

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor & Council

**AGENDA DATE:** 8.27.24 Regular Council Meeting

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Representative Josh Acevedo – 915-212-0002  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** District 2

**STRATEGIC GOAL**

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

A resolution to accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to approve the renaming of Pollard Park Pond, located at 3090 Pollard St., El Paso, Texas, 79930, to "Mario Navarro Park".

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?**  
This item was unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on August 14, 2024.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**  
Parks have previously been named to honor exceptional individuals.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**  
Costs are incurred by the applicant.

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**THAT** City Council accepts the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and hereby approves the renaming of Pollard Pond Park, located at 3090 St., El Paso, TX 79930, within the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as “Mario Navarro Park”; and

**THAT** Pollard Pond Park was not originally named for the purpose of honoring an outstanding individual but, rather, named for its geographic proximity to Pollard Street; and

**THAT** Elizabeth Flores (“Applicant”) shall incur the customary costs associated with the renaming of the park, such as installing or replacing signs with the park name or any other signs posted or affixed to a facility. Any proposed signs shall be reviewed and agreed upon by both the Parks and Recreation Department and Applicant, District 2; and

**THAT** the renaming honors Mario Navarro who has provided a culturally significant contribution to the park and credible service to the park system and community as a whole; and

**THAT** the renaming abides by all park naming and name change guidelines.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Jesus A. Quintanilla  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**



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Pablo Caballero, Director  
Parks and Recreation

*(Exhibit "A" on the following page)*



# City of El Paso PARK NAMING/CHANGING Application



### Applicant Information

Please print or type the information in black ink

Applicant Name: Elizabeth Flores (Mom) MONIQUE NAVARRO (Widow)  
 Mailing Address: 2816 Taylor Ave. City: EL PASO Zip: 79930  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (915) 252-3568  
 Email Address: bettiflores11@aol.com  
 Organization: FAMILY REQUEST  Non-Profit

### Proposed Name / Change

Park/Facility Location/Address: 2900 Pollard 79930  
 Current name of Park or Facility: POLLARD POND PARK  Not Applicable

Suggested Name: MARIO NAVARRO

Category:

- Outstanding Individual(s)  
*Acknowledges the sustained contribution that has been made by such individual(s) to the City of El Paso and/or the development and management of the City's park and recreation system.*
- Common usage identifying the Neighborhood  
*Acknowledges the geographic location or common name that gives a particular identity to a neighborhood.*
- Historical Event, Person, Place  
*Preserves and honors the history of El Paso, its founders, other historical figures or local landmarks.*
- Natural or Geographical Feature to the area  
*Acknowledges a prominent or unique natural or geological feature in the surrounding area.*
- Benefit/Organization Acknowledgement  
*Major gift, acknowledges the significant benefit of a donation*

Other

Describe:

Community Engagement + Youth Mentorship

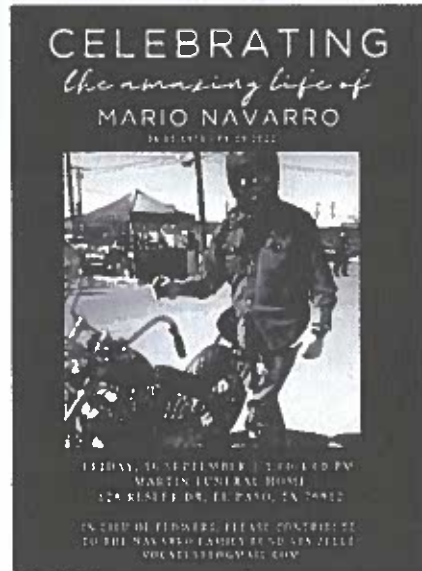
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**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**STAFF ONLY**

Date Received at PARD Admin: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date District Rep. Notified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Committee Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of PRAB Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of City Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mario Navarro

