

If you are recommending that the new name be for a specific park or street, please select from the list below. Please submit your name ideas below and indicate why you believe the name you are recommending would be a good alternative name for one of these City parks or streets.

Harelson Park	Leave Harelson Park as is, but rename after Juanita Harelson, former president of Tempe Garden Club in 1994-1997 (and 2004-05) and the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs in 1999-2001, who was instrumental in the planting of "Freedom" trees at Tempe Beach Park after 9/11 as well as wildlife habitats along the Rio Salado in the 1980s and 1990s. In addition, Juanita was also active in the state legislature for several decades. She was likely a daughter-in-law (or perhaps granddaughter-in-law) to the current namesake of Harelson Park but was not involved in the KKK. Her obituary reads as follows: "Juanita L. Harelson, 94 of Tempe, Arizona passed away on Sunday, June 17, 2018 in Tempe. She was born July 4, 1923 in Stratford, Oklahoma and moved to Arizona over 80 years ago as a teenager. Juanita graduated from Tempe High School and Arizona State University in 1945. While attending ASU, she met her future husband, James Harelson. She was a career member of the Arizona House of Representatives from 1972 to 1982 and began serving in the Arizona State Senate, 27th District in 1983. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Harelson; son, Barry Harelson; parents, Ivan and Callie Phillips Law. Juanita was survived by her sister, Wanda Jo Wilkinson; sons, Ted (Michelle) Harelson of San Diego, CA, Patrick (Maryann) Harelson of Huachuca City, AZ., and Rex (Mildred) Harelson of Tempe, AZ." Keeping Harleson Park as is would save taxpayer funds from the name change and also honor a truly deserving Juanita Harelson.
Harelson Park	My recommendation is to consider to rename the park and the streets for either an outstanding person in Arizona history or US history. My thoughts are to consider people who are known for their exemplary contribution to racial and social injustice. An example for US history could be people who committed part of their life to save other lives such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, Ruby Bridges, Thurgood Marshall, or the many lesser known civil rights leaders and courageous persons in US history. Again there's no shortage of people in US history who have fought and given their lives to change the diabolical and horrendous treatment of people of color and those who made an impact for change in America. There are also living people today who make it a goal or mission to make America better for people of color and overall marginalized people. You might even consider some of the people who have lost their lives by being murdered by police or by white supremacist such as, Eric Garner, George Floyd, Brianna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, Ahmaud Arbery etc. There's no end to this list either.  In terms of Arizona history it would be smart to consider a past or living native American who is or was known for being a staunch advocate for social and racial injustice for this state, the land and or environment and for their people.
Harelson Park	Arriaga Park
Harelson Park	Warner Ranch Park
Harelson Park	Ephraim Park. I've been a resident for 27 years and I have volunteered in the community for my Eagle Scout project for the Arc of Tempe.
Harelson Park	Hohokimel (the word butterfly in O'odham language-might need to fact check that) (this park is right next to Mariposa school -means butterfly in Spanish). This park also has a unity/peace walk. Shows the unity between languages/cultures and honors native lands.
Hudson Lane	Use our tax dollars in better ways than renaming a park. Tempe has become so liberal with their woke agenda and makes me sad it has become this way after I have lived here for 25 years. Invest in community activities and the actual homeowners of Tempe, not trying to rename history. History will never change. Everyone has a past, why not knowledge their mistake and just move forward with other improvements (like a splash pad or train like McCormick Ranch/Desert Breeze). Make Tempe be a desirable place to live. No one cares about a name of a park.
Hudson Lane	It needs to be a name with no foolishness behind it
Hudson Lane	the only way as a city we can be forgiven of the reckless, irresponsible, and racist sins of glorifying the card carrying members of the kkk is by erasing their names from history and replacing them with modern contemporary heroes such as George Floyd, Trevor Martin, and Rodney King Jr. only then we can come together as a community and respectfully drive the streets that were once shattered in bigotry and hate.
