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## **Mayor, Council Members pay last respects to Hon. Michael A. Ybarra**

**Vernon, CA** – Mayor W. Michael McCormick, Mayor Pro Tem William “Bill” Davis, Council Member Richard Maisano and Council Member Luz Martinez paid their last respects today to Councilmember Michael A. Ybarra at Calvary Cemetery in East Los Angeles. Councilmember Ybarra died of an apparent heart attack following a softball game in Lodi, California on Friday, September 26. He was 61.

Mayor McCormick said, “I’d known Mike Ybarra since he was 15-years-old. I remember seeing him going to school or returning home after baseball practice or games. Mike was proud to have continued the legacy of public service his father and uncle had been known for in Vernon.”

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said, “Mike Ybarra loved Vernon. He campaigned against the disincorporation of our city and then followed his late father’s footsteps by winning election to the Vernon City Council. Mike was a strong leader and dedicated public servant. He was a good provider for his family and loved softball. He often shared family stories when we carpooled together to meetings. He strongly supported Vernon businesses and they strongly supported him. Mike was liked and appreciated by the entire Vernon community. We lost a great man and a great friend.”

Councilmember Richard Maisano said, “Mike Ybarra and I had a lot of conversations about softball, which we both played as adults. We shared stories about our softball aches and pains. We had similar interests. We talked about family. Mike was close to his children and grandchildren. He was involved and engaged as a council member. He never hesitated to ask tough questions of staff.”

Councilmember Luz Martinez said, “Mike Ybarra was always very professional in dealing with matters of the City of Vernon. He was a very polite man. Apart from his role as an elected official, Mike was very involved with his family. He was a great family man. He loved being a grandfather and took his grandchildren to school, softball games and other family activities. Mike enjoyed the simple things in life and he really knew how to genuinely enjoyed life.

The late Councilmember Ybarra was a lifelong Vernon resident. His widow, Susana Rodriguez-Ybarra, and daughters Michelle, Melissa and Marlene survive him.

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