

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 1, 2022 (Consent)

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Ben Fyffe, (915) 212-1766

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 7

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural & Educational Environments

**SUBJECT:**

Approve a resolution that City Council accepts the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and hereby approves the renaming of the Yucca Park, located at 7975 Williamette Avenue, within the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as "Ralph T. Cloud Park"; and that CJ Cloud, ("Applicant") shall incur the customary costs associated with the renaming of the park.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Applicant C.J. Cloud, working with District 7 Offices of Representative H. Rivera gathered sufficient signatures to re-name Yucca Park after his father, the late Ralph T. Cloud. The re-naming meets policy criteria, allowing for renaming for non-living individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their community. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the re-naming on February 9, 2022. Per process, the re-naming comes before Council for final approval.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

As part of the Parks & Recreation Naming Policy, City Council is final approval on any re-naming of parkland or facilities.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?** X YES \_\_\_ NO

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**THAT** City Council accepts the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and hereby approves the renaming of the Yucca Park, located at 7975 Williamette Avenue, within the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as “Ralph T. Cloud Park”; and

**THAT** CJ Cloud, (“Applicant”) shall incur the customary costs associated with the renaming of the park, such as installing or replacing signs with the park name or any other signs posted or affixed to a facility. Any proposed signs shall be reviewed and agreed upon by both the Parks and Recreation Department and Applicant, (District 7).

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Danielle Escontrias

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Danielle Escontrias  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin E. Fyffe, Managing Director  
Cultural Affairs and Recreation



**City of El Paso  
PARK NAMING/CHANGING  
Application**



**Applicant Information**

**Please print or type the information in black ink**

Applicant Name: CJ Cloud  
 Mailing Address: 7820 West Dr. City: El Paso, TX Zip: 79915  
 Home Phone:                      Work Phone:                      Cell Phone: (915) 1037-0077  
 Email Address: cjcloud53@yahoo.com  
 Organization: Yucca Neighborhood Association  Non-Profit

**Proposed Name / Change**

Park/Facility Location/Address: 7975 Williamette Ave El Paso TX 79907  
 Current name of Park or Facility: Yucca Park  Not Applicable

Suggested Name: Ralph T. Cloud Park

Category:

- Outstanding Individual(s)  
*Acknowledges the sustained contribution that has been made by such individual(s) to the City of El Paso and/or the development and management of the City's park and recreation system.*
- Common usage Identifying the Neighborhood  
*Acknowledges the geographic location or common name that gives a particular identity to a neighborhood.*
- Historical Event, Person, Place  
*Preserves and honors the history of El Paso, its founders, other historical figures or local landmarks.*
- Natural or Geographical Feature to the area  
*Acknowledges a prominent or unique natural or geological feature in the surrounding area.*
- Benefit/Organization Acknowledgement  
*Major gift, acknowledges the significant benefit of a donation*
- Other  
*Describe:*

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
STAFF ONLY**

Date Received at PARD Admin: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date District Rep. Notified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Committee Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of PRAB Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of City Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_





## PARK NAMING/CHANGING



### Supporting Documentation

Suggested Name: Ralph T. Cloud, Park

Please provide a written narrative that supports the nomination for consideration. If proposing to name a park or facility after an outstanding person, a biography must also be attached and include material that identifies the individual's significance and notable reputation in the City of El Paso.

See attachments.

Attach additional pages if needed. Supporting documentation is encouraged for all applications to help justify why this name should be chosen.