Hudson Park	I'd like to suggest 'Cuprum park' as it's Latin for 'copper' as in the 'copper state' of Arizona
Hudson Park	President Donald J. Trump Park. Named for President Donald Trump and his commitment to peace in the Middle East. Along with supporting the Black and Hispanic communities through economic programs that brought record low levels of unemployment for both groups. Also to honor the low gas prices he created which benefited the poorest among our society.
Hudson Park	ORWELL
Hudson Park	I think Hudson Park should be re-named Clay Hudson Park or Hudson Manor Park since both Hudson Drive, that is in Hudson Manor, and Hudson Manor were both named after Clay Hudson, not Esmer. This would tie everything together and remove all doubt that Clay was our developer and deserves recognition. Also, before it was named Hudson Park, everyone referred to it as the Park in Hudson Manor so Hudson Manor Park would also be appropriate.
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Hudson Park	Hudson Manor Park goes along with the original name of the park.
Hudson Park	Adolfo Romo Park. Adolfo Romo was the plaintiff in a historic court case against Laird (another Tempe KKK member) which resulted in the desegregation of schools in Tempe. It would be poetic to replace the name of a KKK member with that of a desegregationist.
Hudson Park	Lepich Park...LaRue Lepich RN was a life long resident of Tempe who freely acted as a nurse, friend, confident, always available for those in the community, donated her time and help to numerous organizations and schools, including Hudson school.
Hudson Park	Cedar Park (off of Cedar St).
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Hudson Park	Sotelo Park-this would be an appropriate name because she is known as the Mother of Tempe. She worked hand in hand with the Hayden family and was instrumental in making Tempe a rich agricultural area and she did all of this as a widowed woman with several children in the late 1800's!
Hudson Park	<p>Dear Renaming Committee:</p> <p>Thank you for taking on the responsibility of selecting new names for City of Tempe locations. Through your deliberations, please consider renaming Hudson Park to Soza Park (Parque de Soza), given its proximity to where this Tempe pioneer and his family originally lived and for their contributions to the establishment and ongoing enhancement of the Tempe community.</p> <p>Juan Soza, whose family origin can be traced back to 1774 in Tubac, Arizona (Mexico), came to Tempe from Tucson in 1871 and filed for one of Tempe's earliest homesteads. Juan worked with Charles Hayden to construct the ferry and flour mill, dig the Kirkland-McKinney Ditch (for which he received water rights), clear land for agriculture and development, and essentially lay the foundation for the city we value today. Additionally, Juan served as a deputy sheriff, given his notable good standing in the Hispanic community, under Sheriff Carl Hayden.</p> <p>In 1873, Juan Soza married Jesus Maria Sotelo; they lived on acreage subdivided from the original Sotelo homestead near the northeast corner of Rural Road and Apache Boulevard. The Sotelo-Soza branch of descendants continues to reside in Tempe and contribute to the betterment of the community like their ancestors 150 years before them.</p>
Hudson Park	Soza Park. The Soza family were pioneers in Tempe & helped the development & contributed to the growth of Tempe.

