



CADENCE PARK

K-8 SCHOOL

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Honorable Mayor Farrah Khan:

cc: Vice Mayor Tammy Kim, Councilmember Larry Agran, Councilmember Mike Carrol, Councilmember Anthony Kuo:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter to express my appreciation for the impact that the Orange County Soccer Club has had upon our immediate community and South Orange County at large since their arrival at the Great Park. As a soccer enthusiast and a principal of an elementary and middle school, I have been able to appreciate the extent to which this organization has provided opportunities and services that were previously non-existent in this area.

Speaking first as a Principal, I can share that OCSC has been persistent in their efforts to reach out to the families across Irvine since they began their residency at the Great Park. This has been done through establishing partnerships with our schools and Parent Teacher Student Associations that compliment the interests of all parties. Through such collaboration, there have been countless nights of fun and togetherness centered around the world's game of soccer in an amazingly comfortable and accessible local venue. The club has succeeded in providing a showcase for high quality soccer competition in a family-friendly environment.

Speaking as a father of four soccer players, I would also like to herald the extent to which this club has productively forged partnerships with recreational and competitive youth soccer organizations alike, providing opportunities to develop and reinforce children's love of the game while also providing a venue for them to compete in a grand arena before an audience of family and community members. It is reasonable to conclude that many young soccer players walk away from such experiences with memories that will last a lifetime and a heightened enthusiasm for a most healthy pastime.

In summary, I am happy to endorse the work that OCSC has done to date in establishing a culture and fan base, and would love to see them approved for continued operation in and service to the surrounding community.

Regards,

Carlo Grasso, Principal