PARK NAMING/CHANGING FORM



Citizen Support

Proposed Name: Ralph T. Cloud Park

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination; include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Yoseline Lopez	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-258-6707	<i>Yoseline Lopez</i>
Tamara Smith	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-352-5174	<i>Tamara Smith</i>
Alessandra Herrera	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-282-4805	<i>Alessandra Herrera</i>
Silvia Lopez	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-282-4793	<i>Silvia Lopez</i>
Janet Valdez	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-249-2912	<i>Janet Valdez</i>
Alejandro Malacans	319 Lafayette Dr #104	915-600-3700	<i>Alejandro Malacans</i>
Veronica Lopez	849 Lafayette Dr #104	915-263-1913	<i>Veronica Lopez</i>
Albal Suarez	840 Lafayette Dr	283-25-26	<i>Albal Suarez</i>
Ney Pinon	736 Memphis	472-2280	<i>Ney Pinon</i>
David Olivas	696 Hilton Ave.	572-8009	<i>David Olivas</i>
Josephine	8016 Stanford	915-288-8119	<i>Josephine</i>
Belva	8016 Stanford	915-288-8119	<i>Belva</i>
Deanna	8016 Stanford	915-288-8119	<i>Deanna</i>
Travis	8032 Harris	915-322-5805	<i>Travis</i>
Elizabeth Sanchez	9130 Prairie	915-771-8100	<i>Elizabeth Sanchez</i>
Patty Hebling	8128 Rogers Rd	915-564-3933	<i>Patty Hebling</i>
Corina Beltran	8128 Rogers	915-252-4249	<i>Corina Beltran</i>
Sandi L. Burris	8107 Callison Rd	915-588-3575	<i>Sandi L. Burris</i>
Drusilla A. Madrid	8107 Callison Rd	915-998-7042	<i>Drusilla A. Madrid</i>
Josie O'Connell	10105 Homeland	915-331-0325	<i>Josie O'Connell</i>





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Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Auburn C. Aguilar	1440 Michalansolo	(915) 305-7385	Auburn C. Aguilar
Julio A GARCIA	1020 FROY PL	915 591-8830	Julio A. Garcia
Fernando Gomez	1024 Froy PL	(915) 238-4757	Fernando Gomez
Maria E Gomez	1024 Froy PL	(915) 238-4757	Maria E Gomez
ANTONIA O GARCIA	1020 FROY PL	915 591-8830	Antonio O Garcia
Leticia Sanchez	849 Lafayette	915 250-7807	Leticia Sanchez
Lorena Cisneros	849 Lafayette	(915) 241-9676	Lorena Cisneros
Belen Ramirez	849 Lafayette	(915) 276-2109	Belén Ramirez
Adrian Espinoza	849 Lafayette	915 251-1555	Adrian Espinoza
Lorena Rodriguez	849 Lafayette	915 591-8830	Lorena Rodriguez
Vianey Loizaola	849 Lafayette	415 213 9265	Vianey Loizaola
Kristen de la Cruz	849 Lafayette	915 6 218187	Kristen de la Cruz
Rita Cival	849 Lafayette	915 292 9193	Rita Cival
AMERICA MUNOZ	849 Lafayette	—	AMERICA MUNOZ
Francisco Lamas	849 Lafayette	915 598 0016	Francisco Lamas
Gertrudis Jimenez	849 Lafayette	(915) 926 7115	Gertrudis Jimenez
ARGENTO AYALA	849 LAFAYETTE 3B	915 270 2238	Argento Ayala
Leticia Torres	849 Lafayette	915 224-8302	Leticia Torres
Juan Gonzalez	849 Lafayette	—	Juan Gonzalez
Yolanda Salazar	741 Hemphill Ct	715-598-3808	Yolanda Salazar