Hudson Park	<p>I believe Hudson Park should be renamed Sotelo Park because of the history of Manuela Sanchez Sotelo. I'm currently working on the history of the 8th Street Creamery for Four Peaks and this is our post about Sotelo:</p> <p>The Old Creamery Building was constructed next door to what was then known as the Sotelo Addition. It was a 160-acre swath of land owned by Manuela Sanchez Sotelo, whose roots can be traced back to soldiers and settlers from Spanish Sonora who located to Tubac in the early 1800s. In fact, the Sotelos were recorded as the first Mexican family to settle Tempe when they arrived in 1870.</p> <p>Sotelo was a very savvy ranch manager, business woman and an excellent neighbor. After dividing her land, she gave some of it to family members, sold parcels to Mexican families immigrating to Tempe and, most importantly, granted some of it for the use of a canal that funneled water to Charles Trumbull Hayden's flour mill on Mill Avenue.</p> <p>Thanks to her knowhow, Sotelo quickly became a prominent figure in the community. She acquired properties all over the Valley and was a shareholder of the growing Tempe Irrigating Canal Company, which is now part of the Salt River Project "" the original McKinney-Kirkland Ditch dug in the early 1870s still runs along 8th Street to this day. But where Sotelo really made an impact was teaching her fellow community members life skills, such as how to can fruits, cure meats and administer first aid; key skills in a growing frontier community.</p> <p>Sotelo was also one of the earliest proponents of a teaching college founded in 1885 known as the Arizona Territorial Normal School. She believed so earnestly in its mission that Sotelo donated money to fund the school's land purchase and was part of a group that would choose the school's original site, about a mile west of our 8th Street pub. Most people today know that school by a different name: Arizona State University, one of the nation's largest public universities.</p> <p>Sotelo was 82 when she passed away at her Tempe home in 1902. Many of Sotelo's descendants, including at least one granddaughter and many great-grandchildren, along with dozens of other Mexican students in the early days, would go on to graduate from the Territorial Normal School (not to mention the thousands of young people now graduated by the school annually). These teachers moved all over the state, carrying with them the education they obtained in Tempe, practically next-door to the Sotelo Addition.</p> <p>I believe Hudson Park lies in the old Sotelo Addition, but I'm not completely certain.</p>
Hudson Park	Sosa Park to honor one of Tempe's pioneer families. Descendants of the Sosas are active today in furthering Tempe's quality of life.
Hudson Park	Dear Renaming Committee, Thank you for allowing the public to voice their thoughts and opinions through this renaming process. To best honor the roots of Tempe and its founders, please consider renaming Hudson Park to Soza Park (Parque de Soza). Descendants of Juan Soza still reside in the City of Tempe, and work in public service. It is truly fitting to honor Juan Soza for the important role he played in laying the foundation for our great city. Thank you for your consideration.
Hudson Park	Michael Francis Weise Park. Mike (middle name after Francis of Assisi) was a pillar of the Hudson neighborhood. He helped plant and maintain plants in the roundabouts. He also helped design and build the meditation circle in the park. He was known throughout the neighborhood as someone you can ask for help with any task or project. He contributed time, energy, love and money to improving every aspect of the neighborhood. He was known to almost everyone as Michael recycle because he was so diligent about supporting the tempe waste, recycle and green bin programs. He passed away this last March after a grueling battle with cancer. He represents all the values we should exemplify in our beautiful park.
Hudson Park	Michael Frances Weise Park
Laird Street	Radmilla A. Cody Park, A Navajo model, singer, and anti-domestic violence activist who was the 46th Miss Navajo from 1997 to 1998. She was the first biracial Miss Navajo and thus so far the only Miss Navajo partially of African-American heritage.
Laird Street	Lair Street new name: Anthony Romo 1910-2003 Buried in Double Butte Cemetery Succeeded in suing to desegregate the schools saying, "If we soldiers can fight together for our country then our children can go to school together."
Laird Street	Schwarz St. family that has lived on Laird for 49 years. All three kids graduated from Tempe high schools. It was said the KKK at that time was against catholics. The family is catholic

Laird Street	The name I am submitting is: L. Alton "Pat" Riggs. He was born in AZ before it became a state. He was educated in AZ starting with elementary school in Mesa, graduating from AZ State teacher's College in Tempe, and receiving a Law degree from UofA. He taught at the Training School in tempe, and taught in the Mesa schools. He was in the AZ Legislature in the 1930's (in the last "Cowboy" Legislature) and again in the 1950's. He was honored in the Legislature upon his death. He served in WWII as a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. He was raised in Mesa and was a resident of Tempe. He served on the Tempe City Counsel for years, and served on the Tempe Elementary school board as it's Chairman for many years, naming Broadmor School. He was on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for years, where Riggs Road in Maricopa County was named after him. He set up his law practice in Tempe when he returned from WWII. He also was a member of many organizations in Tempe, as well as serving as the ASU Alumni President. He had 5 children, the two youngest being adopted and educated in Tempe (from K-1 through ASU graduation), and the three older children being educated in Mesa, ASU, UofA, and one being a Rhodes Scholar. His home is on the Historical Register in Tempe, known as the Riggs House. He knew every one of the people the streets/parks are being renamed after, but was always a person who liked all people, valued education, and dedicated his life to serving his City, County, State, and Country in any way he could. He was a man of justice. There is much more about him, and this is just a start in describing his life and contributions . He was always proud of Tempe and it's citizens, and deserves to have the busiest street and/or biggest park name after him. Marking just one little street is not important enough, but you will only allow one choice. He should have a park named for him, as well, like Hudson did. He has earned the recognition and is worthy of having Tempe landmarks named in his honor. If there is a way for him to still be working for Tempe in heaven, then he is doing so, because he always wanted the best for his City, Tempe. It's a shame that Tempe has forgotten him.
