <sup>26<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~20<sup>th</sup>~~ day of January, 2006.

  
Josephine Zamarripa

December 31, 2005

607 Tillery Street  
Austin, TX 78702

The Honorable Raul Alvarez  
Austin City Council  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Councilman Alvarez:

As far back as I can remember, my younger brother John Treviño, Jr. has served the Austin community. Some people know John from his thirteen years on the Austin City Council, others for his service as a board member at Capital Metro. But few people know that John began his career in public service as a child. His lifelong commitment is something he seldom talks about, but I would like to bring it to your attention in the hope that you will consider naming a place in his honor.

John started his career in public service at the age of eight. He became an altar server, traveling with the priest from San Jose Catholic Church in Austin to parishes in Montopolis, Garfield, and Kyle that did not have a local priest. His days began before 6 a.m. and would end at 1 or 2 p.m. Our mother, Salome Treviño, worried about him because in those days the Catholic Church had rules that required one to fast from midnight in order to receive Communion. But the sacrifices of long days without food or drink did not deter him. He continued as an altar server until he was about 14 years old and resumed that service again in his mid-20s at daily mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Austin.

At age 17, John volunteered for duty in the military and served in the Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division for three years. Following his return to Austin after military service, John took an active role in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a non-profit charitable organization devoted to helping the poor and needy.

In 1965, at the age of 27 and with more than 10 years of service in various capacities, my brother was chosen to be the Director of the Community Action Program in Austin, an anti-poverty initiative that was part of President Lyndon Baines Johnson's federal "War on Poverty." John served Austin in this position for more than a decade and his accomplishments were wide ranging. For example, he persuaded staff of the local Internal Revenue Office to volunteer time helping citizens from poor neighborhoods complete

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complicated tax forms. He organized citizenship classes taught by volunteers. As Director, he also supervised volunteers from the federal VISTA program. One of those volunteers joined others to start an initiative that eventually became "Meals on Wheels" and another volunteer helped establish the Austin Tenant's Council.

In 1966-67, John began a neighborhood clean-up program that eventually spread to the entire city. East Austin residents could not afford to have bulky useless items hauled away. John first persuaded the City of Austin to furnish trucks to carry off these items. Then he persuaded the city to waive the landfill fees for these items. Ultimately, this initiative was adopted as a routine service and became the bulk trash collection program that now benefits the entire City of Austin.

Because of his accomplishments in the Community Action Program and work for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in 1968 the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin nominated him to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Welfare which was held in Helsinki, Finland. John attended the conference as one of only thirteen Americans invited to participate.

Although always popular and charismatic, John is quiet and thoughtful rather than aggressive. He is a man of strong convictions, but he considers people and situations carefully in deciding upon the best courses of action. Through the years, he was increasingly respected for these traits and ultimately was persuaded to seek public office.

In January 1973, he announced his candidacy for the Austin City Council. Although he did not win a seat in this first attempt, he garnered 41% of the vote. In 1975, he was successful, thereby becoming the first Mexican American to win a seat on the Austin City Council. He continued to serve on the council for over thirteen years, eventually becoming Mayor *pro tempore* and, in 1983, serving as Acting Mayor. His accomplishments during this period were many, but below are a few examples of the variety of initiatives in which his leadership benefited the entire Austin community.

He urged the inclusion of under-represented minorities in City of Austin contracts and this resulted in major contractors joining with minority-owned companies to secure city contracts. Subsequently, he pressed for the creation of the Office of Minority Business Affairs which now exists as the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources. He and Councilman

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**Jimmy Snell also successfully persuaded the city to establish a systematic review of hiring practices to ensure equitable access of under-represented minorities to city jobs. John supported keeping Brackenridge Hospital under City of Austin control, thus guaranteeing medical care for indigents in our community. But he also took the initiative further; he joined with City Councilwoman Betty Himmelblau in leading efforts to establish clinics throughout the city to provide more accessible and immediate medical treatment. Prior to this, indigent citizens had to travel to Brackenridge Hospital to use the only clinic available to them and often waited long hours to receive medical attention.**

**During these years, the city did not have a systematic plan to address social needs. To remedy this situation, John worked for the establishment of the Social Policy Advisory Committee which helped city and county governmental leaders collaboratively determine priorities and make decisions about the equitable distribution of funding to social service agencies.**

