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City of Costa Mesa
Public Works Department
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Subject: Request for Memorial Tree Planting for Julian Hernandez

Dear Valente Martinez,

I am writing to respectfully request the planting of a memorial tree in honor of my nephew, Julian Hernandez, who tragically passed away at the young age of 25.

Julian was born and raised in Costa Mesa and loved our city deeply. He was a true force for good in the lives of everyone who knew him. Julian was an Eagle Scout whose character reflected leadership, kindness, and service to others. He built a successful career as a mechanical engineer, yet despite his professional responsibilities, he always made time to coach his young nieces' soccer teams. He brought joy, patience, and encouragement to the children and families around him. He also had a deep love and appreciation for nature.

Julian's roots in Costa Mesa run deep. His grandfather, grandmother, mother, and father have proudly operated a family business in the city for decades, and our family has always cherished being part of this community.

Vista Park holds a very special place in our hearts. It is where our family has gathered for birthdays, holidays, picnics, and celebrations since Julian was a baby. Many of our most treasured family memories were made there, and it continues to be a place of connection and love for all of us.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that a Coastal Live Oak tree be planted in Julian's honor at Vista Park, along with a memorial plaque. We will have a plaque made in accordance with all City requirements.

We hope this tree may serve as a lasting tribute to Julian's life and spirit, while also adding beauty and shade to a park that meant so much to him and our family.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and any guidance regarding the next steps in this process.

Sincerely,

Damian Paez

Julian’s Uncle