Laird Street	Harry Mitchell
Laird Street	Murderfox Way
Laird Street	Mitchell Street- To honor Harry Mitchell, long time mayor, teacher a Congressman. Also leads to Mitchell Park
Laird Street	Gary Dr
Laird Street	Elkins Street. My grandfather is Ben Elkins, he passed away about 15 years ago from Parkinson's. He is an Arizona native and lived in Tempe. He and my grandma met at Tempe High School and all their children are graduates from Tempe High School. Ben is also a graduate from ASU (Tempe Normal school at the time). Ben was the auto shop teacher at Tempe High for many years and was inducted into the Tempe High Hall of Fame. Ben and Dorothy raised their children near 16th and Hardy- very close to Laird street. My grandma Dorothy Elkins is very involved in the community and still resides in Tempe. My sister and I also continue their legacy and live in Tempe and are attending ASU for our doctorate degrees- we both attended for our undergraduate degrees as well.
Laird Street	Laird Street should be named after Adolfo Romo and Juaquina Jones. They sued William Laird to allow their children to go to the all white Eighth Street School and won. They were desegregation champions for Tempe and challenged the Laird family directly. <a href="http://peoplesguidetomaricopa.blogspot.com/2011/05/eighth-street-school.html?m=1">http://peoplesguidetomaricopa.blogspot.com/2011/05/eighth-street-school.html?m=1</a> <a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/25163423">https://www.jstor.org/stable/25163423</a> More information is also available through the Tempe History Museum.
Redden Park	Arriaga. In honor of the Tempe firefighter who lost his life to occupational cancer on 3/6/2020. He was a resident of Tempe who's surviving immediate family still live in Tempe. It would be a great honor and a wonderful opportunity to take his young girls ages 9 and 6 to go play at a park honoring their Dad.
Redden Park	Frank and Minnie Raymond Park
Redden Park	Spencer Park: David Spencer taught 30 years in the Tempe Elementary School District from 1966 to 1998. After retiring from TD#3, David taught as a clinical professor at ASU in the Education Department teaching pre-service teachers. Unsurprisingly, there were many of his former students who passed through David's ASU classes. David Spencer served in Vietnam from 1968-1970. He was loved by many students and families throughout Tempe and Guadalupe. One can read of the love from his students (now as adults) on Facebook: Former Students of David Spencer. David Spencer died in 2020 of pancreatic cancer. His memory lives on in the many students and those who have been touched by his caring, attentive and kind demeanor.
Redden Park	I don't know who Redden was, or where the park is, or anything about the park whatsoever. But if Redden was associated with the Confederacy than certainly the park should be renamed and I vote for "Raul Castro Park" in honor of our former governor. He was a wise dignified person and a fine governor in 1979 I believe. Also, as sad as it is, when I mention Raul Castro to most Arizonians they start talking about Cuba... so I think that name would stimulate some interesting, insightful, and educational conversations between residents and equip some with more knowledge of that state's recent history.
Redden Park	Del Norte- it's associated with the school, thus making it easier to remember and find on a map
Redden Park	Redden Park should be renamed "James E. and Susan Redden Park" This change would allow the park to pay tribute to the husband/wife James and Susan Redden who donated the property, materials and labor to rebuild the school house which was destroyed by a bad storm. This school later became the first school in the Kyree School District.

