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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
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Dear Members of the Board,

I write to you today in support of the proposal to name the new Family Justice Center in Oxnard, located at 545-555 S. A Street, after former Ventura County District 5 Supervisor, and my friend, Carmen Ramirez.

An outstanding advocate and catalyst for positive and progressive change in our community, Carmen's extensive involvement in various social initiatives and community organizations has made a remarkable difference in the lives of countless individuals, particularly in the underserved communities of Ventura County. Through her leadership and unwavering commitment to social justice, she played a pivotal role in addressing critical issues such as poverty, education, and healthcare disparities.

One of Carmen's most remarkable qualities was her ability to bridge divides and bring diverse groups together. Often saying how important it was that we not "work in silos," Carmen was instrumental in fostering collaboration among community members, government officials, and grassroots organizations, resulting in innovative solutions and lasting positive change. Her inclusive approach, empathy, and ability to listen to the needs of others made her a beloved figure and a true champion of our community.

I urge you to approve this timely and fitting recommendation of Supervisor Lopez.

Sincerely,


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