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Dear Members of Old Town San Diego Descendants:

My name is Elena T. Orozco and I am one of the remaining Co-Founders of the Old Town Descendants Group. For many years I have served the descendants by taking the lead in many historic projects within Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. This new year of 2010 we have some new and exciting projects to educate and enhance the park visitors' experience. We want to share who our ancestors were, what they contributed, and who we are today as their descendants and we need your help.

We are planning to present a number of exhibits in the Machado Silvas Building showcasing Hispanic Month, Dia De Los Muertos, Native American Month, and Christmas or Holiday decorations with a more traditional Hispanic theme. We need your time and assistance to make these wonderful and exciting projects a reality and to help support the many other experiences within the park.

There are many ways to contribute to the overall Old Town San Diego State Historic Park experience. There are opportunities to be trained in local history and the park, and to become a park volunteer. There are crafts and guilds that help recreate old crafts in the park as part of our living history programs or to create hand made products for sale in the park store, with the proceeds benefiting the Boosters of Old Town. Park volunteers help with the care of donkeys, gardens, period wardrobe bank, sewing, knitting, story telling, quilt making, iron work in the blacksmith workshop, wood work, and many other trades and domestic activities. We give tours, staff the Visitor Center store and park museums, participate in special events, set up for special events, participate park theatrical presentations, help with promotional and public relations work, and assist with office work. Simply put we have many ways to contribute to the on going efforts of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and promote the contributions of our ancestors.

We would like to invite descendants to help tell our family histories by getting more involved with the Park. Please contact me for more information by writing me at:

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or call me at (619) 220-5422.

Your assistance and contribution is something only you can give. Thank you for considering how you can best support our ancestors and the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

Respectfully,
Elena T. Orozco

(Elena is the outgoing Chairperson of the Descendants Committee and works in the park as an interpreter overseeing special exhibits and presenting tours for visitors.)