4/13/1973

8/29/2022

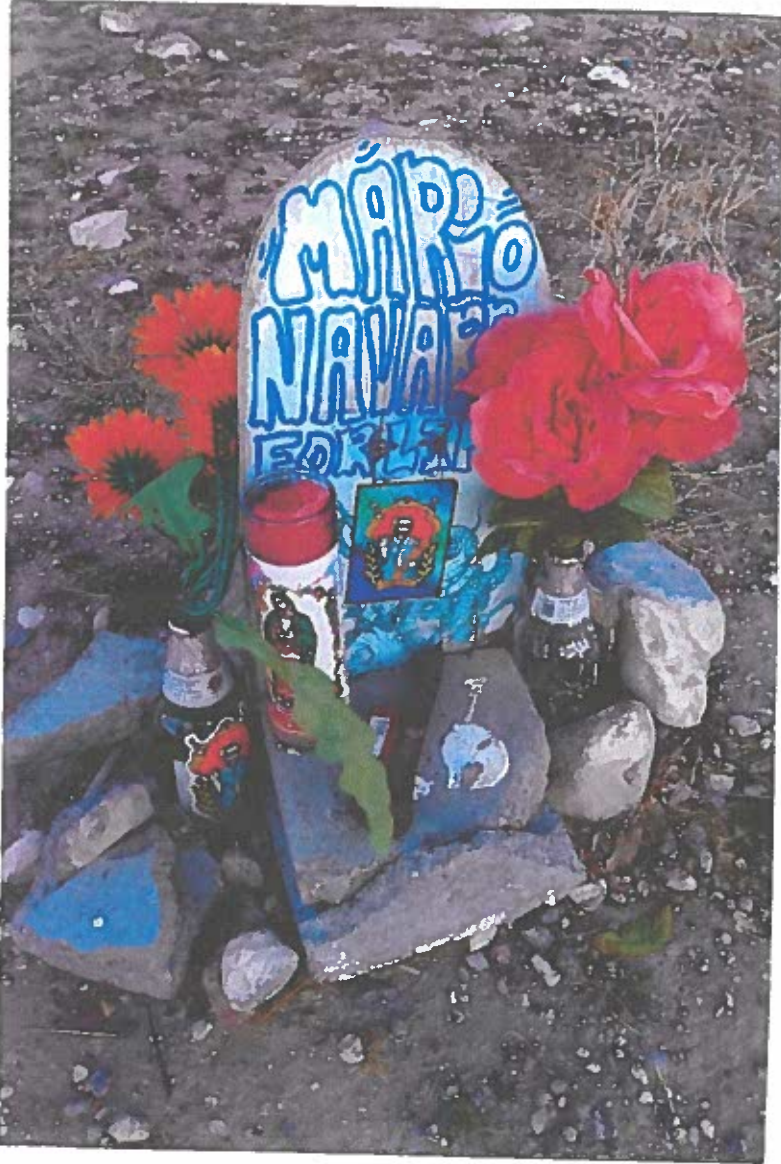




Mario Navarro

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## **Nomination Proposal: Renaming Pollard Park in Honor of Mario Navarro**

We propose renaming Pollard Park in 79930 to "Mario Navarro Park" to honor the legacy of a remarkable individual who significantly impacted our community. Mario Navarro, a long-time resident, dedicated his life to the betterment of our neighborhood through extensive community engagement, youth mentorship, outdoor activities, volunteerism, advocacy, and political involvement.

### **Community Engagement and Youth Mentorship**

A cornerstone of our community, Mario Navarro was known for his unwavering commitment to youth mentorship. He spent countless hours guiding young people, helping them navigate life's challenges, and inspiring them to reach their full potential through golf, art, and skateboarding. Mario's mentorship extended beyond simple advice; he fostered a sense of belonging and purpose among the youth, often organizing activities and events that encouraged positive development and community involvement.

### **Avid Outdoorsman and Park Enthusiast**

Mario was an avid outdoorsman who frequently spent time with friends and family at Pollard Park. His love for nature and outdoor activities was infectious, inspiring many to appreciate and utilize the park's resources. Whether it was organizing community meetings, picnics, bike rides, or walks, Mario's presence in the park was a testament to his belief in the importance of connecting with nature and fostering communal bonds.

### **Volunteerism and Non-Profit Involvement**

Mario's dedication to volunteerism was unparalleled. He collaborated with numerous non-profits, offering his time and skills to support various causes. From food drives to neighborhood clean-ups, Mario was always at the forefront at neighborhood and community meetings, leading by example and encouraging others to contribute to the community's well-being. His efforts not only addressed immediate needs but also strengthened the fabric of our community, creating a culture of service and solidarity.

### **Advocacy and Political Engagement**

Navarro was a passionate advocate for social justice and community improvement. His advocacy efforts spanned numerous issues, from educational reform to environmental conservation. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the underrepresented were heard, often collaborating with local officials and organizations to drive meaningful change. His political engagement was rooted in a deep love for his community and a commitment to making it a better place for all.