**Other examples of John's work as a City Councilman which benefited the entire community were his significant involvement in the establishment of policies leading to fair allocation of space to vendors using the Renaissance Market at Guadalupe and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets, and his successful efforts to establish a program aimed at substance abuse among adolescents.**

**In 1988, John decided to leave the Austin City Council but he continued his life-long commitment to service. He was subsequently employed by The University of Texas System and then The University of Texas at Austin to help develop programs for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). However, his service efforts have not been confined to his employment. He was a founder of the Austin-Salttillo Sister City initiative. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Capital Metro for eight years, working to provide public transportation for the entire Austin metropolitan area, and helping lead efforts to bring commuter rail transportation here. He is also a member of the Transportation Policy Board of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and a member and past Chair of the Capital Area Planning Council. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the International Board of the U.S.-Mexico Sister Cities Association.**

**My brother John Treviño, Jr. was born into a poor family and grew up without material goods. But from the time he was a child, he has devoted himself to others and to an ever widening circle of our community. His service and**

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influence are felt by people who have never met him or heard of him. But Austin is a better place for all people for what he has accomplished. I urge you to honor his selfless service in some permanent way.

Sincerely yours,

*Josephine Zamarripa*

Josephine Zamarripa

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**GUSTAVO L. GARCIA**  
7401 Ophelia Drive  
Austin, TX 78752-2135

November 8, 2005

Honorable Will Wynn, Mayor  
and  
Honorable Council Members  
Austin City Council  
and  
Appropriate City Board and Commissions  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Fellow Austinites,

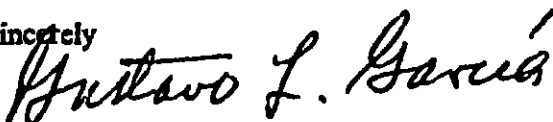
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I recommend that you consider naming one of our new destination parks in honor of former Mayor Pro Tem John Treviño.

Mayor Pro Tem Treviño served with distinction on the Austin City Council from 1975 through 1988. As the first elected Hispanic City Council Member on the Austin City Council, the Mayor Pro Tem dedicated a great deal of his time and energy to insure that all the people of our community enjoyed the best quality of life.

He was also known for his fearless, yet calm, manner in which he gave policy direction to so many difficult issues that came before the Council.

I will be happy to testify before the city boards and commissions, as well as the City Council when this item comes up for consideration.

Sincerely

  
Gustavo L. Garcia

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HISPANIC CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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February 20, 2006

Warren Struss  
City of Austin Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mr. Struss:

Former Councilmember John Trevino Jr., a longtime public servant, is under consideration to have a park facility named after him. I urge you to support this proposal.

In 1975, John Trevino Jr. began serving the citizens of Austin when he became the first Mexican American elected to the Austin City Council. During his 15 year tenure, he was subsequently appointed Mayor Pro Tem and Acting Mayor. He led several initiatives, in particular the development of what is now known as the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources. Prior to the creation of this office, women and minority business were virtually shut out when it came to securing city business. Thanks to his foresight and perseverance, we now have a city office that our members at the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber can turn to for help.

Former Councilman Trevino also worked diligently to bring medical care to all segments of the city. Before health clinics were established throughout the city, people of meager means came to the city's sole clinic at Brackenridge Hospital to obtain free or low-income medical help. From sunup to sundown they waited in hopes that someone would attend to them. Thanks to him poor people can go to clinics in neighborhoods close to their homes.

John Trevino has served the citizens of Austin for several decades. He was a board member of the Greater Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on the Capital Metro Board of Directors and other transportation-related organizations. A more dedicated public servant one cannot find. I urge you to name a place in his honor.

Respectfully,

  
Linda C. G. Escamilla  
Vice President



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LEAD CORPORATE PARTNER

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Austin, Texas 78704



Arthur A. McDonald  
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Austin, Texas 78723

March 6, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Struss,

I am writing in support of a park being named in honor of Mr. John Trevino.

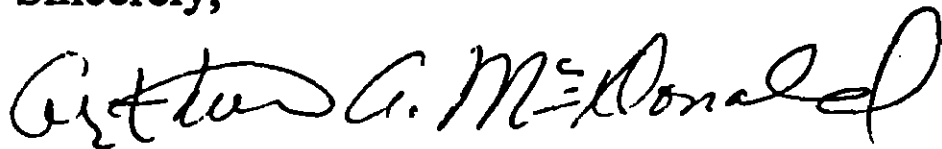
I have either known and/or worked with John for the past thirty years. Currently I am the Director of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) and Small Business Program at The University of Texas at Austin where John is employed as a HUB Staff Associate. In my association with him I have never known an individual as well thought of and liked in all of my professional experience. He is an asset to

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the city at large and to the university especially. He has always represented this city in an astounding and exemplary manner both as an advocate for fairness and as a city council person and I am privileged to add my name to the list of individuals who wish to recognize him for this honor.

