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Dear Park Naming Commission members,

I would like to bring to your attention the current efforts to name a park on Payne Avenue.

The Parks commission first got a recommendation to name the new park on Payne Avenue in Eden neighborhood through voting. Out of the three votes, Eden Gardens Neighborhood park received the most votes. However, the commission initially decided to name it Esperanza de San Jose. Why? It was a democratic process to vote for a name and the name should be selected respecting the democratic process that was used. Choosing the name based on minority of votes is not a representation of democracy. There was a second name that got more votes than Esperanza de San Jose. First, it could easily be named Eden Neighborhood Park - unlikely to be confused with a regional park. Second, the second choice of the people should be selected. Instead the parks commission is now redoing the vote . The way the names are stated in the voting process is a problem with Esperanza listed first as a choice. It appears to me that someone has been paid or is bent on naming it Esperanza. I hope your office will reconsider taking such a sad step of making a mockery of a democratic process.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Sujata Ramnarayan

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