The former Douglas Park is a large Chicago Park District park that serves as a cultural and community center on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois. It was named after pre-American Civil War, U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas, but in 2020 the Park District voted to remove that name. Established in 1869 and initially named South Park, its is in the North Lawndale community area with an official address of 1401 S. Sacramento Drive.

On July 22, 2020, in consideration of a student-led petition to change the name, the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners voted to immediately remove the park’s name, beginning a 45-day comment period, with the view that the park will be renamed Douglass Park, for abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

**Population Demographic**
- Total Population: 33,854
- Median Age: 30.4

**Ethnic Demography**
- Black non-Hispanic: 87.4%
- Hispanic or Latinx: 8.8%
- Asian non-Hispanic: 0.2%
- White non-Hispanic: 3%

**Economic Profile**
- Owner Occupied: 18.8%
- Renter Occupied: 58.1%
- Median Household Income: $26,781
- Average people per Household: 3

**Education Statistics**
- No Highschool: 24.5%
- Highschool: 31.2%
- Associate’s Degree: 5.8%
- Bachelor’s Degree: 8.4%
- Graduate Degree: 3.9%

**FUN FACTS**

- **OLYMPIC BID**
  
  Chicago’s 2016 Olympic bid included plans to host the Olympic cycling competitions in this park, including a velodrome and a BMX course.

- **RIOT FEST**
  
  Riot Fest is an annual three-day music festival based in Chicago, Illinois, at Douglas Park. It specializes in rock, punk, alternative rock, and hip hop.

- **LAGUNITAS**
  
  Lagunitas Brewing Company opens their facility to nonprofits for fundraisers to support the community.

- **GYMNASIUM**
  
  Douglas Park is home to one of Chicago’s first outdoor gymnasium and swimming facilities in 1896.

- **MUSIC FEST**
  
  Douglas Park is home to the Chicago Westside Music Festival, a free annual festival created to fill cultural void on West Side of Chicago.