Redden Park	James E. & Susan Redden Park
Redden Park	McLoughlin Park. The reason is because this park is close to water and our last name means Son of Man from Lakeland. We have also been Tempe residents for over 30 years.
Redden Park	<p>I propose that Redden Park be renamed James &amp; Susan Redden Park.</p> <p>Tombstone's gunfight at the OK Corral occurred in 1881. Geronimo surrendered in 1886. James and Susan Redden sold their Modoc County California farm near the Oregon border where they were accomplished in both crops and dairy livestock and moved by wagon with eight children to Kyrene, now southern Tempe, in 1888. Imagine the challenge of getting a couple kids into the car to go grocery shopping, and then imagine eight children in a wagon on unimproved dirt roads over about 900 miles.</p> <p>James acquired 310 acres I believe under the 1862 Homestead Act that was then unproductive desert similar to what you'd see today between Chandler and Tucson. Through gumption and perseverance and the knowledge and industry he was imbued with from years farming in California he made it flourish.</p> <p>When the first flimsy frame schoolhouse serving about 17 kids from nine area families was blown away in a monsoon* James selflessly generously donated one of his acres at the northwest corner of McClintock and Warner** and used his own money and the labor of his boys to construct a new school building which I understand was used for about thirty years. He served on the school board for a substantial portion of this time.</p> <p>As an accomplished apiarist he was Director of the Salt River Valley Honey Producer's Association and my understanding is that the existence of a developed honey bee infrastructure provided a ready substitute for sugar during rationing through the World Wars thereby enabling Phoenix area bakers to continue production and alleviate hardship upon the populace during those trying times.</p> <p>Development of southern Tempe, a school system, honey infrastructure: The city of Tempe didn't do that. A generous and capable private person motivated by altruism interested in developing his community did that. James' myriad accomplishments were so noteworthy that he warranted an entry in the seminal work on Arizona's history through its territorial status, Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona: Commemorating the Achievements of Citizens who have Contributed to the Progress of Arizona and Development of Its Resources by Chapman Publishing Co, Chicago 1901 pp 74-75 available at Google Books:</p> <p>'The now famous Salt River Valley is indebted for its development and its rank among the garden spots of the country to such men as Mr. Redden, who have brought hither from other parts of the land a wealth of experience and scientific knowledge of the best and most practical means of conducting a farm.'</p> <p>Regarding his wife Susan, that same work provides:</p> <p><del>'Much of his success in life Mr. Redden generously attributes to the able assistance of his wife, who has provided a helmpate indeed, and a worthy assistant in</del></p>
Redden Park	Elsewhere Park - because renaming streets has a cost, and those funds should be spent elsewhere.
	I think something significant....like a park ...with the name San Pablo, the predecessor community to Tempe/Hayden's Ferry. Likewise utilize the name Hohokam.
	Jumping Cholla Lane, Ocotillo Park, Desert Willow Street. Renaming to tempe native plants to educate and celebrate the natural beauty of the outdoors
	<p>O'Odham Piipaash (Pee Posh) Hohokam Livingston (after Warren and Carol Livingston - first African Americans to own land in Tempe) Drachman (after Philip Drachman) Any of the names of our sister cities would be cool.</p> <p>Something to honor minorities the KKK despised - African American folks, native Americans, Jewish people, LGBTQ, Muslims, Asian Americans, etc.</p>
	Hello. I would like to see a park named after my husband and Tempe Firefighter Tommy Arriaga who passed away March 2020 from occupational cancer. I, Monica Arriaga have lived in Tempe for over 30 years, graduated from Marcos de Niza. After marrying, Tommy and I purchased our home off Rural and Elliot, then he was hired on with TFMRD. Having a location dedicated in their father's memory would be an incredibly healing gesture for our two young daughters. Thank you so much for your consideration.

