

Property Owner Opinion Survey Summary  
NC-18-001: Manchaca Rd

<b>TOTAL IN AGREEMENT WITH STREET NAME CHANGE: 11 (17.5%)</b>	
<b>VOTE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Agree	
Agree	We should always do the right thing :)
Agree	
Agree	I believe that a man's name should be spelled the way HE says its spelled.
Agree	I'm not looking forward to the complications in government issued documents the name change will require but I support honoring this man. One thing to note, regardless of how it is spelled, you can count on Austinites to mispronounce it as "manchac".
Agree	"It always has been..." isn't a good enough excuse for correcting what always should have been.
Agree	Any street named to honor someone should at the very least be spelled correctly.
Agree	It's way overdue for this name correction.
Agree	
Agree	
Agree	I am assuming that this change is requested to correct the spelling of this street to the Mexican name Menchaca. This I support.

<b>TOTAL IN OPPOSITION WITH STREET NAME CHANGE: 52 (82.5%)</b>	
<b>VOTE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Disagree	none
Disagree	The origin of the name is not clear nor definitive.
Disagree	This is a ridiculous waste of money. Manchaca Road should REMAIN Manchaca Road as it always has been. I am a native Austinite and my family has lived here since 1885. Those of us who were born and raised in South Austin want the name to stay the same. Changing it is just losing one more piece of the history of South Austin and our hometown is changing fast enough as it is, and not for the good.
Disagree	It's been Manchaca for a long time. Don't need to spend the ridiculous amount of money it's probably going to cost to change it. We have better things to spend our money on.
Disagree	There is no definitive proof and only circumstantial evidence that suggests Manchaca is named after Antonio Menchaca. There are various theories on where the name originated and, as such, this change based solely on scant evidence is wholly unnecessary. It would be a huge burden to have my mortgage and all legal documents amended to reflect this unnecessary alteration to an long existing street name. The street name as it stands is suitable and is not intended to diminish the memory or legacy of any individual or historical event. This proposed change would greatly impact all interested and taxpaying parties that reside on this well known Austin road. Surely we have more significant issues to address in this neighborhood.
Disagree	More confusion for new citizens is not needed
Disagree	
Disagree	This proposal is a waste of time.

Disagree	I just saw a notice on Nextdoor regarding the application to change the name of Manchaca Road to Menchaca Road. I have read the filed materials and although Bob Perkins' 501c3 would be covering the cost of changing street signs I do not feel that this change would benefit the people and businesses along Manchaca Road. While the information states that the intent of the renaming is to honor an individual I believe that the Menchaca School located in Manchaca is honor enough. It may be that this individual's name was misspelled originally but to subject the residents and business owners to the expense of a name change at this late date (decades later) is an unwarranted expense to those residents and business owners. Thank you for letting me express my opinion on the matter.
Disagree	To change a name of a road to be inconsistent with the area to which it leads, Manchaca, TX, as well as to not rename the portion outside of Austin city limits leading to such area is more confusing than to have an inconsistency between an elementary school and a road. Furthermore, the origin of the name is contested, which is not listed in the history attached to the application. I don't believe it should be considered a correction of a misspelling when it's not clear that it was intended to be named after a particular person in the first place. Certainly a misspelling of one's name would have been brought up during one's lifetime, a discrepancy of 1840 to 1879. Many Austin roads are pronounced incorrectly by locals, and changing the name in an attempt to get people to change how they pronounce it is unlikely to be successful. Finally, the statement that it will not cost the taxpayers is not entirely fair, the individual owners of property and businesses will have their own costs and hassles to update the new spelling in various aspects of business. With respect to Jose Antonio Menchaca, and his family, I don't think it make sense to rename this road.
Disagree	While I can appreciate the historical significance of the request for the change, isn't anyone on the City Council considering that property taxes have been raised every single year in recent memory. It does NOT matter if the tax rate stays the same if the value goes up, the taxes still go up. Why not live within a budget like the rest of us, if values go up, lower the tax rate for a net effect of "0". This is just another frivolous expense!
Disagree	This is a waste of time and of city resources.
Disagree	This seems unnecessary.
Disagree	
Disagree	I have lived within 1 or less miles of Manchaca Rd for 54 years. I don't see the need to make this change now.
Disagree	The unincorporated community for which Manchaca Road runs through is Manchaca, where Menchaca elementary has been established. According to history, the area has been identified as MANCHACA since the 1800s, and recorded as such by a Tejano, therefore I can not accept the assertion of "Menchaca" being anglicanized to "Manchaca": Early maps and newspaper articles indicate the spelling was "Manchac Springs," orthography corroborated by maps produced by noted Tejano land agent Jacob de Cordova in 1849 currently housed at the Texas General Land Office in Downtown Austin. It should remain as is, as it has been for the last nearly 170 years.
Disagree	No
Disagree	It impacts our business being found online by different search engines. Street name change would make our business suffer negatively to great extent as we are less likely to found online. Can't afford the change.
Disagree	austin

