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Jeff Becker	Opposition	Email
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From: Steve Archer <soilservice@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: CD ROW-2025-0001 Troost Avenue Naming

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Dear Justin Smith - Staff Planner, 4/28/25

Please thank Marilyn Sanders - City Clerk for sending us the four Post Cards concerning the renaming of Troost Avenue.

This is the 91st year that our family business Soil Service Garden Center has been on 71st and Troost Avenue. Personally this is my 55th year working here helping Kansas City families be successful gardeners. I grew up in south Kansas City, and graduated 45 years ago from the University of Missouri - Columbia with a BS in Agriculture and a business emphasis in horticulture.

One of the purposes of government outside of the basic protection of citizens' rights "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness (owning private property)" as stated in the Declaration of Independence... is to set standards for weights and measurements. Beyond ounces, pounds, feet, miles, seconds, hours, calendars and such we come to naming streets like today's Troost Avenue.

Changing Troost to Truth would not be beneficial to citizens, and would in fact cause both confusion and likely friction to our community. While Dr. Benoit Troost who was an early mayor of Kansas City and reportedly owned slaves, the argument to delete his name would change history. Why do people change history? The underlying reason is to control the future by changing the past. This is commonly referred to as "lying". To change Troost to Truth makes the new Truth actually a Lie.

Today I shared the postcards with some of our 44 employees, and Jason Conaway commented that The Paseo to MLK and back to The Paseo caused expenses of \$14 million in that mess.

Historically George Washington (our greatest president) owned slaves in Virginia. He was unable to free his slaves because laws under English rule had carried over to the new state of Virginia. Washington could (and did) free his slaves only upon his death. It was illegal for him free them during his lifetime. I've read how Washington, after being our first president, would ride six miles to church and then six miles back home on Sundays. He would quietly refuse communion, and was even reprimanded by the minister in front of the congregation for not taking communion. Washington would just quietly leave after each service for his long ride

back home. The reason was he couldn't take communion before GOD while owning slaves (that were illegal for him to free).

Have you ever considered that there are more slaves in the world today than have ever been in history? George Washington fought against slavery as best he could. The United States fought the Civil War to end slavery and set an example for the rest of the world... including England!

The answer is to teach Americans the truth in our history. Changing Troost is a "WOKE" idea that divides us instead of uniting us. Remember how England conquered India... there were hundreds of city states (not one country of India). The British would come in and arm both sides, and then stir up old animosities. After the wars, the British would easily take power. Ninety-four nations have fallen to Communism using this same strategy, including Venezuela. Venezuela was the richest country in South America, and yet it fell in our lifetime and is currently a total mess. Don't follow their example... start by knowing our true history, and by not changing Troost to Truth which would stir up old animosities.

I Await Your Response,

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From: Donald Loncasty <dloncasty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:50 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: hugely in favor of Truth Avenue

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the negativity of the word Troost ... it's time to move on. Troost was a slave owner. The avenue is (and has been) known for its role as a dividing line between racial communities. We got rid of JC Nichols. Time to get rid of Troost.

Don Loncasty
310 W 49th St
KCMO

From: D Clayton <dwc252@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost Renaming Attempt

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NO

Doesn't this require a vote to attempt such a change.

HUGE "waste" of money

David Clayton
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From: Bill Dickinson <bill99d@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost Ave

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Do not change the name of Troost Avenue!

Bill Dickinson
3867 Holmes St

913-558-1461

From: Caleb Smith <calebsmith0319@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 3, 2025 11:06 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Renaming Troost

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Hello,

I am writing in support of renaming Troost Avenue. While moving toward a brighter future away from praising slave owners is a FANTASTIC thing, I have personal reasons as well.

My wife loves taking Troost instead of highways. It's her favorite street in the city. It would bring her to great despair if this street was named to Truth Avenue, and I think it's important for us to come together as a nation to point and laugh at her.

Best regards,

A VERY concerned citizen

From: Natalie Palmentere <nataliejopalm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 3, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost

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Troost was built on the backbone of immigrants in our city. It is a part of our history. Just because it was named after someone and now people have feelings about it doesn't mean that it gets to negate how it was built and by whom. no one condone slavery, but unfortunately, it was a part of our history. These lessons need to be taught to future generations instead of erasing them like it never existed. My husband's Jewish and we can't seem to wrap our head around about what the business owner meant about Jews staying there. Kind of seems like he might have some racism in him wanting to have it changed. Leave history be and learn from it. Or should we erase MLK and pretend that none of that happened either???

