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City of Costa Mesa
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ATTN: Valente Martinez

Dear Mr. Martinez:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to kindly request the opportunity to donate a bench and plaque in memory of my grandfather, Salvador Lara Rodriguez (1948-2024), at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa.

Although my family and I recently moved to Huntington Beach near Fairview, we spent the majority of our lives in Costa Mesa, which we still consider our hometown. My sister and I attended and graduated from Estancia High School, and my brother is currently in high school. Growing up in Costa Mesa, Fairview Park was a special place for our family. We spent countless days there with my grandfather, sharing adventures and celebrating events. It became a cherished space where we created lasting memories with him.

My grandfather was a true lover of nature and deeply appreciated the scenic beauty of the park. Even now, our family continues to visit Fairview Park, finding comfort and joy in a place that meant so much to him. We would be honored to have a bench installed in his memory, accompanied by a standard memorial plaque, to commemorate the special moments we shared with him there. To continue his legacy, we also plan to gather annually at Fairview Park to celebrate his life and the memories he helped us create. During these gatherings, we will remember his words, "Estoy donde la felicidad prospera y abunda," which translates to "I am where happiness prospers and abounds." This phrase beautifully captures his spirit and his love for life.

I have reviewed the City's policies regarding memorial donations and understand the guidelines.

I kindly ask for information about the cost of the bench and plaque, as well as the available locations in Fairview Park where they could be placed.

Thank you for considering our request. We hope to honor my grandfather's memory in a place that held so much significance for him and continues to do so for our family. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Adriana Lopez