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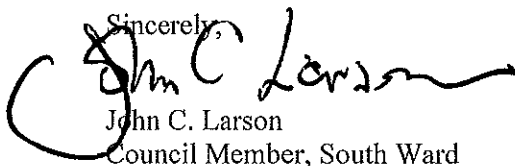
Dear Mr. William Royston:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission to name the Salem Creek Strollway Bridge that links the Southeast Gateway Development and the Southeast Gateway YWCA to the Molly Leight Crossing. Currently, the bridge does not have a name but given former Councilmember Leigh's dedication to the City of Winston-Salem, the South Ward, and Recreation and Parks, I feel it would be a proper way to honor her many years of service.

Councilmember Leigh retired from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Bowman Gray School of Medicine and was elected as a City of Winston-Salem Councilmember in 2005. While on City Council, she served as Chair of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee, Member of the Public Safety Committee, Member of the Emergency Management Advisory Board, Member and Past President of the Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance, Board member Rebuilding Together of Forsyth County, Chairman of Old Salem Landscape Restoration Committee, and past member of Steering Committee of Operation Impact. In 2011, Molly Leight was instrumental in the Recreation and Parks Department's ability to obtain 17.53 acres of land adjacent to the City's, then undeveloped, quarry park property. After the property was gifted to the City of Winston-Salem, the Recreation and Parks Department was able to continue their master planning efforts for the site and provide a direct connection from Waughtown Street to Reynolds Park Road.

I hope that you will look upon this request favorably and present this to the full commission at the next meeting. Upon approval by the commission, I know it must be presented to the Winston-Salem City Council for final approval.

Sincerely,


John C. Larson
Council Member, South Ward

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