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Mayor John Bearrows and Rochelle City Council
420 North 6th St.
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Dear Mayor Bearrows and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Vision Team at Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave., Rochelle, to respectfully request a temporary closure of one block of 8th Street, between 4th and 5th Avenues from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Our church began a “Love Your Neighbor” outreach in 2017 in an effort to embrace diversity and show Christian love to those surrounding our church community, especially Central Elementary School. As part of this ministry, we are planning another end-of-school-year block party for the students and staff of Central Elementary School. The event will include two 45-minute performances by Sones de Mexico Ensemble, a GRAMMY® nominated group of accomplished musicians and educators specializes in son, a rich and lively Mexican music tradition. Over twenty-five folk instruments are featured along with lush vocal arrangements and dance demonstrations. Our celebration will also include face painting, balloon artist, piñatas, carnival-type games and prizes, potato sack races, obstacle course, bounce houses, petting zoo, and more.

Most of the block party will take place in our church parking lot, directly across 8th Street from Central School. For safety concerns, we are requesting this one block closure to thru traffic for the duration of the celebration.

Thank you so much for your consideration. May God richly bless you and the work you do for the people and the City of Rochelle.

Warm regards,

Mary Ellen Taylor