



Petition

Renaming Rio Grande Street to Mel Waiters Way

Dear Citizens of San Antonio,

Mel Waiters was born on June 25, 1956 and raised on the Eastside of San Antonio in the East Terrace Courts on Del Rio Walk off of Rio Grande Street. Mel Waiters found his love for music in the Church, where he began singing in the youth church choir. He graduated from Highlands High School in 1974 and went on to become one of San Antonio’s own famous blues artist. Neighborhoods First Alliance, San Antonio Community Radio, and Mel Waiters Dream Foundation wants to change Rio Grande to Mel Waiters Way because he was a role model to the youth by sharing his musical talents and inspiring groups at local talent shows, teen clubs, in addition to being an athlete in youth sport groups at Lincoln Park Recreation Center. Mel Waiters always gave back to his community by supporting and donating his time to local non-profit groups such as the Eastside Economic Development Council "Take Pride In The Eastside Festival", Davis Scott YMCA "Texas Funfest", Southwest Community Empowerment Center Quality of Life Champion Awards, Greater St. Paul Square Association Summerfest. He also supported our troops by providing entertainment for the U.S. Military Soldiers at Ft. Sam Houston and abroad. While reaching national recognition, he never forgot where he was from and always gave back to his community. It would be an honor for our city to celebrate the life and legacy of one of our city’s pillars of the arts, music, entrepreneurship, and entertainment, by renaming Rio Grande Street to Mel Waiters Way.

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