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Wendel Whisenhunt, Director
Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department
420 West Main, Suite 210
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Mr. Whisenhunt,

In accordance with the Parks Naming Policy and Process dated January 15, 2003, we the undersigned respectfully request consideration of the city park located at Couch Drive and North Walker Avenue, currently named "Bicentennial Park" be renamed "Larry Nichols Park" in recognition of Larry Nichols, Executive Chairman and co-founder of Devon Energy Corporation.

Larry Nichols has been instrumental in Oklahoma City's Project 180 by designating TIF dollars of Devon Energy Corporation to make public improvements to the downtown area. To date, 140 million dollars have been given to make improvements to downtown streetscape construction to include landscaping, public art, marked bike lanes, decorative street lighting, and additional on-street parking spaces. Moreover, these funds have gone towards significant improvements to the Myriad Botanical Gardens and the surrounding area to include an outdoor amphitheater, landscaping, children's garden and play area, ice skating rink, restaurant, new grand entrance and dog park. A portion of these funds have also been used in the repaneling of the Myriad Gardens' Crystal Bridge, one of Oklahoma City's most unique attractions.

Along with these downtown improvements \$3,052,508 dollars have been provided for the renovation of Bicentennial Park, located in front of the Civic Center Music Hall. Additionally, \$575,400 in private funds have been donated to add a new message center and pavilions to the park. This renovation will provide a park area suited for outdoor concerts, plays, weddings, festivals and leisurely recreation for the surrounding community.

This will be a park that is embraced and used by the community at large. We anticipate seeing school children enjoying educational sessions in the park on a regular basis. This commitment to "community" is one of the important values that remains constant within the Nichols family. The Civic Center Foundation intends to embrace this value and initiate partnerships that encourage personal as well as civic growth and development.

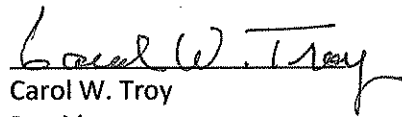
In June of 2010 Larry Nichols was elected Executive Chairman after serving Devon Energy as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 1980. During his career, Mr. Nichols' community service has exemplified his personal mission to promote and improve Oklahoma City. Mr. Nichols currently serves as chairman of the board of the

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National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and Myriad Gardens Foundation. He also serves on the boards of the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute and the Oklahoma Nature Conservancy. Mr. Nichols is past chairman of both the Oklahoma State Chamber and Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a vice chairman for the United Way of Central Oklahoma and was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2001.

As a result of Mr. Nichols' career work and community improvements, we The Civic Center Foundation believe that the renaming of Bicentennial Park to Larry Nichols Park would be a wonderful honor to Larry and his commitment to Oklahoma City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol W. Troy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carol W. Troy
President
Civic Center Foundation