

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	Tommy Arriaga was a Tempe firefighter and died from cancer line of duty. He was a resident of Tempe and his widow and two daughters still are. He was an incredible firefighter, father, husband, and man. Thank you.
Harelson Park	Michelle Brooks Totress. Michelle is an African-American woman that has been instrumental in working with the city and Tempe schools.
Hudson Lane	Waist of money
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Hudson Lane	The Sotelo name was a long standing family in 1871 in Tempe, Az to help clear the Hardy irrigation canal in Tempe and instrumental in the canal system in Tempe for the farmers to raise crops.
Hudson Lane	The Soza and Lee families were among the first families in Tempe, paving the way for the Tempe we love today.
Hudson Lane	Totress Park
Hudson Park	I am a resident in Hudson Manor and I have children who have grown up having "Hudson Park" in our neighborhood. There are several generations of families that have identified with the neighborhood and park as being "Hudson". I disagree with delving into the past and changing names of places that no longer have any association with the original reason that the name was given. Everyone that has lived in this area over the past 50 years association the name of Hudson Park with that of the neighborhood it is next to and the developer who built the neighborhood. That being said, I think the name Hudson should stay in the name and should be amended to C. HUDSON PARK OR CLAY HUDSON PARK.
Hudson Park	Cancel culture Boulevard
Hudson Park	Soza is a longstanding Tempe and Arizona family name. My great grandparents (Juan and Perfecta Soza) homesteaded on the northeast corner of Rural and Apache until their deaths in the 1960s. Juan Soza was once a deputy for Carl Hayden. Their children Henry, Harry, John, Julia, Amanda, and Susie lived most of their lives in Tempe, as did their children. My grandparents (Henry and Victoria Soza) lived near the Hayden Flour Mill, where, beginning in 1924, my grandfather worked for many years. My mother, Henrietta Soza Aguilar, grew up in Tempe, returning in 1960 until her death in 2021 to live in the house where my father still lives today. She worked in the ASU Athletic Department for 25 years, becoming a beloved mentor and friend to athletes and coaches alike. Our entire family loves this great city, choosing to make our homes and raise our families here. Since the late 1800s, long before Arizona was even a state, the Soza family has been a fixture in Tempe. It would be fitting to honor that name.
Hudson Park	The Soza/Lee was a family that homesteader land in the early 1800's of Tempe located from Apache Blvd and Rural Rd to the old Creamy Rd near University.
Hudson Park	<p>Jose Maria Soza was a Second Lieutenant assigned to the Royal Spanish Army in the Presidio of Tubac (formerly Spanish Territory). He was later reassigned to the Presidio in Tucson as Patron del Pueblo de Tucson, 1797, and Administrador de Mission Tumacacori, 1831.</p> <p>In 1871, four generations later, Juan Soza (1851-1915) arrived in Tempe and homesteaded land along Rural Road and Apache (Then Arizona Territory. Arizona became a State in 1912). Juan Soza, married Jesus Maria Sotelo (1856-1936). They had ten children. His son, Juan Sotelo Soza (1877-1969) married Perfecta Vasquez and had six children. Juan Sotelo Soza lived on Rural Road until 1969. His grandchildren still live in Tempe, Mesa and Phoenix.</p> <p>Juan was a teamster with four horses and two wagons which he used to help clear land for farmers. He also helped excavate the Hayden Canal which gave him water rights for his land. Juan also delivered materials and supplies that contributed to the building of Roosevelt Dam. Juan was a deputy for Carl Hayden and helped deliver the Hispanic vote for Hayden's successful run for the Arizona House of Representatives.</p> <p>I, John Aguilar, married Juan's granddaughter, Henrietta Soza (1934-2021). I had the opportunity to learn about Tempe's history through many conversations with her grandfather.</p> <p>Henrietta and I have six children. Over the years our family has attended many schools in Tempe; Rural, Eight Street School, Tempe Grammar, Mt. Carmel, Tempe High, Marcos De Niza High, McClintock High, NSAA, Tempe Prep Academy, Corona del Sol and Arizona State University.</p> <p>Thank you for considering the name Juan Sotelo Soza for the renaming of Hudson Park or any park or street that you deem appropriate.</p>

Hudson Park	<p>The Soza family has a rich history not only in Arizona but specifically in Tempe since 1871 (prior to Statehood). A founding family that spans seven generations in Tempe is well documented in the Tempe History Museum. In keeping with tradition, the Soza family heritage has been celebrated at Soza Family Reunions for many years, most recently in 2022.</p> <p>As the Great-Great-Granddaughter of Juan Soza, I have personally resided in Tempe for over 60 years. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings and parents who still call Tempe their home, many of us attended Tempe schools as well as Arizona State University. (Go Devils!) We were employed by the City of Tempe, Tempe School District, ASU and numerous Tempe businesses throughout the generations.</p> <p>It would be an honor to celebrate the Soza family name and its many contributions to the City of Tempe to-date and for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration!</p>