## **A Legacy Honored by Congresswoman Veronica Escobar**

The impact of Mario Navarro's life was recognized at the highest levels. Following his untimely passing, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar elected to fly a flag at the United States Capitol in his honor. This significant gesture underscored the profound influence Mario had on our community and beyond. It serves as a powerful reminder of his dedication, leadership, and the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

Renaming Pollard Park to "Mario Navarro Park" would not only honor his memory but also serve as an enduring symbol of the values he embodied: community, service, and advocacy. This change would:

- **Preserve His Legacy:** Ensuring that future generations remember and are inspired by Navarro's contributions.
- **Promote Community Pride:** Highlighting the positive impact one individual can have, fostering a sense of pride and unity within the community.
- **Encourage Engagement:** Serving as a reminder of the importance of community involvement, potentially inspiring others to follow in Mario's footsteps.
- **Acknowledge Local Heroes:** Recognizing and celebrating the contributions of local residents who have dedicated their lives to improving the community.

Renaming Pollard Park to "Mario Navarro Park" is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the service of others. Mario Navarro's legacy has left an indelible mark on our community. This renaming would not only honor his memory but also inspire current and future residents to continue his work, ensuring that his spirit of service and dedication lives on.

We respectfully urge the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation department to consider this proposal, recognizing the profound impact Navarro had on our community and the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

## Mario A. Navarro

4/13/1973 - 8/29/2022

Mario was employed by Union Pacific Railroad, he was a conductor who was killed on August 29, 2022 because of a train derailment.

Mario was a wonderful son, great husband and an excellent father to his two children Matix and Mia.

Mario started skating since he was 5 years old and continued through out his life, he was well known in the skating community in El Paso.

Mario had a very easy personality and made friends with everyone, he was always teaching young skaters safety tips. One of his favorite skating places was here at Pollard Skating Ditch. Since Mario's death skaters have placed a skateboard alter and a large mural there.

We are hoping to change the name of the park to:

Mario A. Navarro

Navs Skate Park

Mother (Betti Flores), Wife (Monique Navarro) and Children (Matix & Mia Navarro) thank you very much for your help in this effort.



Total signatures 71

(19)

Suggested Name: Mario A. Navarro "Navy's Skate Park"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:  
 Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

	Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
1.	Victor Martinez	4034 Sacramento	915-251-0772	[Signature]
2.	FABRISCA RUBIO	4030 SACRAMENTO	915 276-9181	[Signature]
3.	Josefina Marin	4017 Sacramento	915 274-6721	[Signature]
4.	Maria Sanchez	3900 DYER		[Signature]
5.	Darlene Acosta	2904 Dyer	(915) 740-8902	[Signature]
6.	Federica Cardia	4001 Dyer	915 487-4892	[Signature]
7.	Supriya Chetty	4013 Hamilton	915-799-8997	[Signature]
8.	Cheryl Dwyer	4020 Hamilton		[Signature]
9.	Soledad Soto	4025 Hamilton	915 920344	[Signature]
10.	Scott Garcia	4036 Idalia #5	915 231 0916	[Signature]
11.	Jesus Saenz	4036 Idalia #5	915 276 8332	[Signature]
12.	Lola Saenz	4036 Idalia #5	915 226-1532	[Signature]
13.	Raul Cervantes	3113 Dyer #2	915-331-0542	[Signature]
14.	Lorena	4036 Idalia	915 493-4311	[Signature]
15.	Tommy Ho	4041 Idalia	915 368 8315	[Signature]
16.	[Signature]	4021 Idalia	915 250 7753	[Signature]
17.	[Signature]	3130 Dyer		[Signature]
18.	Rach Taylor	4012 Dyer		[Signature]
19.	Sergio Wilbur	3917 Idalia	915-472-8753	[Signature]
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Suggested Name: MARIO A. NAVARRO "NAVY SKATE PARK"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:  
 Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
21 Luis AGUIERO	3925	253-471-6747	<i>Luis Aguiero</i>
22 PITA AGUIERO	3925 IDALIA AV.	626-539-0004	<i>Pita Aguiero</i>
23 Manuel Barron	3919 Porter	(915) 873-1113	<i>M Manuel</i>
24 Rosario Barron	3919 Porter	(915) 240-0833	<i>Rosario Barron</i>
25 Alex Barron	3915 Porter	915 922-9085	<i>Alex Barron</i>
26 JOSE RODRIGUEZ	3905 Porter	2045119	<i>Jose Rodriguez</i>
27 ALMIRZ CABELLO	3905 Porter	202 6203	<i>Almirz Cabello</i>
28 JOSE VALEGAS	3828 Porter	915 562 3308	<i>Jose Valegas</i>
29 NATALIA GARCIA	3819 Porter		<i>Natalia Garcia</i>
30 RUDOLFO COPELUS	3812 Porter	915 5887360	<i>Rudolfo Copelus</i>
31 YANIS YOTAMA	3811 Porter	972-967914	<i>Yanis Yotama</i>
32 TIMI BARBA	3724 Porter	915 539-7811	<i>Timi Barba</i>
33 RAYMUNDO FERRAZ	3604 IDALIA	915 566 9779	<i>Raymundo Ferraz</i>
34 GEORGE MOLINA	3631 Idalia	915 472 7116	<i>George Molina</i>
35 ROSA MARIA RODRIGUEZ	3710 IDALIA	915-790-6209	<i>Rosa Rodriguez</i>
36 ANA SELVA	3714 IDALIA	915-453-4578	<i>Ana Selva</i>
37 SOBELA NAVARRO	3709 IDALIA	915-740-6190	<i>Sobela Navarro</i>
38 ELLI TERRY	3807 IDALIA	915-494-2787	<i>Elli Terry</i>
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Suggested Name: MARIA A. NAVARRO "MAY'S SKATE PARK"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:  
Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

	Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
41	Paola Mart	3814 Idalia	915 555 9202	<i>[Signature]</i>
42	PAOLA RODRIGUEZ	3815 Idalia	915 490 9728	<i>[Signature]</i>
43	ELIZABETH LOPEZ	3831 Idalia	915-999-2144	<i>[Signature]</i>
44	Edy Divina	" "	915-407-4430	<i>[Signature]</i>
45	Kimberly Flores	" "	915-407-4430	<i>[Signature]</i>
46	Senny Lopez	" "	915 407-4430	<i>[Signature]</i>
47	EDUARDO BELTRAN	3831 Idalia	(915) 260-3554	<i>[Signature]</i>
48	Carne Paves	" "	(915) 275-6525	<i>[Signature]</i>
49	Mike Scott	318 Hamilton	915-565-9351	Mike Scott
50	Ybrnda Avila	318 Hamilton	565-9351	Ybrnda Avila
51	ANA GRANADOS	3810 Hamilton Ave	915-999-6665	<i>[Signature]</i>
52	GREGARIO GRANADOS	3810 Hamilton Ave	915-999-6665	<i>[Signature]</i>
53	Joyde A Paves	3811 Sacramento	915-565-7147	Joyde A. Paves
54	Ricardo Paves	3811 Sacramento	915-269-1449	Ricardo Paves
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Suggested Name: MARIO A. NAVARRO "NAVS SKATE PARK"

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Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
61 K. Michael Ayuda	3383 Sacramento, 79930	915-252-4520	<i>[Signature]</i>
62 Gloria M. Anstam	3383 Sacramento 79930	915-355-604	<i>[Signature]</i>
63 LOUIE SANCHEZ	3431 FORT	915-727-8519	<i>[Signature]</i>
64 Diana Ramirez	3409 Fort 79930	915-526-9946	<i>[Signature]</i>
65 Betsemari Yarin	3409 Fort Blvd 79930	202-641-0231	<i>[Signature]</i>
66 Anna Aleman	3451 Fort Blvd	915-667-8132	<i>[Signature]</i>
67 Ezekiel Cantrell	3605 Fort Blvd	915-238-7514	<i>[Signature]</i>
68 Laura Cantrell	3605 Fort Blvd	915-490-9337	<i>[Signature]</i>
69 FRANCISCO DELgado	3610 FORT BLVD	915-252-4655	<i>[Signature]</i>
70 Barbara Espinoza	3610 Fort Blvd	915-266-6045	<i>[Signature]</i>
71 Citlali Delgado	3610 Fort Blvd	915-266-3137	<i>[Signature]</i>
72 Sylvia Calderon	3900 Fort Blvd	915-309-9932	<i>[Signature]</i>
73 Victor Dwy	3622 Fort Blvd	408-831-563	<i>[Signature]</i>
74 Victor Ramirez	3912 IDALIA AVE	915-494-1154	<i>[Signature]</i>
75 Lamen Pueno	4028 Hamilton Ave	915-205-1700	<i>[Signature]</i>
76 FEBE GINER	4024 HAMILTON AVE	915-478-1294	<i>[Signature]</i>
77 Alejandro Maese	#3923 Hamilton Ave.	915-303-6204	<i>[Signature]</i>
78 Maria Maese	2319 Byron	915-727-6633	<i>[Signature]</i>
79 Alan Maese	3923 Hamilton Ave.	915-271-1776	<i>[Signature]</i>
80 Fabia Maese	2319 Byron	442-264-3722	<i>[Signature]</i>

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