	<p>Woody Wilson Park or Woody or Wilson for roads: Woody Wilson is a community leader who has spearheaded Neighbors Helping Neighbors.</p> <p>Crow Lane or Street: after Michael Crow, 16th President of ASU and a visionary leader known for innovation and fundamentally changing the reputation and capabilities of the university.</p> <p>Tillman for roads or Pat Tillman Park: in honor of Pat Tillman, a proud Sun Devil, Cardinal and veteran.</p> <p>Alissa Lane or Street: memorial to Alissa Serignese, a proud Sun Devil and vice president of the ASU Alumni Association who passed away from cancer in early 2022</p>
	<p>Duppa Park named after Lord Darrell Duppa who suggested the name Tempe.</p> <p>'Sunset Butte Park' because AZ has beautiful sunsets.</p> <p>'Lovebird Park' due to the takeover of wild lovebirds in all Tempe parks.</p> <p>'Amistad Park' because it's all about friendship.</p> <p>'Gin Blossoms' park because the Gin Blossoms are from Tempe and they should perform a show at the unveiling of the newly named Gin Blossoms park.</p>
	<p>Roger Clyne Street Peacemakers Park</p>
	<p>Tempe is landlocked. There are not going to be very many parks, streets or features in the city to name in the future.</p> <p>With this in mind, here are some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-don't name them after people. If they are given generic names it may be easier to rename them in the future if there is some person from Tempe that does remarkable things that merit having a park named after them. Something like 'Educators Park, Artist Park, Musicians Park, Activist Park, etc. that honor a group of people, not an individual.</li> <li>-Maybe name a park something that will remind us to do everything we can to make sure there is never another Antonio Arce type tragedy or to remind us of the acts of physical violence the butte KKK committed against PoC, immigrants, Catholics, and Mormons so we never allow such persecution in the future. Something like 'Never Forget Park' that would give people pause and make them inquisitive about what the name means so they would look it up and be reminded of a past we must work to leave behind.</li> <li>-Redden Park is one of the few parks connected to a canal. Tempe and PHX metro would not exist without canals. I recommend renaming it 'Canal Builder Park' to honor the people who built the canals, from the Hohokam to the post WWII engineers and laborers. Honor the people that did the work, not just some guy who got funding from congress or whatever.</li> <li>-Don't name them after people that have no connection to Tempe. Naming them after some famous person that was never a resident is boring.</li> <li>- Don't name them after some person that hasn't truly provided some remarkable contributions to the city. It seems like that is what happened in the 70's when everything south of the 60 got named.</li> <li>-If you are going to name something after an individual, make it a woman. Women are severely underrepresented in being named for things like this. It's absurd.</li> </ul>
	<p>Acacia Park Yucca Park Cactus Flower Park Blue Lily Park</p> <p>I believe our parks should reflect the many beautiful plants that grow in our area.</p>

	<p>Phoenix Ash Park - no controversy possible since not named after a person, conversely it gives a nod our [city] next door neighbor while including the name of a Tempe street and for the bird that arises from it's own ashes...</p> <p>Airway or Terminal Park - this would be adjacent to the current Hangar Park. Airport structures in common...?</p> <p>Westerly Wind Park, near Western Canal.</p>
	<p>Be Excellent To Each Other Ln. What better way to reject bigoted elements from the past then with a most excellent parting phrase from the future.</p>
