



June 17, 2019

The Honorable Michael Julian Bond
Atlanta City Council
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Dear Michael:

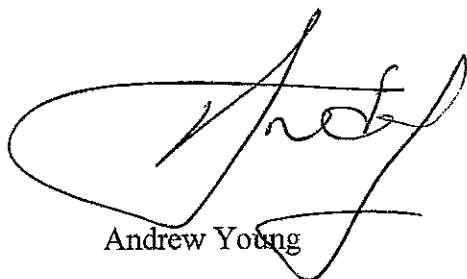
It has come to my attention that a move is afoot to change once again the name of Rodney Cook Sr Park at Historic Vine City. I strongly support the current name. Please do not change it again.

I have seen this project evolve in the last nine years and we need to finish it up the same way it was envisioned — to bring together people from all walks of life and, in peace, learn from each other under the aegis of a Native American Chief Tomochichi.

As I said at the park groundbreaking, Rodney Cook was my friend and our friendship continued after we ran against each other for Congress. His work on behalf of African-Americans at a time when this was not easy, was exemplary. His speech in the Georgia Capitol calling for the immediate removal of the Peyton Road Barricade compelled the KKK to burn a cross on his lawn. His efforts on behalf of Councilman Bond's father were brave and he only had four others who stood with him in Julian's defense. The Supreme Court ruled they were in the right. Rodney Cook bled for us.

Please do not change the park name. It stands for The Atlanta Way.

Peace and Blessings,



Andrew Young

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