



January 18, 1989

Ms. Rowena Moore
Director
Malcolm "X" Memorial Foundation
2019 North 20th Street
Omaha, NE 68110

Dear Ms. Moore:

Thank you for your letter recommending the renaming of the North Omaha Freeway to The Malcolm "X" Freeway.

Mayor Walter Calinger has received several excellent suggestions for renaming the North Freeway. Since this is a State highway, the State Highway Commission has the final decision on renaming it. They have informed us that eleven signs on I-480 and I-80 which refer to the North Freeway would have to be replaced with the new name. They estimate the cost of replacing those signs to be \$140,000 and that cost would have to be paid by the City of Omaha. The City does not have funds to cover those costs.

If money could be raised privately to pay for the sign replacement, the Mayor would be happy to appoint a Committee to review all suggestions for-renaming the North Freeway and develop a recommendation for him to pass onto the State Highway Commission.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Lamberty
Director

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cc: Mayor Walter Calinger