

Attachment A - Ms. Wilkins' Request to the City Manager (9/11/2023)

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To: Márquez, Miguel <miguelmarquez@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: New Message for Miguel Márquez, City Manager from Keisha Wilkins via City Manager Website Contact Form

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Message Dear Mayor Victor Gordo, Miguel Marquez, Ms. Yannie Wu-Bowman, and Esteemed City Council Officials,

I pen this appeal on behalf of those whose lives have been profoundly touched by the iconic R&B group, Troop, and by the vibrant city of Pasadena, where they found their roots.

Although I hail from the neighboring city of West Covina, the influence of Troop on our community was undeniable. Before Troop, Steven Russell was a local sensation, known far and wide as a Michael Jackson impersonator. Little did we know that this star would become the front-runner of a group that would etch its name into the annals of music history.

Troop's music transcended city boundaries; it became a unifying force that resonated with people across Southern California. Their music was the soundtrack to countless lives, a testament to their ability to bring joy and inspiration through their melodies.

The decision to rename Troop Street is not merely a request; it's an acknowledgment long overdue. It's an opportunity to immortalize the legacy of Troop, a group that has not only represented Pasadena but has touched hearts far beyond. It's a symbol of our gratitude for the music that has shaped our memories and brought our community together.

This appeal is not just a hope; it's an affirmation. An affirmation of Troop's significance in our lives, an affirmation that their music continues to resonate in our hearts. It's a statement that we, the community, stand united in our call for this renaming, for it's a tribute that cannot be denied.

Troop's journey, from a local star to an international sensation, mirrors the aspirations of countless individuals in our community. Their story is our story, their success our inspiration.

I implore you to consider this appeal with the utmost sincerity. The renaming of Troop Street is more than a gesture; it's a testament to the power of music and community pride. It's a tribute that deserves to become a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Keisha Wilkins
CEO, Visionary Entertainment
Marketing & Promotions Manager, The Canyon Montclair
Formerly The Canyon (Rose, Pasadena)