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Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Crystal Meyer	1049 Francine	915 525 3239	<i>Crystal Meyer</i>
Lynette Meyer	1049 Francine	915 746 4991	<i>Lynette Meyer</i>
Edith Cloud	1043 Fray	915 269 8110	<i>Edith Cloud</i>
Ralph T. Cloud Jr	1049 Francine	915 588 4406	<i>Ralph T. Cloud Jr</i>
Dorothy Anderson	1043 Fray Pl.	915 988 1324	<i>Dorothy Anderson</i>
Wanda Jean Ford	1043 Fray Pl	915 313 2150	<i>Wanda Jean Ford</i>
Stormy Cloud	1047 Fray Pl	915 731 5705	<i>Stormy Cloud</i>
GENE NUNEZ	7841 WEST DR	915-213-8114	<i>Gene Nunez</i>
STEVE BARBA	7817 West Dr	915 346 8961	<i>Steve Barba</i>
Myra Barba	7817 West Dr	915-498-9446	<i>Myra Barba</i>
Ruby Barba	7817 West Dr	915-478-9451	<i>Ruby Barba</i>
Dolores Barba	1045 Gilman St.	915-407-7107	<i>Dolores Barba</i>
Richard Najera	555 Lafayette	915-740-2333	<i>Richard Najera</i>
Resue Silva	605 Lafayette	915) 251-2844	<i>Resue Silva</i>
Araicia Najera	555 Lafayette	915 240-4422	<i>Araicia Najera</i>
Cornie Woodruff	608 Montecito	915 588-1277	<i>Cornie Woodruff</i>
JAIMIE ABEYTA	111 N YVESBERRY #109	(915) 694-5714	<i>Jaimie Abeyta</i>
PEDRO VALERZ	736 GUNTA WZ CA.	915-744-4001	<i>Pedro Valerz</i>
Salie Greenup	8146 Cook Dr.	915-598-9163	<i>Salie Greenup</i>
Luella Najera	8753 Plains	915-820-7009	<i>Luella Najera</i>





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Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Valerie M. Chandler	10528 Richard St	(915) 666-7584	[Signature]
Amelia Federico	8410 Ligero	915 600 9399	[Signature]
Rafael Cloud	10477 Belmont	(915) 244-5977	[Signature]
Yolanda Hernandez	7737 Adelphi	(915) 593-2038	[Signature]
Estela N. Lopez	249 Olivia Hwy. Dora	915-740-7023	[Signature]
Romelia D. Cloud	1043 Fray Place	915-580-5335	[Signature]
Jessica Hernandez	1371 Adobe	915 422-0893	[Signature]
Robert Chavez	877371 Abbe Dr	915 219 4531	[Signature]
Leticia Cabrera	1048 Mary Pige	915-248-7555	[Signature]
Victoria Lopez	1048 Pinyon	915-691-4015	[Signature]
Nancy Camp	1039 Fray Pl.	(915) 926-0233	[Signature]
Beth Campbell	1039 Fray	915-307-2150	[Signature]
Maria O. Hernandez	1035 Fray	915-633-6365	[Signature]
Jose Hernandez	1035 Fray Pl	915-633-6365	[Signature]
Bianca Cohen	10136 Siga Pre Ar	915-926-9496	[Signature]
Martin Cloud	8108 Lomita	915-497-3162	[Signature]
Ady Cloud	8108 Lomita	915-996-3087	[Signature]
Heather Cloud	8108 Lomita	915-497-7585	[Signature]
Yolanda Cloud	8108 Lomita	(915) 497-3172	[Signature]
Alicia Contreras	1031 Fray Place	(915) 215-9163	[Signature]





