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Thank you for the honor to stand up for Troost Ave, and on such expedited notification.

I want to say upfront that I'm 100% against the renaming of Troost to TRUTH. Renaming Troost is a superficial way to address racial inequality, or even the fragile civil rights of the LGBTQ and other marginalized communities.

I strongly feel if you erased Troost, its any easy way to feel innocent of the past ,including slavery and segregation. It's easy learn and repeat the past.

Not changing street names ,even those of slaveholders allows a complete understanding of slavery, abolition, segregation, Jim Crow, racial covenants ,LGBTQ and women's rights.

The focus of Troost should be education of slavery and the bumpy road to civil rights in Kansas City.

Currently we are witnessing a war on history, attacks on our Constitution, especially the 5th and 14th Admendments , the blood and sweat equity of those who without fear fought for civil rights in Kansas City.

Renaming Troost is denialism of our past .Troost has become one of the last iconic streets in our nation that exemplifies the Civil Rights struggles of the Midwest.

We need broader criteria other than slavery ,race and gender to erase a street name.

Troost is living history, it's legacy is noble in the fact that Troost is where we stand on civil rights in America, past ,present and future.

One struggle is no better than another struggle to exist.

I'm asking that the name Troost be withdrawn, and simply allow this beautiful historic street to continue it's journey.

TROOST IS ALIVE !

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