Thank you for consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur A. McDonald". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, stylized initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Arthur A. McDonald

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**MARGARET J. GÓNEZ**  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

314 W. 11TH ST., ROOM 525  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767  
P.O. BOX 1748  
512-9444

Mr. Walter Struss, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mr. Struss and Members of the Parks and Recreation Board:

It has come to my attention that an effort is underway to name an Austin park after John Treviño, Jr., who served his country, his church and his city. He served all three with great energy and commitment then, and now.

As a young man, Mayor Pro-Tem John Treviño voluntarily worked in the community and became known as someone who had interest in helping people who needed representation on the Austin City Council. Serving in the President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, he was Austin's first paid worker in the neighborhood center on East First, now Cesar Chavez Street.

I met John Treviño, Jr. in 1969 while participating in activities to assist the Economy Furniture strikers and their families. In 1973, Mayor Pro Tem Treviño ran for the City Council, introducing to the East Austin community, a view of business that took place downtown. Many young people like me were greatly educated about the political process. Although he received 41% of the vote, he lost the race and many of us learned from the experience. Two years later, in 1975, he ran again and became the first Mexican American to sit on the Austin City Council. He worked hard while serving on the Council, eventually serving as Mayor Pro-Tem and Acting Mayor.

While on the Austin City Council, he worked with his colleagues to improve the access of City processes to members of the minority communities, creating the Office of Minority Business Affairs. Minorities soon began to be employed by the City of Austin to serve the community. Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mr. Walter Struss, et al

Treviño never forgot poor people who needed medical care and worked to support Brackenridge Hospital.

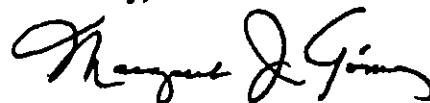
Mayor Pro-Tem Treviño worked to establish the Social Policy Advisory Committee which helped city and county leaders collaborate on social policies and priorities about distribution of funding to social service agencies. Other important issues such as substance abuse and shelters for the homeless were addressed by the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Treviño was instrumental in collaborating with Travis County in order to consolidate the city and county tax offices, saving money for taxpayers. Displaced employees were absorbed into the City of Austin workforce.

John Treviño was always personally involved with boards and organizations that improved the quality of life of Austin and world citizens, serving on the International Board of the U.S.-Mexico Sister Cities Association, the Board of Directors of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Capital Metro Board of Directors, CAMPO and as member and past-chair of the Capital Area Planning Council.

With this kind of dedicated involvement in the City of Austin as an elected official and citizen, Mayor Pro-Tem John Treviño, Jr. has earned the privilege of having an Austin park named in his honor to commemorate his service to all of us. Future generations need to be reminded of what citizens do for their country, church and city so that they, too, may be inspired to do so.

Sincerely,



Margaret J. Gómez  
Travis County Commissioner  
Precinct 4

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March 6, 2006

Warren Struss  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin 78767

Dear Mr. Struss,

I find the idea of a City of Austin park named after John Trevino most appealing and a kind gesture for one of the most loved and esteemed individuals in Austin today. John has been a leader and role model for many years and a pivotal figure in the history and fabric of our community. His service to our community are too numerous to list here, but his accomplishments and ACTIVE participation as a public servant is a legacy that few citizens in our community can match.

Please accept this humble yet vigorous approval for the City of Austin to honor John with this kind and deserved honor.

Yours truly,

Juan Oyervides  
P.O. Box 142174  
Austin, TX 78714-2174

March 6, 2006

Warren Struss  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Tx. 78767

Dear Mr. Struss:

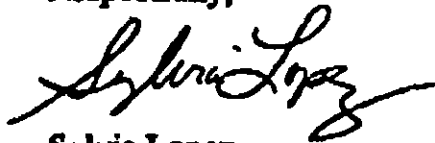
My name is Sylvia Lopez and I have been a citizen of Travis County my entire life. I have known John Trevino for approximately 15 years and I cannot think of a better individual to have a park named after than him. Throughout our friendship, he has been committed to making this city a better city. Fifteen years later I have seen the fruits of his labor and I am proud that we remain friends.