	<p>Hudson Park: Transition Park (given the skate and meditation spaces in the park... Transition is a skating term for 0-90 degree planes to work on while transcending is a practice some seek in meditation)</p> <p>Harelson Park: Curiosity Park or Discovery Park or Pollinator Park (given the proximity to the elementary school Kyrene de la Mariposa, but only do the latter if we're going to allow placement of a pollinator garden in the park for students to learn from!). My nephew Ryan thinks we should rename this park ParkeyMcParkFace.</p> <p>Redden Park: Reflection Park (given the proximity to the canal waters)</p> <p>I want to say I'm not a fan of naming public sites after individual people. I do not support changing any of these to yet another person's name. Better to name something that reflects an important aspect of the community, our values, or the character of the site. More likely to stand the test of time too!</p>
	<p>Honestly, probably 90% of us don't know anything about any of the people for whom the parks were named -- or we have only a passing idea that some of these families still are part of Tempe. We won't know the reasons for any new names either --- so what's the point of changing park names? All you will do is offend the friends &amp; family who do know!</p>
	<p>Neil Guilano School - Tempe Mayor and civic leader  Harry Mitchell School - Tempe Mayor and civic leader  Hohokam Park - honoring the indigenous people of Tepe  Ralph Goitia School or Goitia Park - Past superintendent of Tempe Schools and civic leader. Long-time Tempe resident.</p>
	<p>I suggest leaving all names as they are. Specially if you were looking to be reelected.</p>
	<p>Jenny Norton and Bob Ramsey, either together (Norton Ramsey Park) or separate Norton Park and Ramsey Park, (or Lane or Street) would be great. Jenny and Bob have done so much for our community over the years both through their service and through their Foundation.</p>
	<p>I believe that we should rename all of these parks, streets and/or schools to reflect the Hispanic and Indigenous people of Arizona.</p> <p>Keeme - for Mama Rosa Keeme of Rosita's restaurant  Sotelo - for the Sotelo Ranch that Tempe used to be part of</p>
	<p>John Skelton Park</p>
	<p>I would like Tempe to rename these places after the O'Odham and Piipaash people who lived in what is now Tempe before the influx of European people. This would be an honorable, educational, and appropriate way to recognize those that settled here before us.</p>
	<p>I understand the current movement to change the names of places as people's past sins are discovered. However, since all of us have sin in our past, if you are going to go this direction, then I think you need to make a commitment to not name anything with a person's name. Because depending on what is currently disgraceful, you will always be able to find something unacceptable about each person. It is better to have left a person's name out of things entirely than to come back later and shame them publicly.</p>
	<p>Ladmo Lane has a nice ring to it and it honors a local cultural icon. In fact, if you're unfamiliar with Ladmo, you probably shouldn't be involved in deciding who we name streets after in this town. Could also be paired with Wallace Street but, as the more distinctive character, Ladmo would be the obvious choice.</p>
	<p>Acacia Park  Desert Willow Park  Fairy Duster Park  Brittlebush Park  Other plant names to celebrate the plants that grow in the Valley (I forgot to verify my email so it probably erased the first time I wrote in with my suggestions)</p>

	Hollins Street/Park Antonio Lane/Park Mould Street/Park Bickings Lane/Park Herzberg Street/Park
	hooks Street (stylized that way) DuBois Park L'ouverture Lane
	Plant specific flowers and/ or trees in each park, or metal artwork and name the park for this feature: Sunflower Park, Daisy Park, Mesquite Park, Elm Park, etc. If flowers are planted, paint a mural on the bathrooms, playground (design in rubber padding) and/ or parking lot for when the flowers aren't in bloom.
