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Re: Troost Ave Renaming

To whom it may concern,

For writing preparation, I pulled up Google for a quick search on Troost Ave in Kansas City. Top hits on Google when "Troost Avenue Kansas City" is typed in the search bar include:

"Troost Avenue Kansas City Dangerous"  
"Troost Avenue Kansas City Crime"  
"Is Troost Avenue Safe"  
"Troost Kansas City Ghetto"  
"Benoist Troost"

As we can see, the narrative surrounding the entire city street is quite skewed. As one who works for a local business that resides on Troost, who frequents other businesses Troost Ave, who has friends and family who live on and around Troost Ave. I know that the above prompts are not a reality for most. As we all know, Troost Ave. has been Kansas City's dividing line. With it being 2024, isn't it time to change the things that hold us back?

In this present day, we intend to be inclusive, progressive, and more positive. Should we still glorify and cherish a man who did the opposite? Shall we still have our children utter the name of someone who would've looked at them as property? Kansas City is seen as progressive in many areas, this particular area is an area of opportunity. It's an opportunity for the future of Kansas City to showcase the common good that unites us all.

Thank you,  
Marissa Williams

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