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Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
JULIE BLAIR	8110 GULLBERT	915 637 6315	<i>[Signature]</i>
DANA W. LEMES	720 HAMPDEN RD	915 244 2572	<i>[Signature]</i>
SALVADOR PERAZA	10365 DANVERS AVE	910 547 4975	<i>[Signature]</i>
STEVEN SMITH	10525 CONSERV	915 588 3881	<i>[Signature]</i>
KYLE SMITH	10525 CONSERV	915 478 3884	<i>[Signature]</i>
ERIC SCYIC	11691 ANDRINE	915 296 6356	<i>[Signature]</i>
JERIAH GARCIA	1037 STANLEY	915 355 5359	<i>[Signature]</i>
DAN ZAPATA	8001 DISNEY	915 433 0233	<i>[Signature]</i>
CATALINA KIRKON	7311 PERSON	915 433 8781	<i>[Signature]</i>
Vanice Reyes	700 New Vall	(915) 241-0204	<i>[Signature]</i>
Manny Rodriguez	8209 SAGELAND	915 694 8146	<i>[Signature]</i>
LISA GENTLEY	7401 PHOENIX AVE	915-780-3484	<i>[Signature]</i>
JASON CASTILLO	6299 SAGELAND	915-626-9021	<i>[Signature]</i>
Choreo Garcia	4188 mtn	915-626-3026	<i>[Signature]</i>
ADRIAN CASTILLO	1137 FAULTIN	915-474 9614	<i>[Signature]</i>
JULIA SANCHEZ	1139 FAULTIN	915-493 3792	<i>[Signature]</i>
WILLIAM SMITH	7411 MONTNEY	915 329 4532	<i>[Signature]</i>
ALYSSA GARCIA	8116 MARGARET AVE	915-510-0574	<i>[Signature]</i>
	8116 MARGARET AVE	915-258-2677	<i>[Signature]</i>

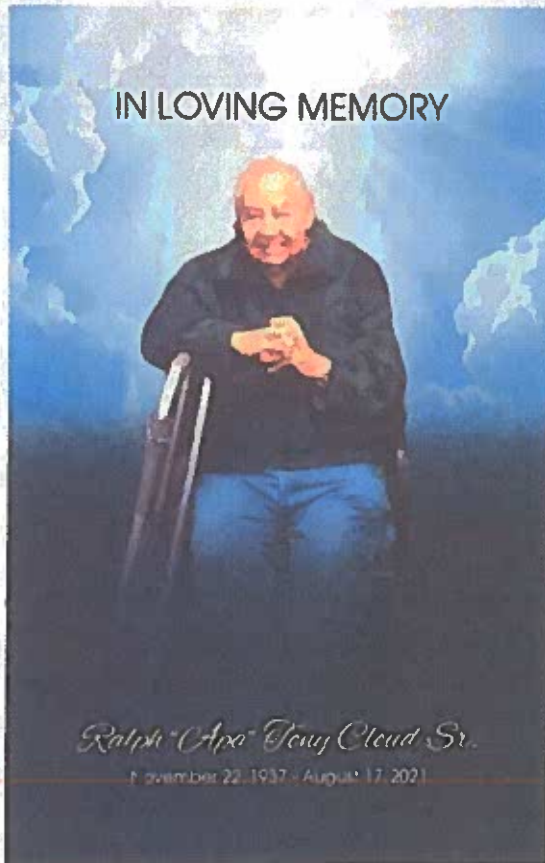






# Ralph T. Cloud

11.22.1937 – 08.17.2021



Mr. Ralph Cloud was born on November 22, 1937, to Ralph Isaac Cloud and Guadalupe Telles, and he grew up in El Paso where he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, then served in the National Guard for eight years.

Mr. Cloud was highly engaged in the community and served as president of the Yucca Neighborhood Association, which he founded in 2007. He further distinguished himself by hosting various events, such as enchilada fundraisers, and by leading area Boy Scout troops. Mr. Cloud also played an instrumental role in establishing a booster club at Hillcrest Middle School to purchase athletic equipment for students. Moreover, he was an avid supporter of the Judge Edward S. Marquez Library and advocated for the development of E. L. Williams Park.

In all his endeavors, Mr. Cloud benefited from the love and support of his wife, Romelia, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage that spanned more than six decades; the couple were blessed with 6 children,

Edward, Ralph, Curtis, Brian, Sandra, and Martin, and with the passing years, they had the pleasure of welcoming into their family 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A rich and purposeful life ended with the passing of Ralph T. Cloud of El Paso on August 17, 2021, at the age of 83. Ralph Cloud will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those fortunate to have known him in any capacity, including through his service as President of the Yucca Neighborhood Association.



