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The Livermore Unit of the National Association of Rocketry
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Board of Directors
Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District
4444 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

The Livermore Unit of the National Association of Rocketry (LUNAR) will be attending the Board meeting this coming Wednesday, April 10. We will be petitioning to allow us to hold educational rocket launches on the Robertson Park gravel parking lot.

Since our founding in 1992 by Livermore police captain Mark Weiss (now retired) and myself, LUNAR has had a very strong, positive relationship with both LARPD and all of the LPFD Fire Marshals. For more than 15 years we held our launches at LARPD sites: at Gardella Greens from 1992 to 1993 and Robertson Park from 1993 to 2007. During that period we flew nearly 50,000 model rockets without incident, thanks to our strict safety procedures. We voluntarily stopped flying there as a club when housing developments were built too close for the larger class of rockets that we were flying. We did, however, get the occasional permit to fly small educational rockets for 4H and other science classes.

With the increased interest in STEM education recently, I have been teaching not only the 4H classes, but have gotten requests from the Livermore Public Library to teach a rocket class as well as private enrichment schools. When I approached LARPD for a permit, I was turned down without explanation. When I appealed to the General Manager's office, I received a vague dismissal citing "safety concerns" apparently ignoring all of the safety information I had supplied with my appeal.

Hence my petition to the Board to listen to my presentation of educational and safety information. A permit for the occasional small educational launch will allow us to continue the tradition that we as a club have established for over two decades.

Thank you for your time,

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