He has served on the City Council and represented the Hispanic community with the utmost professionalism. He continues to be an advocate for small businesses and various other important issues affecting this city.

As a founding member of the Austin-Salttillo Sister City initiative this took him in another direction that made this city a better and more beautiful place to live.

When he serves, he serves and commits himself for years. It is time to give back to a citizen that is well deserved. Please consider this my endorsement for a park to be named after Mr. John Trevino.

Respectfully,



Sylvia Lopez

4811 Caswell Avenue  
Austin, TX 78753-2618  
March 12, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mr. Struss:

I write in support of the proposal to name the Morrison Ranch, which is owned by the City of Austin, in honor of John Treviño, Jr. I have known Mr. Treviño personally for six years, but I have known of his service to the community and his extraordinary reputation for thirty years.

If for no other reason, the fact that Mr. Treviño was the first Hispanic elected to the Austin City Council would make him worthy of consideration to have a facility named in his honor. But the truth is that his entire life has been devoted in service to Austin.

As a teenager, he voluntarily joined the U. S. Armed Forces, serving for three years in the Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. When his duty ended, he returned to his native Austin and has been a community leader since then. As a young man, he became heavily engaged in community work both as a volunteer (e.g., working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society helping the poor and needy) and professionally as Director of the Community Action Program. The latter was an anti-poverty initiative focused on the eastside of Austin, but Mr. Treviño's vision and leadership had effects throughout the entire city. For example, his initiative to have bulk trash collected in eastside neighborhoods eventually became the bulk trash collection program that benefits all of Austin today.

Mr. Treviño served as an Council Member on the Austin City Council for over thirteen years, becoming Mayor *pro tempore* and serving as Acting Mayor in 1983. His legacy endures more than two decades after he left the Council in the continuance of various offices and programs that he helped initiate (e.g., city-managed medical clinics located in strategic places to make health care accessible to the poor and needy, the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources, the Renaissance Market, etc.).

Following his retirement from the Council in 1988, Mr. Treviño continued his dedicated service to Austin. He was a founder of the Austin-Salttillo Sister City initiative. He has worked tirelessly to develop public transportation for Austin and the entire metropolitan area, serving as a member of the Board of Director of Capitol Metro and as a member of the Transportation Policy Board of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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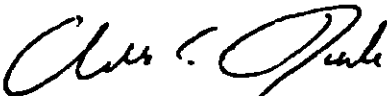
(CAMPO). He also served as the past Chair of the Capital Area Planning Council and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Treviño is currently a Staff Associate in the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program Office at The University of Texas at Austin. In my role as Deputy to the President at the University, I have had the opportunity to work with him and to observe his extraordinary outreach success in the community. He continues to display a total dedication to service, a passion to help the disadvantaged, and the outstanding leadership that have made him such an influential force in the Austin community for almost four decades.

Although Mr. Treviño's successes through the decades have had a beneficial effect on the entire City of Austin, his roots are in "East Austin" and so much of his work has particularly benefited the residents of that part of our community. It would, therefore, be especially fitting to name the Morrison Ranch property in his honor. I urge you to take positive action on the proposal.

Thanking you for consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,



Charles A. Roeckle, Ph.D.



3-14-2006

**Warren Struss  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin 78767**

**Dear Mr. Struss:**

**We are writing you this letter in support of having a park named in honor of John Treviño Jr.**

**Upon our arrival to this country from South America, we met this wonderful person as he welcomed us into this amazingly beautiful City of Austin.**

**On a personal level, he has always been an inspiration. He would always try to find ways of helping us out. He guided us in the process of establishing our own business. Over the years we became such good friend that today he is our "compadre," he is our son's confirmation sponsor.**

**On a community level, he has dedicated his life to his community serving 15 years on the City Council, urging minority representation in city contracts, leading efforts to establish clinics throughout the city to make health care more accessible, establishing programs aimed at substance abuse among teenagers, and much more. Because of his ongoing efforts to make this community a better place for everyone, we really think that the least we can do to honor him is to name a park after him in appreciation for all his selflessly work.**

*Francisco and Sandra Chada*

**Francisco and Sandra Chada**



February 24, 2006

The Honorable Raul Alvarez  
Council Member Place 2  
City of Austin  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Councilman,