## OBITUARY

# Ralph "Apa" Tony Cloud Sr.

NOVEMBER 22, 1937 - AUGUST 17, 2021



IN THE CARE OF

Funeraria del Angel Central

**R**alph Tony Cloud, Sr. "Apa", of El Paso, Texas was born on November 22, 1937. Tuesday August 17, 2021 after 83 beautiful years of life he went to be reunited with his father Ralph Isaac Cloud, mother Guadalupe Telles Cloud, brother Roy D. Cloud and sisters Katherine Cloud and Frances Debrhu. Ralph is survived by his wife of 63 years Romie S. Cloud and six children; Eddie, Ralph "Güero", Bryan Jeffery, Curtis J., Sandra Jean and Martin, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and sister Olga Deguire. Not only was Ralph a dedicated family man and hard worker but he was also a leader in his community.

Ralph was a graduate of Jefferson High School, served eight years in the U.S. Army National Guard and retired from the Southern Pacific/Union Pacific after 36 years. Throughout his life he coached softball, basketball, baseball in the community and was President of the Yucca Neighborhood Association. He always kept the kids' best interests at heart and was a selfless and caring man to anyone he crossed paths with. Always showed support and had faith in everyone. Not only did he love to help others but he was a man who loved to tell jokes and was deeply passionate about the future of his community and always made sure to lead by example.

Visitation for Ralph T. Cloud Sr. will be Sunday August 29th, from 5pm - 9pm with prayer service starting at 7pm at Funeraria Del Angel Central located at 3839 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79903. Funeral service will be Monday August 30th, at 9am at Funeraria Del Angel Central. A committal service will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park located at 4848 Alps, El Paso, Texas 79904.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.FunerariaDelAngelCentral.com](http://www.FunerariaDelAngelCentral.com) for the Cloud family.

### Show your support



#### Send Flowers

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#### Add a Memory

Send a note, share a story or upload a photo.



#### Share Obituary

Let others know about your loved one's death.



#### Get Updates



Sign up for service and obituary updates.



### **FAMILY**

Ralph Isaac Cloud  
*Father (deceased)*

Guadalupe Telles  
*Mother (deceased)*

Romelia Cloud  
*Wife*

Olga Deguire  
*Sister*

Roy D. Cloud  
*Brother (deceased)*

Frances DeBrhul  
*Sister (deceased)*

Katherine Cloud  
*Sister (deceased)*

Eddie Cloud  
*Son*

Ralph Cloud  
*Son*

Bryan Jeffrey Cloud  
*Son*

Curtis J. Cloud  
*Son*



# Proclamation

## City of El Paso, Texas

Whereas, a rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Ralph T. Cloud of El Paso on August 17, 2021, at the age of 83; and

Whereas, Ralph Cloud was born on November 22, 1937, to Ralph Isaac Cloud and Guadalupe Telles, and he grew up in El Paso where he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, then served in the National Guard for eight years; and

Whereas, Mr. Cloud was highly engaged in the community and served as president of the Yucca Neighborhood Association, which he founded in 2007; he further distinguished himself by hosting various events, such as enchilada fundraisers, and by leading area Boy Scout troops; he also played an instrumental role in establishing a booster club at Hillcrest Middle School to purchase athletic equipment for students; moreover, he was an avid supporter of the Judge Edward S. Marquez Library, and advocated for the development of E. L. Williams Park; and

Whereas, in all his endeavors, Mr. Cloud benefited from the love and support of his wife, Romelia, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage that spanned more than six decades; the couple were blessed with 6 children, Edward, Ralph, Curtis, Brian, Sandra, and Martin, and with the passing years, they had the pleasure of welcoming into their family 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ralph Cloud will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those fortunate to have known him in any capacity, including through his service as President of the Yucca Neighborhood Association;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed: by the Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso that November 22, 2021 shall be known as:

**"RALPH CLOUD DAY"**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of El Paso to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, A.D., 2021