Laird Street	<p>Laird Street to Pioneer Street, a name befitting the early settlers of the city of Tempe. It is owing to the cultural legacy of pioneers such as Carl Hayden and others who helped shape Tempe into what it is today. The name itself is not specific to any one person, and is inoffensive as it is used as the mascot for high schools and colleges.</p> <p>Hudson Park to Woods Park, named for our first African-American mayor, Corey Woods. I believe this would not only be suitable because of Mayor Woods' heritage, but also his achievements, and a way of moving forward from the KKK past name.</p> <p>Hudson Lane to O'Odham Street, named for the Native American tribe that used to occupy Tempe prior to Spanish settlement. This is only appropriate because the O'Odham were here first and this would honor their presence on the land but also acknowledge Tempe's long history of habitation.</p> <p>Redden Park to Karl Kiefer Park, Coach Karl Kiefer was the longtime football coach at McClintock and Mountain Pointe high schools, winning 3 state championships at McClintock. Both schools are in the Tempe district. He was a tough but fair coach who at one point was the wins leader among high school football coaches in Arizona.</p> <p>Harelson Park to Kirkwood Park, named for the pioneering punk rock group The Meat Puppets founded by brothers Cris and Curt Kirkwood who were based out of Tempe during their heyday.</p>
Laird Street	<p>De Lucio Street. De Lucios have been students at formerly known Laird Elementary being the 1st middle school grade each year becoming the 1st Laird 8th grade class to get promoted to High school. Having DACA going to ASU & MCC was/is a struggle. Doing so will show how much this community means & will mean so much to me.</p>
Laird Street	<p>Freedom Lane Liberty Drive Justice Plaza</p>
Redden Park	<p>My name is Carter Nacke. I'm recommending that Redden park be renamed Vogel Park after Victor Vogel, a longtime creamery manager, hatchery/drive-in movie theater operator and Tempe resident. His family still calls the city home to this day. I'm heading the research for a history project at Four Peaks Brewing Co and this is what I found out about Victor Vogel:</p> <p>Vogel, born in New York state in 1888, took over as superintendent (basically a general manager) of the Borden Milk Factory 'aka our building' in 1927. An apparent mover and shaker, Vogel also helped run the former Maricopa Creamery in Phoenix when it was also acquired by Borden in 1929. After he left the creamery life, he helped run both the Vogel Hatchery and Vogel Drive-In Movie Theater, both of which were right around the corner from the creamery. Outside of work, we know Vogel loved to play bridge. Like, a lot of bridge. But he also made an impact on Tempe: He was active in several societal groups 'including the Tempe Women's Club, Catholic Ladies Guild and Arizona Central Dairy League 'and president of both the Civics Club and Tempe Rotary Club. Vogel was also instrumental in attracting some of the nation's top tennis players and swimmers to Tempe as part of the Arizona Amateur Athletic Union. Sadly, Victor left this world in 1972 after a long, and by all accounts very happy, life in Tempe. We think he haunts the creamery to this day, but it seems like he had a positive impact on the city.</p>
Redden Park	<p>James E. And Susan Redden Park</p>
Redden Park	<p>Change Redden Park to: James E. and Susan Redden Park. To acknowledge James E Redden and Susan who donated the land, materials and labor to replace the existing school house which was demolished in a storm. This school house ultimately became the first school in the Kyrene School District.</p>

Redden Park	<p>I know that anything I say during the next three minutes will not change your minds or the renaming process which is well advanced. My main purpose of this statement today is to defend the Redden namesake. James E. Redden was the first Redden to arrive in the late 1800's while Arizona was still a territory. James was the driving force to obtain land, materials, and labor in 1889 to build the first school building which was used for 30 years. This needed school was built in 1889, well before the 1921-1925 KKK time frame in question triggering this renaming project. This was such a big deal for Kyrene and the City of Tempe, that a building replica float was entered in Tempe Centennial Parade. With various terms the Reddens have served on the Kyrene school board from 1889 to 1914, 21 years. That is 7,560 days. A significant contribution for sure. In checking records at the Tempe Museum, I found the KKK membership documents of those who purchased the hooded costumes. No Reddens were listed. Two Reddens paid for 2 year memberships in an organization that lasted only 4 years, 1921-1925. Without the hood were they really active members? Today, we really don't know. But we do know that 7,560 board member days is a matter of record. Over the years the Reddens held various board and teacher positions in the Kyrene school district, from 1889 to 1930, a span of 41 years. This all began with James E. Redden's generosity and leadership to build Kyrene's first school, free to the district, 32 years before the KKK arrived in Arizona. We should learn from history, not try to change it. These changes could cost the Tempe taxpayers several million dollars before it's over with. I would like to offer that James E. Redden Park be used as the new name for Redden Park. This appears to be the original naming intent as indicated during the September 30th renaming agenda.</p> <p>Sources: 1) Tempe Historical Museum 2) The KKK in Arizona by Sue Wilson Abbey 3) Kyrene school records 4) The Story of Kyrene by Ben Furlong 5) Redden history by Vetis Redden</p>