From: Ron McLinden <ronmclinden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 3, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: On Re-naming Troost

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Justin--

I will probably not attend the hearing on Tuesday, but I posted my thoughts on Facebook several months ago, and again as a comment on some local media reports:

Let's NOT change the name. Please read my thoughts. Find #rmtroost on Facebook.
RM.May3.2025

--Ron McLinden
Career KCMO Employee, Retired
Formerly with City Planning and Development Department
Retired from Environmental Management Department

From: Reid <wndnroc2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 2:46 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Changing name of TROOST.

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I just wanted to write to you today with my 2-cents worth of feelings on this political nonsense about changing the name of TROOST to TRUTH.

How pathetic are we, to keep bringing up our past and trying to "Cover up reality" of where we came from.

No wonder this Country cannot get over "Racial" issues because politicians make it out to be more worse than it is.

There were slaves in Egypt thousands of years ago. Have you read your Bible? It's a part of history and how we got to where we are today. Yes, there are things we shouldn't be proud of and we should be humbled because of it. Trying to cover up history of our founding fathers of Kansas City, Missouri is NOT the way to go. How do our children learn history?

How much money are taxpayers going to be milked for to pay for all the street signs that have to be swapped out? How about the hassle of dealing with Postal Service name changes for addresses etc?

The people of Kansas City should stop wasting valuable time and money for things that shouldn't be happening.

You all do "Polls" but those can be slanted as well.

You think this will bring "UNITY" but it will not.

Have you all not learned from the last fiasco of trying to change the Paseo name to Martin Luther King?

Stop this silliness and waste of time and money. This City, and Country and World have far, far, bigger issues to deal with then something like this and trying to cover up the past history with just a name change.

Thank you for your time.

R. Lerner

From: sbrewer@kc.rr.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Renaming Troost Avenue?

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To The KC City Council: **This debate is a colossal waste of time, effort, and money.** No one of any consequence thinks about the fact that Mr. Troost owned slaves more than 100 years ago. Changing the name of Troost Avenue is simply an empty gesture of woke virtue-signaling that does nothing to improve the lives or fortunes of the citizens of Kansas City. The City Council should quit wasting time and money chasing ghosts of the past, and focus instead on addressing the current pressing needs of our city: homelessness, poverty, crime, and the terrible condition of the city's roads and streets, which resemble those of a third-world country. SB

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From: david zagalik <davorama_00@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 11:35 PM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost Renaming

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We really need your help to preserve the complicated history of Troost Ave .
There is so much misinformation about Dr .Troost and the creation of one our nations
misunderstood Avenues in America.
Troost must be preserved not only for its historical significance to the Civil Rights
movement in America, and Kansas City, but also a living testament to how much and how
far we've come.
History should be never allowed to be erased.
I'm asking you all for your help to preserve Troost now ,and the future
Thanks for taking the time to read this and participate in this effort.
I feel this process has been flawed since 2022
February of last year when Council Woman Robinson was told she had to approach a
different department for her request other than a City Council ordinance. No one expected
this abuse of power.
I am dumb founded how Robinson is handling the renaming of Troost to TRUTH
There was no legitimate notification to the City Council meeting except through a one bulk
mailing received Wednesday
Normally with a name change the city sends a certified letter to each property owner
None of these steps were taken.
I was reminded that this same individual was behind the Paseo fiasco that blew up in Qs
face .
The City Council knows there is opposition from actual property owners and surrounding
neighborhoods.
There were zero previous notifications either official or unofficial.
Robinson tried to gain interest only through Facebook.
I would like to see copies of the certified letters or first class mailing to each parcel owner
I'm sure none exist.
Regardless law suits will be filled if The City Council decides to proceed.
What is most disturbing is Chris Goode told a media podcast , that this was a done deal,
the money has been allocated, and the 5/6/2025 meeting was just a formality and
Robinson walked this through for approval.
We believe this has been a marketing campaign for Ruby Jeans , having people come to his
buisness ,sign the petition.
Goode also painted a billboard on his building saying TRUTH not Troost.

We believe the Council Woman Robinson violated her oath and there are egregious Ethics Violation , and a full investigation needs to be initiated involving her involvement with the name change, her buisness relationship with Ruby Jean llc.

The fact that the ordinance for the name change wasn't posted until the morning of 5/5 .

Mr .Goode was also involved with the Paseo fiasco also involving a name change.