Disagree	It will become extremely burdensome to notify our clients of the street name change, as well as having to re-do all of our marketing materials, letterheads, website, etc.
Disagree	Unacceptable.
Disagree	Ridiculous waste of Money. Cost to change all of our identifying materials and addressing is a monumental waste of time and money.
Disagree	Thanks for this opportunity to comment. I appreciate this proposal's desire to correct the spelling of Manchaca's name. However, I think the inconvenience due to the owners of Manchaca Rd. properties to update their addresses outweighs the benefits of renaming the street. (I think there have been instances where the benefits of changing the street name outweigh the inconvenience eg, changing Robert E. Lee St. to Azie Morton Rd.) There seems to be no conversation about how Austin residents pronounce Manchaca as "man-shack." This pronunciation also does not accurately reflect the memorialized's correct name--how is the goal of more appropriately memorializing Manchaca achieved if residents of Austin continue to refer to a newly-named "Manchaca Rd." by "man-shack"? I think the City of Austin does--imperfectly--memorialize a person worthy of memorializing with Manchaca Rd bearing his misspelled name. But how is changing the name of the street more effective than, say, historical plaques along the street to explain this imperfect memorialization? Especially when there is no reasonable expectation that the residents of Austin will discontinue pronouncing the street as "man-shack."
Disagree	A change in the name of Manchaca Road will cause confusion, inconvenience and expense for the City of Austin, property owners on Manchaca Road and others. This change does not appear necessary and should be rejected.
Disagree	I understand there is historical value but "Man check" is a street that is culturally imbedded in this city. The history is the road and the people on it.
Disagree	
Disagree	I have lived here for 54 years. Please do not change this spelling. It will be difficult for years to come to get it changed on all relevant documents. I beg you please don't change it!!!!!!!!!!!!
Disagree	No one will ever get it right. Leave it as is.
Disagree	Name change would be a significant personal expense and inconvenience. It would lead to significant confusions. I strongly oppose. Choose a new street to name Manchaca if you wish.
Disagree	
Disagree	This is a ridiculous waste of public money. It also has impact on a lot of private expense. We would have to revise our deed, our bank accounts, all personal accounts with addresses on line, titles to vehicles. This an enormous inconvenience to our time. ABSOLUTELY NOOOOO
Disagree	This will cause unnecessary confusion and work for postal delivery, maps already widely distributed and cost money to change signage etc, all to "honor" someone long dead. If the name was Lancoln and it was actually meant to be Lincoln, it would be just as ridiculous an idea. How dare anyone attempt to waste the time and money this will take at a time when the Austin City Council has important issues to consider and solve. I would strongly recommend an immediate tabling motion and then the council move on to something of at least minor importance.
Disagree	I have lived in Austin since 1975 and I would like to keep the name the same as it always has been. Why waste city money to change it when it has always been Manchaca. It would also be very costly for all the businesses to have it changed.

Disagree	This will create a lot of trouble to update every account and contact with the new address. I don't see any benefit to the change.
Disagree	This is a long standing street name and I think change creates confusion. Manchaca Springs and the community of Manchaca names will be at odds with this change.
Disagree	This is a frivolous name change that will cause a great deal of hassle to a large number of home owners and businesses.
Disagree	
Disagree	1. The cost (even though the money was raised by a non-profit) is exorbitant and that money could be used by the organization for a cause that would benefit society (like a donation or a charitable gift, etc.). It sounds like the reason for changing the street name is to honor the "Menchaca" person and name. Why not erect a statue in his honor instead, so the rest of the residents and businesses aren't inconvenienced. 2. This would unfairly cost the MANY businesses on that street to have to spend time and money on updating their address. 3. Homeowners would have to pay for new Driver's Licenses, address registrations, etc; Changing an address is a big pain in the backside, especially for not even moving. 4. "Manchaca" is the name of the city/township. It's better to keep the street name and city/township name the same, than a street name and an elementary school. If the name of the city/township is going to be changed simultaneously, then I'd be more likely to be in favor of a change, but still very hesitant. 5. Changing the name won't stop people from calling the street "Manchaca" or "Manchack" as it has notoriously been recognized as for years by the community. I've personally lived in Austin for 15 years and didn't even know that "Manchaca" and "Menchaca" were the names of a former soldier/family.
Disagree	We don't believe our taxpayer dollars should be spent on renaming a street. Please spend your time and our money on schools.
Disagree	We are strongly opposed to any name change for Manchaca Road and feel this is a waste of the Austin City Council's time and resources. We feel there are much more pressing issues that need the council's time, such as the homeless at the corner of Manchaca and W. Ben White Blvd.
Disagree	This is ridiculous. The street has been named for decades. There's no real or compelling reason to make the change. I'm personally appalled that the city would spend the money to respond to such an idiotic, functionless effort.
Disagree	Manchaca Rd has had that name for all 18 years I have lived in Austin. Changing the name would be burdensome for hundreds of businesses. The change to Menchaca is miniscule and of no value to the community.
Disagree	The current name has been a fixture ever since I first came to Austin in 1977. Changing the name will have knock on affects with GPS Data, Driving Directions, Confusion, etc. We have far more important things to worry about and apply our time and money to than this.
Disagree	This would be a burden on thousands and thousands of people. Stop renaming streets. Let the past be the past and stop making the present more difficult.
Disagree	I vehemently object to the renaming of this road due to the bias shown by such an action. In a time where the City has shows that they have no problem in renaming streets named for those men who led the Confederacy and Texas without any regards to the objections of those who speak out against such 'cultural cleansing', this is a clear case of a double standard. If you want to correct a mistake from 180 years ago, that is fine. But it is an utter disgrace by the leadership of this City to completely attempt to erase all references