  
Mayor Oscar Lecos







EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS



RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, civic engagement and public service takes a variety of forms, and one of the most effective was for elected officials to engage with our constituents is through Neighborhood Associations, which take determination and hard work to organize; and*

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Associations are integral not only to our ability as elected officials to engage, they also are integral to the American ideal of knowing and working with your neighbor toward common good; and*

*WHEREAS, the Yucca Neighborhood Association in the Bel Air area was proudly led and served by Mr. Ralph Cloud for more than 15 years until his passing on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Cloud ran an effective, organized, and productive meeting monthly where he took time to celebrate the neighborhood, especially in support of Bel Air High school; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Cloud would call the offices of the elected officials who represented the area within the Yucca Neighborhood Association boundaries on a monthly basis to ensure we were ready to speak, attend, and/or enjoy a moment in community, often joking with staff that he had just woken them up from a nap; and*

*WHEREAS, one of the great tragedies of the pandemic was not being able to meet in person with Mr. Cloud and so many other civic leaders who sought simply to advocate for, and to serve, their neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Cloud will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him in any capacity, including through his service with the Yucca Neighborhood Association.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that we extend our heartfelt and sincere condolences to the Cloud family, reminding them that Mr. Cloud's service was appreciated by all of us and that his service will continue to live through the community.

**SIGNED**, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021

  
Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

  
Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

  
Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

  
Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

  
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge



## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

In Memory  
of  
Ralph Cloud

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Ralph T. Cloud of El Paso on August 17, 2021, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Cloud was born on November 22, 1937, to Ralph Isaac Cloud and Guadalupe Telles, and he grew up in El Paso with the companionship of four siblings, Roy, Frances, Katherine, and Olga; after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, he served in the National Guard for eight years; and

WHEREAS, In civilian life, Mr. Cloud held a variety of jobs, including working as a janitor at Zavala Elementary School, an auto-glass repairman, an apprentice at BIC Electric, and a deliveryman at Farmers Dairies; he went on to a career with Southern Pacific Railroad, remaining with the company after it merged with Union Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Mr. Cloud was president of the Yucca Neighborhood Association, which he founded in 2007; he further distinguished himself by hosting various events, such as fundraisers and holiday food giveaways, and by leading area Boy Scout troops; he also coached boys and girls Little League teams for several years, and he played an instrumental role in establishing a booster club at Hillcrest Middle School to purchase athletic equipment for students; moreover, he was an avid supporter of the Judge Edward S. Marquez Library, and he advocated for the development of E. L. Williams Park; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cloud benefited from the love and support of his wife, Romelia, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage that spanned more than six decades; the couple were blessed with 6 children, Edward, Ralph, Curtis, Brian, Sandra, and Martin, and with the passing years, they had the pleasure of welcoming into their family 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Ralph Cloud will remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth and generosity, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ralph T. Cloud and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ralph Cloud.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on August 26, 2021, by



## R E S O L U T I O N

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ralph T. Cloud and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ralph Cloud.

Ordaz Perez

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 189 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 2, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House



VERONICA ESCOBAR  
16TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

ASSISTANT WHIP

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AND HOMELAND SECURITY

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HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MILITARY PERSONNEL, VICE CHAIR

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February 10, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Oscar Leeser and City Council Members  
300 N. Campbell  
El Paso, TX 79901

To The Honorable Mayor Oscar Leeser and City Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for the renaming of Yucca Park (District 7) to Ralph T. Cloud Park. Mr. Ralph Cloud's passing on August 17, 2021, was a tremendous loss as he was a tireless leader for his neighborhood and the entire El Paso community. I had the honor of knowing Mr. Cloud personally and can attest to his longstanding service to the El Paso community.

Mr. Cloud served as president of the Yucca Neighborhood Association, which he founded in 2007. He was a beloved leader known for his various community events such as putting together fundraisers and leading area Boy Scout Troops. Throughout his life he demonstrated his generosity by volunteering his time coaching softball, basketball, and baseball in the community. He also advocated for the development of the E.L. Williams Park and Judge Edward S. Marquez Library.