The public opposition to the name unnecessary name change ,but they are outraged by Council Woman Robinson's abuse of her position and has tarnished the image of the City Council and Mayor.

Sincerely,

David Zagalik

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Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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From: Helena <helena@zionfire.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:21 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: troost rename DONT DO IT

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Hi Justin,

I am a long-time resident of Longfellow neighborhood and live near to Troost.

I am against renaming that street to anything else.

Aside from the dopey-ness of the name (Truth) that is being discussed, it is being ignored that Troost has an important place in Kansas City history. Maybe its not a pleasant history, but history should not be erased. It should be used to remember what has happened good or bad, and those remembrances can inspire people to make better choices going forward.

The name change is an unnecessary burden on Troost business owners that will have to finance all the rebranding and costs that go along with that. It is not fair to them....and I would think that would be especially important if your goal is to build up that area. If they are investing in reprinting and signage, they are using monies that could go to building their businesses in a practical way. Why not put this energy into something that would actually benefit the black community instead of making silly street name changes.

This same attempt at political activism and political posturing failed in the renaming of the Paseo. Thankfully, reason won out in that case. Hopefully the same will happen here.

Thankyou,
Helena Thomas

From: Matt Muehlebach <MattM@TimberKing.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:29 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Please leave Troost Ave as Troost Ave

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This stupid woke stuff drives me crazy.

We have to stop erasing the past.

He was a good developer of Kansas City and deserves the recognition.

Regards,

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From: HPDG KC <hpdgkc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:38 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost Renaming Statement

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I am a long time resident and property owner on Troost for 46 years. I have spent

countless time and energy to improve the street without help from big banks or grants.

In that time I have learned much about Kansas City. Every day I am more and more

frustrated with how our city council does not have all the residents in their best interest but

instead a chosen few get special treatment. Concerning the renaming of Troost.

It appears the proper procedure has not been followed to change a street name in Jackson county:

To officially change the name of a street in Jackson County, Missouri, a petition

must be filed with the Jackson County Planning and Development Division, along

with supporting documentation and a filing fee. The petition needs to be signed by

all affected property owners and includes reasons for the name change. At least

66% of affected property owners must sign the petition for the process to be initiated.

I have seen one facebook post with an Unofficial survey that I took approximately about

two years ago. It was designed/worded in such a way that it skewed towards Mr.

Goode's Narrative .

Mr. Goode stated 52% of the 1247 people from the survey were in favor of the change.

How many of these 52% were actual property owners on Troost? According to Jackson

County, you have to be a property owner to sign the petition, and there must be 66% of

property owners in agreement to change the name.

I have been in contact with numerous Troost property owners, and none of them have

agreed to the name change and provided their signature for the name change. Some of

them did not even know about the effort to change the name.

So the name change according to Jackson County can go two ways by a petition that

66% of the property owners agree on , That is unless the City Council

decides they wish to change it?

There is the South Troost Post Office, There is Troost Highlands Sub-division,
There

is Troost 39 Thrift Store, Troostwood and NUMEROUS other entities with the
Troost

name.

This change will cost the property owners and tax payers money, it will cost
money in

these times with the uncertainly of the economy. City hall is cutting free bus
service to

those that really need it and cutting IRIS, then reinstating it due to public outcry.

All the While providing free street car service to those on main street that really
can

afford to pay a dollar for the service, none of this just does not make sense.

I do not believe changing of the Name Troost to Truth is financially viable for one thing.

So Let me get this correct, the reason for the name change is that Troost owned a

handful of slaves that were treated like family members, and he was complicit about

murderers and rape by other slave owners. Mind you slavery was not illegal at the time,

In fact Mr. Troost's grandson (Nathan) fought in the Union army against slavery.

Also The Troost family lived over 150 years ago, is not a justification in my opinion to

change the name of the Street.

There are many more problems concerning Troost, that are more important then a name

change that should be addressed before we waste more money on this.

Proper procedure was not followed by Councilwoman Robinson, and there should be an

Ethics investigation opened into this entire matter. Not only by the city but also Jackson

County.

Also why has the city allowed one person to choose a new name without any of the

property other owners input? There should be no special privileges for the chosen few.

Mr. Goode has been the Judge, and Jury of this Matter all the while

promoting his business with tons of free advertising under the reason of Truth.

