

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****October 18, 2022**

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SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW LIBRARY IN DISTRICT 6

The Fort Worth Public Library uses a public submission and vote process to name new libraries. The purpose of this report is to announce that the name of the 2018 bond-funded library at Risinger Road and McCart Avenue will be the **Vivian J. Lincoln Library**.

Mrs. Lincoln, a longtime educator, and first African American principal in the Crowley Independent School District, garnered 2,968 votes. Jacqueline Banks and advocate for the arts and non-profit leader received the second-most votes with 1,619. Names were submitted by the public, with the top five finalists up for voting from September 1 to September 30, 2022. A total of 5,064 votes were received.

Lincoln was born April 13, 1956, in Drew County, Arkansas. She graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1978 and earned a master's degree from Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1994. She loved learning and the field of education, which became her life's work. She taught for a decade in Monticello before moving to Fort Worth in the late 1980s. Lincoln worked at a middle school in Fort Worth Independent School District (ISD) before being hired as an associate principal at Crowley High School. Eventually, she would be named the first African American principal in Crowley ISD. She led Jackie Carden Elementary for 15 years before she retired in 2017 after 39 years in public education. She passed away on May 14, 2022. She is survived by her husband Charles; two children, Matthew Trotter and Melissa Smith; and two stepchildren, Charles Lincoln IV and Hillary Lincoln.

A new library for a booming population

The ceremonial groundbreaking in March 2022 launched construction of the 18,000-square-foot facility, being built at 8901 McCart Avenue. The more than \$9.6 million project was approved by voters as part of the City of Fort Worth 2018 Bond Program. The new library will feature a large meeting room, study rooms, creative lab and a quiet room. The library is expected to open to the public in 2023 and will serve a fast-growing sector of the City.

If you have any questions on this report, please contact Manya Shorr, Director, Fort Worth Public Library, at 817-392-7707 or manya.shorr@fortworthtexas.gov.

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