Ralph was a graduate of Jefferson High School and served eight years in the U.S. Army and National Guard. He retired from the Southern Pacific/ Union after 36 years. He was a devoted family man who was married for over 60 years to his wife, Romelia with whom he shared 6 children and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Cloud was a respected and beloved leader who was deeply passionate about the future of his community, and he led by example with his advocacy and engagement. Renaming the park in honor of Mr. Cloud has my highest recommendation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Veronica Escobar  
Member of Congress





**COUNTY OF EL PASO  
DAVID C. STOUT  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT TWO**

February 9, 2022

The Honorable Henry Rivera  
City Council Representative, District 7  
City of El Paso  
300 N. Campbell  
El Paso, TX 79902

Dear Rep. Rivera:

I am writing to express my strong support for your initiative to rename Yucca Park in memory of Mr. Ralph Cloud. Last year, my office wrote the County resolution in recognition of Mr. Cloud's exceptional civic engagement and public service.

Mr. Cloud served the Yucca Neighborhood Association for over fifteen years. He ran an effective, organized, and productive monthly meeting where he took time to celebrate the neighborhood, especially in support of Bel Air High School. He maintained regular communication with his area elected officials as part of the advocacy for his community.

As the elected County representative for this neighborhood, I fully support recognizing Mr. Cloud's longtime service to his neighborhood and dedicating Yucca Park in his memory.

Sincerely,

David C. Stout  
County Commissioner  
El Paso County, Precinct 2

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# *Lily Limón*

February 8, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Ralph Cloud was a lifelong citizen of El Paso who lived in the Bel Air High School area. It was there that he and his wife Romelia raised their daughter and 5 sons. As the children were growing up, he became very active in their athletic activities. That was when he developed a deep love for young people and that is when he became an advocate for the youth of the area.

Every game that his children participated in was of great importance to him. Whether he served as a spectator or as a coach, he was present for all the players. As a great number of teams came and went throughout the years, the players always remembered him as someone that looked out for them. Mr. Cloud was the one that organized activities for them in the summer to make sure that they were busy and were staying out of trouble. As adults, they recognized the deep love and care he had for them.

When his children started at Hillcrest Middle School, he along with other men in the community established a booster club for the school. Over the years, they were able to provide much needed equipment for girls and boys teams. Thanks to this effort, many players were able to participate without the fear of placing an added expense to their parents.

Around 2005 he established the Yucca Neighborhood Association. He was instrumental in mobilizing a large group of residents in looking for projects to better the community. He was closely associated with the development of a life-size chess board and the resurfacing of the two basketball courts at Yucca Park. These are just a few of the many projects he led.

The Yucca Neighborhood Association meetings were the gathering place for many elected officials. It was not uncommon for officials from various areas outside of the Bel Air area to attend the meetings, because they knew Mr. Cloud was a respected man who commanded attention and brought people together.

Around 2007 Mr. Cloud established a scholarship fund for Bel Air Seniors. He had the incredible ability to make a call and be able to have that person offer to sell 10 or more tickets. All proceeds went directly to the students.

As a resident of District 7, I had the privilege of counting myself as a friend of Mr. Cloud. He never hesitated from calling me, my husband, or our home when he wanted to talk. We had a friendly relationship that was filled with humor and love for our community.

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I am pleased and honored to be able to add my letter of recommendation in response to the renaming of Yucca Park to Ralph Cloud Park. This will be a testament to the many young people he worked with throughout his life. Today aside from his 6 children, he has 13 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Every one of them will surely beam with pride every time they are near the park.

The renaming of this park is appropriate at this time. With Mr. Cloud's death I knew that it would only be a short time before this action would come to fruition. Today I wholeheartedly support the renaming of the park and I thank the committee for voting in support of this.