It is my understanding that a proposal has been made to dedicate the Morrison Ranch property owned by the City of Austin as a park named in honor of John Trevino. As you well know, John was the first Hispanic elected to the Austin City Council and has been a leader in our community for over three decades. I have known and worked with John for more than 20 years and have witnessed the contributions that he has made to our city, the people of Austin and The University of Texas System. I make this recommendation without reservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
R. D. Burck

March 7, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss  
Director, Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

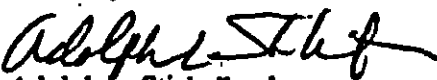
Dear Mr. Struss:

I am writing this letter urging you to consider honoring our former councilman and a friend to all of us in Austin, Mr. John Treviño, Jr. Many of John's friends believe naming a park in his name would honor his tireless work for the City of Austin.

Whether it was economic development, the Austin-Salttillo Sister City initiative, or enhancing our community, John always represented us in a very dignified manner. He is a valuable role model in our greater Austin community.

Please consider this request seriously and wish you well as you provide leadership to this important aspect of city government.

Sincerely,



Adolph L. Stickelbault  
731 E. Oltorf  
Austin TX 78704

February 7, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss  
PARD/City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in support for a friend of all of Austin, Mr. John Trevino, Jr. Not knowing if you are an Austin native like me, I can only express to in words what Mr. Trevino has accomplished for the betterment of the citizens of Austin. Not only has this man, with humble roots, maintain that humility throughout his life, he has truly being the model of a public servant. Through my career in law enforcement and my personal activities in East Austin, where both Mr. Trevino and I began our public service mission, I enjoyed working with Mr. Trevino. Mr. Trevino cared was very much about health issues, and the working family. Every community in every part of the city was his life. He is vision in which the present day city councils conduct business is a reflection of his commitment for our city. Mr. Trevino worked quietly in the background, and the things were accomplished.

I support this campaign to acknowledge Mr. Trevino in a manner to fit his legacy as a councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem. The naming of a future city park will be an extraordinary manner in which to honor this honorable gentleman. Mr. John Trevino, Jr. has devoted his entire life to improve the quality of life for many, many citizens, please consider his name in your planning.

Sincerely



Billy J. Sifuentes  
Retired Austin Police Officer

**CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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February 13, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss  
Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mr. Struss:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to support the naming of a City of Austin park facility after former Mayor Pro Tem John Trevino, Jr.

As the President/CEO of Capital Metro, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with John for several years. He has been a dedicated member of our Board of Directors since 1997, when he was appointed by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

As a Board member, John is very committed to Capital Metro's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and our outreach to small business and minority business owners—a cause he knows well due to his work as the Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Coordinator at the University of Texas. Throughout his service on our Board of Directors, John has championed Capital Metro's community involvement and outreach, and in 2004, he led Capital Metro's efforts to bring Urban Commuter Rail to Central Texas. His commitment to Capital Metro, and to our entire community, is an inspiration to his fellow members of Capital Metro's Board of Directors, and to all our staff.

For his many contributions to Capital Metro, and the City of Austin, John Trevino has earned this great honor.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Gilliam  
President/CEO

## **TEJANO ROOTS**

Warren Struss  
City of Austin  
Parks & Recreation Dept.  
PO Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Sir,

This letter is in support of the effort to have a facility named after the distinguished, John Trevino. His tireless work in and for the community of Austin has earned him the right and the privilege of having his name forever preserved.

His numerous accomplishments, from urging minority contractor representation and fair and equitable hiring practices by the City of Austin to being the first Mexican-American elected to the Austin City Council: to being the first Mexican-American to be elected Mayor Pro-Tem and the first Mexican-American appointed Acting Mayor of the City of Austin. His lists of accomplishments are far too abundant to mention them all.

This mans unselfish drive and community involvement has earned my admiration and support.



Dan Arellano Author/Historian  
PO Box 43012  
Austin, Texas 78704

March 6, 2006

Warren Struss, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department  
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Austin, TX 78704

Dear Warren:

I am writing this letter in support of naming an Austin park for John Trevino. I first met Johnny in 1973, when I worked in his first campaign for City Council. Even though we lost that campaign, I was so impressed with the man and his vision for Austin and its citizens that I pledged to work harder on the next campaign, which I did. In 1975, I was the scheduler for Johnny's campaign. As scheduler, I not only scheduled and kept his calendar but also accompanied him to the various speaking engagements throughout the city. The times were still difficult for a minority candidate and Johnny often jokes that I am the person who introduced him to North Austin. My work as scheduler gave me the opportunity to watch him up close and to listen over and over as he spoke with passion about his vision for Austin, what needed to be done and how he was the person who could do it and he was!