Redden Park	<p>Manuela Sotelo Park Sotelo Street Winchester and Maria Sotelo Miller Park Soza Street Soza Park Lee Street Lee Park</p> <p>My family ancestors were the first settlers of Tempe. Manuela Sotelo, Maria Sotelo Miller & Winchester Miller , Jesus Maria Sotelo Soza & Juan Soza and Charlie Lee all homesteaded Tempe in the 1800s. They created the area with irrigation, law and order and education. Manuela Sotelo was the most prominent women in the Territory, homesteaded 160 acres, was a friend of Hayden and let irrigation water run from her property to run the mill, was also an advocate for education and the church .Winchester Miller married Manuela's eldest daughter Maria and helped the town as the most prominent man . Sheriff, proprietor of the Creamery, and Zajanero were just a few of his many talents. He knew Manuela's husband Tiburcio who unfortunately died on the way to homestead Tempe. Juan Soza was a sheriff and helped the community in politics and peace building. Both the Sotelos and the Sozas come from the original colonies from Tubac 1774 and Tucson. The Soza family has had family reunions since the 1970s and are also part of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Lees are one of the first Chinese settlers who owned stores and restaurants.</p>
Redden Park	<p>I suggest James E. Redden be the new name for Redden Park. The Redden Family contributions to the Kyrene District far outweigh a few bad seeds in The Redden Family and completely renaming the park is unjustified.</p>
	<p>Do not rename any streets or parks. This is virtue signaling and has no place in a once diverse, welcoming and tolerant city.</p>
	<p>Figueroa Street or Figueroa Park: My grandparents, Wistano and Luisa Figueroa, came to Tempe in the early 1900s. They raised their large family here and their subsequent generations are still in Tempe. Wistano and his sons farmed much of Tempe, while Luisa's prowess in the kitchen and keeping a home was stellar. My dad, Henry, told me that he was born in the family home under a Tamarac tree on the land where Marcos de Niza HS now stands.</p>
	<p>Charles Hayden was a Tempe man but his namesake street is in Scottsdale?! Let's honor him by renaming one of the streets BTW, these individuals did have racist views, but their views were not out of the bounds of normality then. We have to stop this Presentism bull crud. If we erase the past then how are we going to avoid repeating it?</p>

	<p>We recommend the name of longtime Tempe resident Frank Carrillo. He was a civil rights leader in the east valley and in the state of Arizona. He was a veteran and educator.</p> <p>He was a leader in the League of United Latin American Citizens, or LULAC, where he advocated for equality and equal opportunity. He was instrumental in getting the Tempe Union High School District and as well as other districts to hire minorities. He also worked with a committee that led to President Ronald Reagan signing the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, which created visa categories for migrant workers and granted legal status to undocumented immigrants under certain conditions who had entered the country before 1982.</p> <p>He was also appointed to the Arizona Civil Rights Board. An Arizona Attorney General's Office document lists him as vice chairman in 1985, when the board helped pass a law prohibiting employment discrimination for people with disabilities. He passed in 2020 at the age of 92 while still working on his advocacy and activism.</p> <p>His tireless work for justice and equality in Tempe and in Arizona is the perfect counterpoint to the discrimination and oppression of the group of people whose names are to be replaced. (Sources: Personal knowledge and azcentral.com 01/15/2021)</p>
	<p>Lingerfelt...long time residents of Tempe. Ralph and Carla Lingerfelt were active in the education . Ralph principal at McKemy and then worked in the district office. Carla long time teacher and then principal.</p>
	<p>Tierra (Spanish for Earth - emphasizes Tempe's commitment to sustainability and recognizes the diversity in languages spoken in Tempe), Desierto (Spanish for desert - emphasizes Tempe's natural desert ecosystem and recognizes the diversity in languages spoken in Tempe), Paz (Spanish for peace - emphasizes Tempe's commitment to community belonging, unity, and peace, and recognizes the diversity in languages spoken in Tempe)</p>
	<p>Redden Park renamed to Seedy Park because every year new grass seeds need to be planted. Harelson Park renamed to Pinecone Park because there are many trees which produce. Hudson Park renamed to Wet Park because of the water fixture in the park. Laird Street renamed to Mushroom Street because mushrooms are tasty. Hudson Lane renamed to Dragon Lane because dragons are cool.</p>
	<p>Aguilar is a long-time family name in Tempe, dating back to 1937 when the Juan Aguilar family moved to Tempe. My grandparents (Juan and Concepcion Aguilar) lived the majority of their lives and raised their ten children in the shadow of "A" Mountain. Juan's 37 years of service to the Tempe Elementary School District was recognized in the 1970s when the newly built Aguilar Elementary was named for him. My parents (Henrietta [Soza] and John Aguilar) raised their six children in Tempe, where they all attended, grew, and thrived in the Tempe schools. John worked for the City of Tempe for many years and was an active member of many organizations established to make Tempe a better community for everyone. Henrietta was a dedicated ASU employee for 25 years, and both she and John were active parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Henrietta died in 2021. Several of Juan and Concepcion's children remained in Tempe, raising their own families there. Four of their sons proudly served in the military. Many Aguilars excelled in sports and academia--long-time residents of Tempe will know of their accomplishments. The Aguilar family is proud to have their name mentioned in the Tempe Historical Archives, and a street or park recognition would be a fitting acknowledgement of the contributions our family has made to the community.</p>