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City Council
City of Downey
11111 Brookshire Ave
Downey, CA 90241

Dear Council Members:

The tragic events of October 22nd in the City of Downey involving Michael Nida are something all community members hope and pray never happens. Unfortunately, while there is nothing we can do to bring back Mr. Nida, we can use his death as motivation to ensure that we do not lose another innocent life.

I applaud the Nida family for taking the lead with these efforts. They refuse to let Michael's death be in vain and have quickly engaged in local and state politics. Additionally, the family has organized community members to begin a dialogue about public safety. I commend the family and all the community members who are now dedicated to making our community safer.

I am committed to working with you, the Nida family and within the State Legislature to ensure Downey and the entire South East Los Angeles community is safe. It is my hope that through this dialogue we will continue to expand the community's engagement in public safety and ultimately improve the quality of life for all our constituents. Please don't hesitate to contact me should I be able to provide any support or assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Assembly Member, 50TH District
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