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To: Fresno City Council
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RE: Donation of land

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Bill Collins and I am the owner of a half acre lot located on the northwest corner of Tulare Street and Argyle Ave, in the Sunnyside area of Fresno. When I purchased the lot approximately forty years ago, the location was considered a County Island , however, three years ago it was annexed by the City of Fresno and is now within the Fresno City limits. Over the years, I have had several offers to purchase the lot, ranging from \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00. and I have always declined the offers as I had planned on developing the property myself when I retired. However, in March of this year I was diagnosed with Stage Four, Lung Cancer and am currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Given the current situation and my advanced age, (I am 72 years old) I feel I am no longer able to do as I had planned with the property. So now what to do with it?

After careful consideration, my wife and I would like to donate it to the City of Fresno for use as a "Pocket Park". We feel this would be the perfect solution for this lot since it sits at the entrance to a neighborhood of twenty-nine homes where Argyle dead ends it is also right across Fancher Creek from the planned River Park South development. Over the years several of the home owners have asked if it could be turned into a park for the neighborhood and I had considered it but, because of the financial liability it was not a feasible project for my family. I have spoken to Sal Quintero and he seemed very excited about us donating it to the City and the prospect of developing it into a park for that area. The City of Fresno has conducted an EIR of the lot and everything was fine.

This "Pocket Park" will benefit both the neighborhood and River Park South as to allowing the community a favorable place to enjoy. If you are in need of further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



William H. Collins