Sincerely yours,

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February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

City of El Paso Parks and Recreational Advisory Committee and  
City of El Paso Council:

The **CORRIDOR20** civic association is pleased to support the request made by Mr. Ralph Cloud's family on renaming yucca park to Ralph T. Cloud Park in his memory.

Mr. Cloud saw the need and benefit from empowering his neighborhood by starting YUCCA Neighborhood Association in 2007. He was an Outstanding Community Leader who earned respect and support of the YUCCA Neighborhood Association members and the Mission Valley community because of his commitment and responsibility to serve.

For the last 14 years, he had organized the YUCCA Neighborhood Association's monthly meetings and formed great partnerships like with the Ysleta Independent School District and specifically with the neighborhood high school, Bel Air High-school. His interests were many and all for the community's welfare, but it was noticeable his interest in the Judge Edward S Marquez Library. He cared about the neighborhood children and youth, having the library always available to use, and enjoyed the services.

His legacy will always be present, and the **CORRIDOR20 civic association** will always appreciate Mr. Ralph Cloud's long-term outstanding leadership and community-driven commitment.

Please consider his family's petition and support the request to rename the current yucca park to the new Ralph T. Cloud Park in the heart of the Mission Valley area.

**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Fabiola Campos-Lopez, Coordinator  
**CORRIDOR20 civic association**





**Date:** February 18, 2022  
**To:** All El Paso City Council members  
**From:** Sylvia Carreon  
**Ref:** Renaming the Yucca Park to Ralph Cloud Park

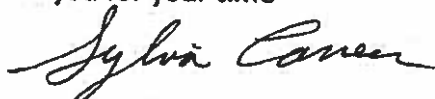
Greeting City Council,

I am Sylvia Carreon, president of the Lomaland Neighborhood Association and the Mission Valley Civic Association. I want to whole heartedly support the renaming of the current Yucca Park to the Ralph Cloud Park in honor of this individual who worked very hard for his community.

I met Mr. Cloud about 40 years ago during our time as coaches for the Longhorn Youth Program. Mr. Cloud was a coach for football and baseball and brought many teams to championships. He started the Yucca Park Neighborhood Association and began getting improvements to his neighborhood and community. His greatest work was when he partnered with the Bel Air High School Booster Club and began conducting fundraisers to help all the athletes in the school and his association. His association created the wall for victims of Family Violence located at the Yucca Park and strongly supported and honored all veteran programs,

Mr. Cloud and had similar goals as I, to make improvements to our neighborhoods and community. He had a strong work ethic supported by this wife and children. I pray and encourage that this City Council approve the renaming of this park to the Ralph Cloud Park.

Thank you for your time



Sylvia A. Carreon



# The Senate of Texas

**César J. Blanco**  
Texas Senator  
District 29

February 28, 2022

El Paso City Council  
300 N. Campbell  
El Paso, Texas 79901

***Re: Letter of Support for the renaming of Yucca Park as Ralph T. Cloud Park***

Dear Mayor Leeser and City Council Members:

Please accept this letter of support for renaming the City of El Paso's Yucca Park as Ralph T. Cloud Park.

Mr. Cloud was an outstanding resident of our community who dedicated his life to assisting others in need and improving the wellbeing of all those around him. To increase community involvement, he founded the Yucca Neighborhood Association in 2007. He proudly led the neighborhood association as president for over a decade—giving residents a forum to discuss common concerns and brainstorm possible solutions. Mr. Cloud was also instrumental in establishing a booster club at Hillcrest Middle School to enrich the academic experience of countless students. It's hard to count the number of lives that Mr. Cloud impacted, as his determinations still resonate today in the community around us.

It is an honor to represent and work with residents of the Yucca Neighborhood during my time as a State Representative and now as Senator, and I feel fortunate to have known Mr. Cloud.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Should you have any additional questions for me, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (915) 595-5955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar J. Blanco".

César J. Blanco  
State Senator  
District 29