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El Paso County Breaks Ground on Estrella Park's Skatepark in Memory of Lizbeth Avila

EL PASO, TX — El Paso County is proud to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for a new skatepark at Estrella Park that will honor the memory of Lizbeth Avila. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 27, at 9 a.m. at Estrella Park, located at 14590 Greg Drive, El Paso, Texas.

The skatepark, which will be named after Lizbeth Avila, is a tribute to her life and legacy. Avila, a passionate skater, tragically passed away in 2021 due to a severe head injury sustained at a non-County skatepark at the age of 22. Since her passing, Avila's family have been strong advocates for increased safety measures at skateparks, including the use of helmets while skating.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, the Avila and Rodriguez families will be present to commemorate Avila's life. El Paso County is honored to be part of this commemoration and to start construction on a project that will benefit the community.

The Estrella Skatepark is scheduled for completion by April 2025 and will be partially funded by a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant that the County received in 2021. In addition to the skatepark, the project will include the construction of an adventure course, a sports course, and the installation of native landscaping.

Join us in honoring Lizbeth Avila's memory and the ongoing development of Estrella Park.

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