

## **The Rosewood Neighborhood Contact Team**

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City of Austin  
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Re: Naming of the Former Chestnut House

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Kenneth Thompson approached the Rosewood Neighborhood Contact Team (RNCT) to request our support for naming the facility being built by the City of Austin for the use of the East Austin Youth Foundation for the following individuals:

- 1) Mr. Lawrence M. Britton, Sr., educator and coach, and one of the founding organizers of the East Austin Youth Foundation;
- 2) Rev. Albert Lavada Durst, announcer for the Austin Senators and one of the first African American deejays in America was also the Athletic Director of the Doris Miller Auditorium;
- 3) Mr. James Howard, one of the founding organizers of the East Austin Youth Foundation and founder of the Greater East Austin Youth Association; and
- 4) Mr. Donald Joseph Spence, first supervisor of the Givens Recreation Center and later instrumental in reestablishing the Historical Juneteenth celebration at Rosewood Park.

At our regular meeting August 19, 2010 RNCT voted to support the naming of the facility after these distinguished gentlemen, who dedicated their lives to youth, the Rosewood neighborhood, and the East Austin Youth Foundation. The naming seems very appropriate and meritorious.

Sincerely,



Jane H. Rivera,  
Chair