LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM DESCENDANTS OF JOSE ANTONIO MENCHACA

There were three branches of descendants from Jose Antonio Menchaca (1800-1879). Menchaca and his wife, Teresa Ramon, had four or five daughters and no sons so the branches are named for the men his daughters married. The records are confusing but some of them show the oldest daughter was named Maria de Jesus and she was born in 1825. Another daughter was born in 1828 named Maria Antonia. Nothing more is known about these two girls so it may very well be that they died in infancy which was common in early 19th century Texas. One custom amongst Hispanics in that time period was that if a child died then the next child born of the same sex as the deceased would be baptized with that same name so this may explain what happened with the Menchaca's last child also named Maria Antonia. She was born in Nacogdoches or San Augustine in 1836 during the Runaway Scrape although she may have been baptized in San Antonio after their return in October of 1836. Maria Antonia married E. Maximilian Neuendorff in 1857 and we have two descendants from that branch who will sign this letter agreeing to the name change and asking the City of Austin to honor their great, great, great grandfather by naming the street for him and spelling his name correctly.

The Menchaca's middle daughter was named Antonia Manuela (born in 1831) and she married Jean Batiste LaCoste so this is another branch of the family and we also have a descendant from that branch who will agree to the city naming the street in honor of her forefather, Jose Antonio Menchaca.

Finally, we have Joaquina Menchaca, born in late 1828, who married a man named John Joel Glanton. They had two children and one of them, the daughter also named Joaquina, married a Cuban revolutionary named Rafael Quesada. They had one son named John who was sent to prison in 1891 for robbery and that is the last we know about this branch of the family.

Jacki Horak of the Neuendorff branch

Dawn Segura of the LaCoste branch

Bob Crimm of the Neuendorff branch