

TO: Housing and Neighborhoods Commission

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FROM: Corliss Lee Resident District 5

Regarding: Proposed Renaming of El Dorado Library

I oppose the renaming of the El Dorado Neighborhood Library to the Ernie and Jackie Kell Library because there is no particular relationship between the Kells and this library and also because the current name helps people to find the library. I would support a proposal to rename it the Marie Reidy Neighborhood Library because this librarian gave much to the children of our community teaching them to love books. I would hope there is another more appropriate City asset that could be named to honor Ernie Kell.

This proposal was not announced in our Council woman's newsletter this month and so it was just discovered a couple of days ago on the agenda for the Housing and Neighborhoods commission. **On very short notice** (just two days), a survey posted on the Next Door social media application targeting eastside residents yielded the results below.

Should the city incur the costs of changing the name of the El Dorado Library to the Ernie and Jackie Kell Neighborhood Library?

194 votes

96% opposed

3% in favor

A similar survey was posted in 2017 and the results were as follows.

Poll: Should we leave the library name as it is now or rename it honor the Kell's? (paraphrased)

Of 646 district 5 residents voting:

92% voted to Support keeping the El Dorado Library the same as it currently is

5% voted to support renaming of the library to honor the Kells

2% voted to rename the library after something else 1% voted to rename the library after someone else

Our Council woman Stacy Mungo put up her own survey on the topic in 2017 and then took it down without reporting the results.

In summary, it is clear that the El Dorado Library renaming does not have the support of the surrounding community. It also has the disadvantage of not being a location recognized throughout the City, which would be more fitting to honor our most beloved and well thought of past Mayor Ernie Kell.

Respectfully,

Corliss Lee