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I'm writing in support of changing the name of Troost Ave. I live on the east side of Troost (513 Olive St. KC, MO). My name is Tate Williams and I run a construction company that builds homes and creates opportunities for young people in the construction trades.

Since moving into KC in 2010, the phrase "east of Troost" was one of the earliest KC phrases I learned. I was taught to understand its hidden meaning as "don't go there" or "be aware". It took a few years for me to understand the "Truth" of how that happened to become its hidden meaning and to understand the harm of the legacy of the individual who had that name and those that used that street as a landmark to divide this city by race and redlining.

My family and I stand against the legacy of oppression and separation that "Troost" represents and we highly encourage the name to be changed to "Truth" Ave.

Thank you,

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