



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 25-262

Meeting Date: 4/10/2025

TITLE:

DONATION OF A MEMORIAL TREE, BENCH AND PLAQUE AT TEWINKLE PARK

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES
DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission accept the donation of a memorial tree, bench and plaque to be installed at TeWinkle Park, in memory of Ciera D'Alessandro.

BACKGROUND:

The City is in receipt of a letter from Mike D'Alessandro, father of Ciera D'Alessandro, requesting permission from this Commission to donate a tree, bench and plaque at TeWinkle Park, in memory of his daughter, who passed away June 21, 2024 (Attachment 1). The request includes the following plaque language: "In Memory of Ciera D'Alessandro".

Ciera was a lifelong resident of Costa Mesa and a graduate of Estancia High School (Class of 2017). She was a scholar athlete who played a key role in leading the Lady Eagles to the CIF basketball playoffs. Her first job was also in Costa Mesa, working at Balearic Park.

Ciera is survived by her parents Mike and Caryl, and her siblings Haley, Kyle, and Gianna.

The D'Alessandro family has deep roots in Costa Mesa, with all four children having participated in local youth sports and education programs. Mike D'Alessandro has been a dedicated community leader, serving as the President of the Davis Magnet School Education Foundation and a member on the Mesa Del Mar HOA board of directors.

The D'Alessandro family have lived in their Mesa Del Mar home since May 1998. Though Balearic Park was a special place for Ciera, after a family discussion, they chose TeWinkle Park for the memorial location due to its proximity to their home, allowing them to visit regularly.

ANALYSIS:

The submitted request meets the requirements as set forth by City Council Policy 800-4 (Attachment 2). Staff has reviewed the suggested location in TeWinkle Park and determined that the location is suitable for the memorial tree, bench, and plaque (Attachment 3). Staff will work with the donor to

schedule the installation.

The applicant has been notified of this Commission meeting and has been sent a copy of the staff report.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission may deny the request for the donation of a memorial tree, bench and plaque at TeWinkle Park or may suggest an alternate location.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Upon approval by this Commission, the installation of the tree, bench and plaque will have minimal fiscal impact on the City. The donor will incur the cost of the memorial tree, bench, and plaque.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission approve the request for the donation of a memorial tree, bench, and plaque for installation at TeWinkle Park in memory of Ciera D'Alessandro.