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(916) 457-6922
Tuesday, February 24th, 1981

Honorable Members of the City Council of Sacramento:

My reason for addressing you this evening regards my concerns about the demonstrably unsafe proximity of children's swings at the Tahoe Park playground.

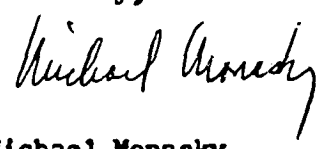
After having measured the distances between each swing and supporting structures, I've discovered them to be only 18 to 21 inches apart. Each swing is suspended from ten (10) foot long chains.

On Saturday, February 21st, my fiancee's four and one-half (4½) year-old daughter was struck in the shoulder by the feet of another swinging child, while she was getting off of her swing. This trauma resulted in a fractured clavicle, necessitating an emergency room visit and a figure-of-eight cervical strap.

My suggestion for mitigating future collisions is to remove one of the three swings, and to space the remaining two swings and supporting structures approximately 30 to 32 inches apart. This would allow for greater safety in getting off of one swing while another is being used.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Monasky

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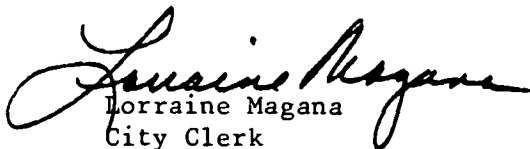
Dear Mr. Monasky:

The enclosed set of claim forms is being forwarded for your use in regard to the accident which you reported to the City Council at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 24, 1981, at Tahoe Park Playground.

The entire set of forms should be completed by the claimant and returned to this office within 100 days of the accident, in order to be considered timely.

In the meantime, your communication calling our attention to this matter is being referred to the City Manager for attention.

Sincerely,


Lorraine Magana
City Clerk

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cc: Walter J. Slipe
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