

**CHULA VISTA
750 THIRD AVE #697**



**FIREFIGHTERS
CHULA VISTA, CA 91910**

LOCAL 2180 I.A.F.F

February 25, 2026

Cesar Fernandez
Council Member, District 4
City of Chula Vista

Subject: Recommendation of park name located at old Fire Station 5

Dear Council Member Fernandez,

I am writing to respectfully recommend that the new park located at 391 Oxford Street be named in honor of Roy Franzen, a beloved member of the community whose lifelong dedication and spirit embodied the very best of firefighter values and Chula Vista residents. It is with great pride we recommend "Honorary Firefighter Roy Franzen Community Park"

Roy's tenure stated at fire station 5 began in 1965, when at just sixteen years old he moved with his family to a home across the street. Drawn to the fire station, Roy introduced himself to the firefighters and began what would become a decades long bond lasting more than 60 years. Roy has become an integral part of the firehouse family volunteering his time, offering friendship, and assisting wherever he can.

Roy embodies the traits of any great firefighter and does not allow limitations define who he is and what he can achieve. He has shown unparalleled love for the community, perseverance and compassion. He has demonstrated time and again that service is not measured by title or rank, but by heart.

Roy Franzen's story is one of friendship, dedication, and unconditional belonging. A park bearing his name would stand as a lasting reminder that every member of our community has the power to make a difference.

Respectfully,

Executive Board
Chula Vista Firefighters
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