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City of Rochelle  
420 North Sixth Street  
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To Rochelle City Council and City Manager,

The Day of the Dead Planning Committee is seeking council approval to hold the 2nd annual Day of the Dead & Halloween event in Downtown Rochelle on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Our goal is to hold a family-friendly, cultural, fall event for our community and visitors alike to enjoy.

Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican ancestry living in other places, especially the United States. It is acknowledged internationally in many other cultures. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have passed, and help support their spiritual journey.

The Mexican Day of the Dead celebration is similar to other societies' observances of a time to honor the dead. The Spanish tradition, for instance, includes festivals and parades, as well as gatherings of families at cemeteries to pray for their deceased loved ones at the end of the day.

The family-friendly, fall event will feature crafts, face painting, free dog tags from the US ARMY, Halloween/dia de los muertos canvas paintings, free blood pressure and glucose check, flu shots, Ballet xochiquetal performing, music, homemade tortillas and salsa offered by local restaurants.

The Day of the Dead Planning Committee respectfully requests the closure of the following parking lots and the use of the Gazebo on October 28th:

- City Parking Lot #8 between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue (only the lot south of the Gazebo)

We are excited about the opportunity to host this cultural, family-friendly event in the downtown and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosaelia Arteaga  
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