During his fifteen years as a Council Member, he worked for all of Austin, yet, he never forgot the previously unrepresented and much of his efforts were to make life better for them. He worked to ensure minority participation in the awarding of city contracts, which resulted in the creation of the Office of Minority Business Affairs. He partnered with Council Member Jimmy Snell to make sure that minority applicants received equal opportunity for city jobs. He worked to establish the Social Policy Advisory Committee to help city and county government collaborate to determine priorities and make decisions about the distribution of funds to social service agencies. The list of his accomplishments could go on and on.

In the eighties, Johnny invited me to join him when he founded the Austin/Salttillo Sister Cities Association, making Saltillo the City of Austin's first Sister City. The association which continues to function, has not only promoted strong ties between the people of the two cities/countries but has also produced exchange programs in municipal government functions, culture, education, and economic development. Recently, a change in state law, has allowed Johnny to use his position as a member of the Capital Metro Board of Directors to work to have used buses donated to the City of Saltillo.

John Trevino continues to give of his time and talents to this city and I firmly believe that now it is time for the city to give him the honor of having a park named for him. It is an honor that is well deserved.

Sincerely,

  
Gloria Mata Pennington

# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



EDDIE RODRIGUEZ FIFTY-FIRST DISTRICT

March 7, 2006

Mayor Will Wynn  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

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Dear Mayor Wynn, *Will*

Please accept this letter as my full endorsement and support for naming various public facilities in Austin for influential Hispanic community leaders. The proposed name changes submitted by the Austin Latino Music Association (ALMA) and Mrs. Josephine Zamarripa are needed and worthwhile cultural projects in our community.

The proposal by the Austin Latino Music Association to establish the "Trail of Tejano Legends" would name several public facilities for influential Latino musicians and musical families. Furthermore, one aspect of the proposal includes the renaming of the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) for the Perez and Ramos families, which include Grammy Award winner Ruben Ramos and Ernest Perez. The establishment of the *Trail of Tejano Legends* will highlight and bring awareness to the many contributions of these artist to our community and in establishing Austin as the Live Music Capitol of the World

The other proposal, submitted by Mrs. Josephine Zamarripa, would name the park referred as "Morrison Ranch," located in East Austin on the 9800 Block of FM 969 after military veteran and former Mayor Pro Tem John Treviño who was the first Hispanic elected to the City Council in 1975 among his many accomplishments in serving our great city. Currently, Mr. Treviño serves on the board of Capitol Metro and as a member of the Policy Advisory Committee of the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). Mr. Trevino's many years of public service have benefited our entire community and naming a public facility in his name would be a fitting honor.

The naming of various public facilities will draw attention to the contributions of these individuals and families and carry on East Austin's rich cultural history. I wholeheartedly support the above mentioned proposals and respectfully request your approval. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Eddie Rodriguez  
State Representative-District 51



# THOMAS L. MARTINEZ

March 22, 2006

Warren Struss  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

RE: Letter of Support for Naming a Park After Mr. John Treviño

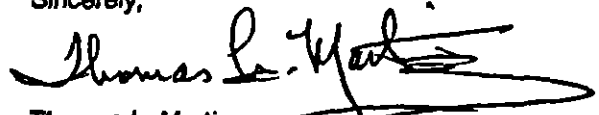
Dear Mr. Struss:

I have been a resident of Austin since 1968 and have personally known Mr. John Treviño for many years. In addition, I supported Mr. Treviño in his bid for City Council and throughout his tenure. I am personally acquainted with the leadership and support that Mr. Treviño has provided the Hispanic community and the City of Austin throughout the years. Moreover, he continues to support and serve this community, in a less high profile, but nonetheless very significant manner.

In essence, he is a role model for many in our community and I think it would be a most fitting tribute to recognize Mr. Treviño's efforts, accomplishments, and contributions to the community of Austin through the years by naming a park after him. Therefore, I gladly and wholeheartedly submit this letter of support for the naming an Austin park after Mr. John Treviño.

Thank you for your consideration to this letter of support concerning this matter. If you have any questions may reach me at (512) 899-1388.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas L. Martinez