MOTION

Lawrence "Nativo" Lopez was a Chicano political leader and immigrant rights activist in the City of Los Angeles and Southern California. Lopez was the founder and president of the Mexican American Political Association and the executive director of the Hermandad Mexicana Latinoamericana (formerly the Hermandad Mexicana Nacional), a community service and advocacy organization for Mexican-American immigrants in California. His activism for immigrant rights started in Pico Union under the tutelage of immigrant rights champion, Bert Corona. His importance in Los Angeles politics has been compared by the Los Angeles Times to that of Al Sharpton in New York and Jesse Jackson in Chicago.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename Pico Union Vest Park, located at 1827 South Hoover Street, to Parque Nativo Lopez, in memory of Lawrence "Nativo" Lopez and in recognition of his contributions to Los Angeles and Southern California.

PRESENTED BY: GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

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