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Councilman Michael Julian Bond
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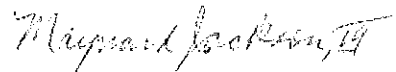
Dear Councilman Bond,

I have been following the development of Rodney Cook Sr. Park for many years. Is there really a serious move to change the name of the park? I strongly oppose such efforts and request the name remain the same.

At a time when many cities across the United States were burning with unrest, Rodney Cook Sr. worked with the African-American community to keep this city from the same fate. Black Atlanta took notice, as did the KKK. Cook, despite threats from opposing forces, remained resolute in his mission to preserve the peace of Atlanta. Also, Cook's wife worked closely with my father to save the endangered Fox Theatre.

This park peace narrative is uniquely ours. Construction will likely be completed this year after a 9-year campaign. Please do not change the name.

Sincerely,



Maynard Jackson, III