	Amorosi Park
	<p>Name idea: Don Pedro Obregon. My grandfather Pedro (Pete) Obregon was born in Tempe, Arizona March 13th, 1898. He was a kind and generous person who had respect for the working man.</p> <p>Pedro (Pete) Obregon was an employee of Hayden Flour Mill as well as a Self-employed farmer and baler with his own equipment on weekends. Any overstock from his farm at 540 East Dewey Street Tempe such as eggs, corn, squash, cantaloupe and milk were always shared gratis with the community. Between the years of 1930 - 1960 Pedro (Pete) Obregon was often referred to as 'Don Pedro' by the Spanish speaking community in which he lived and worked. An honorable title for a well-respected humanitarian. He was honest and fair to his family and all people he met. I had the privilege of living with my grandfather and grandmother from birth until I moved out and got married. My grandfather Pedro (Pete) Obregon taught me how to take what I need and leave the rest behind for someone else. Truly a timeless lesson especially in these turbulent times. He set such an amazing example for me that I continue to share his legacy with my family, friends and my community as a healing practitioner. Pedro (Pete) Obregon contributed to the greater good of Tempe and left his footprints behind, for that reason I believe his name would be a good alternative for one of Tempe's City parks or streets. Stories may be provided upon request. Thank you for considering my grandfather's name to be displayed as an official street sign in Tempe.</p>
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	Renaming the parks and streets should be made in a manner which causes the least controversy and hardship on residents. The final choice of such names should be made by the residents of the streets and those living near the subject parks, once several options are available to the affected parties. This will further legitimize the effort and reduce any controversy both locally and beyond. First consideration should be given to any Tempe based fallen heroes, whether in public safety, or national service. This will make the City's transition much much smoother. <a href="https://www.tempe.gov/government/police/public-safety-memorial/tempe-s-fallen-police-and-fire-heroes">https://www.tempe.gov/government/police/public-safety-memorial/tempe-s-fallen-police-and-fire-heroes</a>



	<p>San Pablo: in recognition of the Hispanic community that founded Tempe, without whom Tempe would not exist.  <a href="https://saltriverstories.org/items/show/362">https://saltriverstories.org/items/show/362</a></p> <p>The Sotelo, Soza, and Gonzales families provided the knowledge and labor that created the community. Hispanic workers helped to build canals in Tempe, such as the Kirkland-McKinney Ditch and the San Francisco Canal. They also built Hayden's flour mill and ferry. Hispanic families owned large acres of land west and east of the mill and became influential leaders in the region. The Sotelo family provided financial assistance to help start the Tempe Normal School, which would become Arizona State University. In 1872, Hispanic laborers joined together in an effort to form a new settlement. With the help of William H. Kirkland, who donated 80 acres of his land, Mexican families had a place they could call home, named San Pablo.</p> <p>Second suggestion: Howard Pyle, past Governor of Arizona. Pyle was an NBC correspondent in the Pacific Theater of Operations in the Second World War, where he prepared a radio program comprising interviews with Arizonans in the military services in various combat zones. He also reported the Japanese surrender, the American occupation of Japan, and the World Security Conference at San Francisco. In addition to his official and professional posts, Governor Pyle was active in civic affairs and occupied numerous chairmanships and directorships in community service and philanthropic organizations, including the Western Governors' Conference, the Tempe Historical Society, the Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, the Arizona Boys' Ranch, Tempe's Chamber of Commerce and United States Bicentennial Committee, and the Phoenix Stock Show.</p>
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	<p>It is very sad that street names, park names and school names are being changed by recent outsiders who moved to Tempe and are offended by history. I spent most of my 73 years in Tempe and never was a member of the KKK nor support their mission. At the same time, the names a minority group is trying to erase from history built what is Tempe. Let's knock off the PC rhetoric and look at other ways to make our community better.</p>
	<p>Elijah McClain should be a memorial namesake for either a street or park. He was a young african boy who was killed by the police but Im not going to focus on that. McClain's kindness while he was alive I feel exemplifies the type of humanity everyone should strive for, and keeping his name alive thru a memorial park or street would serve as a reminder to always be as kind as he was and would be an appropriate replacement considering the names we're replacing. He played violin for shelter animals and I think replacing the hateful connotation of the KKK with his legacy of kindness would be an excellent message demonstrating our values.</p>
	<p>I would like to recommend the name of Dr. George Sanchez for a street or city park. He was a Optometrist in Tempe and a very involved member of the Tempe community. He donated time, service and money to the community of Tempe. He was a veteran and he also volunteered and was extremely kind to everyone he came into contact with. He was a member of a band. He worked, and volunteered well into his 80's. He truly made Tempe a better place to live!</p>
	<p>I would like to recommend a street of park be named after Dr. Lattie Coor. Being the President for many years of Arizona State University, and Arizona native. He is such a positive influence on the University and an inspirational role model. He is an extremely kind and thoughtful man. He dedicated many years to the community of Tempe and ASU. He had a tremendous memory and could remember minor details about people he came into contact with. He was so very kind, he is the model of a person who should represent the history of Tempe.</p>