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Dear Laura Hamway,

I am writing this letter in the hope that we can get the pool being renovated at the Mission Manor Park named "Ramona F. Grijalva Aquatic Center." Mrs. Grijalva was instrumental in the park getting a therapeutic pool. This will only be the second pool of its kind in the City of Tucson. The other therapeutic pool is located quite a distance away at Reid Park. This therapeutic pool will be instrumental to this part of town. Much of the population in the surrounding area are senior citizens that will greatly benefit from this type of pool when it comes to taking control of their health and their independence. Unfortunately, there are also high numbers of the population that have diabetes, and they will be able to benefit immensely from this pool. Mrs. Grijalva's advocacy for including a therapeutic pool in the renovations of the swimming pool will benefit the health of the community for generations.

Mrs. Grijalva has always been a champion of the community. While working for the Tucson Public Library for almost 33 years she built a reputation of community advocacy. She has always promoted the importance of literacy and was honored by the Tucson Area Literacy Coalition for her lifetime commitment to literacy. Much of her hard work also centered on her promoting bilingual resources, and she served on a national organization named REFORMA, an organization that promotes library services to the Spanish-speaking population. Mrs. Grijalva is also actively involved in other parts of the community and sits on diverse boards and committees throughout Pima County. Some of these include the Tucson Association for Childcare, House of Neighborly Services, and the Tucson International Mariachi Conference. Her continual involvement in the community was instrumental in her receiving the YWCA "Women on the Move Lifetime Achievement Award."

Ramona F. Grijalva's continued advocacy for literacy, education and community, has made her a treasure among the residents of Pima County. Her advocacy for a therapeutic pool at Mission Manor Park will allow for the continual well-being and independence of the residents living in the southside. It is for these reasons that I respectfully ask that the pool at Mission Manor Park be named "Ramona F. Grijalva Aquatic Center."

Thank you for your consideration,

Eva Carrillo Dong