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Vernon leaders to salute Councilmember Michael A. Ybarra for dedicated public service at funeral services for their fallen colleague on October 6 at Calvary Cemetery in East L.A.

Vernon, CA – Honorable Michael A. Ybarra will be laid to rest following a funeral mass honoring his life and dedicated public service to the City of Vernon on Monday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery (4201 Whittier Boulevard, East Los Angeles, CA 90023).

Mayor W. Michael McCormick, Mayor Pro Tem William “Bill” Davis, Council Member Richard Maisano and Council Member Luz Martinez will be joined by members of the City of Vernon Police Department Honor Guard at Councilmember Ybarra’s funeral services. Flags at Vernon City Hall and city fire stations were lowered to half-staff on Saturday, September 27 in honor of Councilmember Ybarra.

Vernon city department directors and city employees will attend Monday’s funeral services to pay their last respects to Councilmember Ybarra in tribute of his steadfast commitment to the City of Vernon.

Councilmember Ybarra died on Friday, September 26 in Lodi, California following an athletic event. He is survived by his widow, Susana Rodriguez-Ybarra, and three daughters: Michelle, Marlene and Melissa. Councilmember Ybarra was 61.

Councilmember Ybarra was born and raised in Vernon. He was a lifelong Vernon resident and U.S. ARMY veteran. He had worked as an aerospace quality engineer in Vernon for more than 23-years.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon’s 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city’s 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California’s ‘Most Business Friendly City.’ Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon’s businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.

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