Which sounds more like Selected Truth, or Convenient Truth to Me.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Joseph Balano

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From: jeff Becker <jbecker115@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Smith, Justin
Subject: Troost Ave. to Art Ave
Attachments: [Troost Ave to Art Avenue.2.2.pdf](#)

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Hi Justin,
Attached is a PDF of the Troost Ave to Art Ave concept.
I added my info to the first page of the document. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks a bunch.

Jeff Becker
816-916-8970



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Art:

- Provides voice to the ignored
- Generates opportunity
- Cultivates pride
- Revives community



CELEBRATE MUSICAL ART



Mind blowing Jazz! For sure! But don't stop there. I cannot try to make a list, because it is sure to fall short of all the remarkable artists making music in this town.

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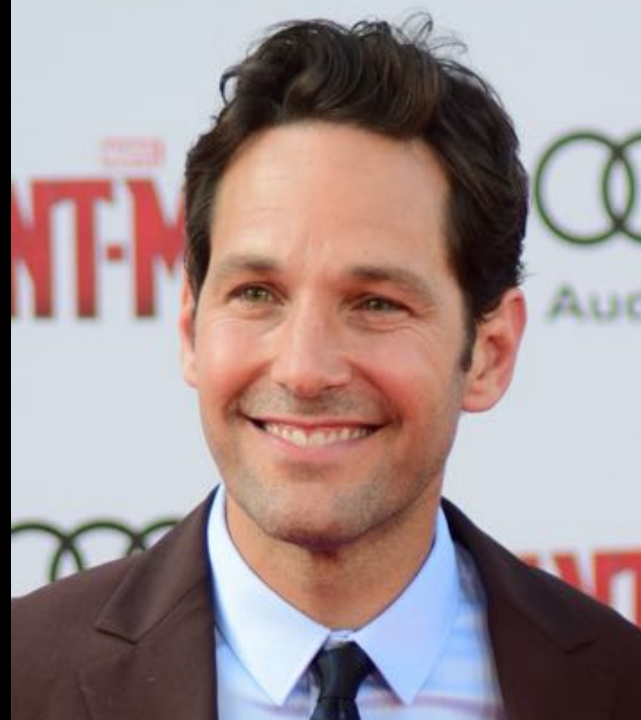
“It's great to be in a film that's able to have people really want to become socially conscious, to walk out of the theatre and want to do something.”

Don Cheadle



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From Walt Disney to Robert Altman, and A-List actors like Paul Rudd to Jason Sudeikis, and award winning Superbowl commercials, Kansas City has a strong and growing film industry.





ART GARDENS

Even those of us that are not good at growing green things love to see green things grow. From beautiful flower and art gardens that feed our soul, to beautiful fruit and vegetable gardens that feed bodies. Growing gardens can remind of us our history, provide times of peace, and gives us a moment of pride when feeding our neighbors and friends.

ART AVE.

Thank you for bringing light to the name and history of Troost Avenue. Because of you we get a chance to reimagine an entire part of our city and what it can be. Truth is very important. Truth is what should be told about our past. And, it sounds very similar to Troost.

Maybe we can make a hard break from Troost, and have the name be an invitation for all to speak truth with their creative voices.

From: Christine Baldin <cmbaldin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:47 AM
To: Smith, Justin; Robinson, Melissa; Ross, Lisa; Bunch, Eric; Iden, Marissa; wes.rodgers@kcmo.org; Minardi, Lisa; Lucas, Quinton
Subject: OPPOSITION to Renaming Troost

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Dear Council Representatives,

I would like to formally go on record in strong opposition to the proposed ordinance to rename Troost Avenue to Truth Avenue. I believe this initiative represents a significant and unnecessary misuse of taxpayer funds. There is no tangible benefit to the community from this change, and these resources could be far better allocated—particularly toward addressing the urgent needs of our homeless population.

As a taxpayer in Kansas City, Missouri, I have a vested interest in how city funds are spent. I pay property taxes on the following addresses:

- 528 Troost Ave – Unit A & Unit B
- 529 Troost Ave
- 531 Troost Ave – Unit A & Unit B
- 533 Troost Ave – Unit A & Unit B
- 535 Troost Ave – Unit A & Unit B
- 541 Troost Ave
- 534 Tracy Ave
- 521 Tracy Ave
- 516 Tracy Ave
- 518 Tracy Ave

- 1049 E. 5th St.
- 3110 NW 59th St.
- 1060 Union Ave

As a property owner and taxpayer, I urge the Council to reconsider this ordinance and instead prioritize initiatives that provide real, measurable support to vulnerable populations in our city.

Sincerely,

Christine Baldin
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