	to historical figures such as Robert E Lee, Jefferson Davis, David Burnet, Mirabeau Lamar and others in an attempt to satisfy those who are ignorant of history and are forcefully trying to ram political correctness down the throats of those who do not want it.
Disagree	
Disagree	This proposed name change will place an unwanted, unnecessary burden on property owners and businesses along Manchaca road. Not only will it require businesses and property owners to update potentially hundreds of account records, It will likely result in the loss of sales and reduced income due to confusion.
Disagree	Changing the name of the road will cost ALL property owners along the road. It will cost them time and money to change their address with all of their creditors, banks, with the county in the form of address updates to business entities, address updates for all documentation related to the entities along the road. Although a nonprofit organization has set aside money to pay for the new street signs, they have not thought about how the street name change snowballs into time spent by the 100s of property owners to change ALL of their documentation and the costs associated with that. It is a great inconvenience for more people than it is a benefit for one family.
Disagree	Thanks but no thanks. This is unnecessary & creates expense for new road signs (paid for by taxpayers), maps, business signs & printed materials like checks, stationery, labels, window signs, computer databases and programs for the post office, etc. for individuals & businesses -- creating more paper & garbage to add to our landfills for everything that must be thrown out with a one-letter name change. This will affect potentially thousands of people and businesses. Do property deeds now have to be re-filed with the county clerk to have proper clear title? Do hundreds of insurance policies have to be reprinted and reissued? It has been Manchaca over 100 years. Where is the extant historical data to show that the spelling Menchaca is even correct? I have seen accounts that Menchaca & Manchaca are really an English adaptation of the older Basque name Mentxaka. So the spelling Menchaca may not be correct. Where is the absolute proof the street was named after the Republic of TX patriot, Antonio Menchaca/Manchaca? Even if it were, the Republic of Texas recorded his land grants in the name of "Manchaca", so legally, that was how his name was recognized in TX history. His name is also in 1838-1840 era newspapers spelled Manchaca. Unless there were printed retractions or corrections, initiated by those living at that time, the Manchaca spelling appears to have been generally accepted going back to at least 1838 and forward. Also, there is a Louisiana Bayou named Bayou Manchac (older than Texas) -- it's a Choctaw word and given the pronunciation used today, the street could have been named after Native Americans. Many German names in Central Texas omit the umlaut over the "o" and add an "e" thus spelling them to work with the English language. Should we change all of those names as well to reflect an alternate German spelling? NO. The City Council should focus time, funds & attention on fixing the horrendous traffic flow problems and safety on Manchaca Road instead of changing one letter in the spelling of the street name. This wastes taxpayer money and puts an economic burden and hardship on small businesses and residents in the area whose median income is vastly less than other zip codes in the affluent areas of Austin. This is an unnecessary expense for taxpayers, businesses and citizens, and creates unnecessary garbage for the landfill. This filing shows insensitivity to constituents' money to create a "feel good" change that may not even be historically accurate. And, this is not going to change the way citizens pronounce the name of the

	road. Let's focus on the real problems and challenges in the City of Austin. With all due respect, this is not one of them.
Disagree	I understand the desires of the petitioners. But the logic of NOT doing this overcomes those reasons. The expense and confusion is just not worth "righting" a very minor, and not unanimously agreed upon, wrong. Where does this re-imagining of history stop? The study that suggested renaming the City of Austin highlights that there really is no end to this "rewriting" of history. It's already embarrassing when the AISD website says that he fought in the "TEJANO" army during the revolution rather than the "TEXICAN" army. Put up a statue of Senor Jose Antonio Menchaca to educate the public to his good service to Texas and to the Tejano community afterwards. There is no need to continue on this slippery slope, of renaming things in today's political context that were done in the past, that we have already started on. Did I mention the cost and confusion that this will cause?!
Disagree	Big expense and a lot of hours would have to be spent by every business. If this needed to be done it should have been done years ago.
Disagree	