



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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**File #:** 25-548

**Meeting Date:** 11/13/2025

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**TITLE:**

**DONATION OF A TREE, BENCH AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT CANYON PARK**

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTED BY: RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**CONTACT INFORMATION: ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER (714)  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission accept the donation of a tree, bench and plaque to be installed in Canyon Park in memory of Jacob Sandefer.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City is in receipt of a request from Danielle Sandefer requesting permission from this Commission to donate a tree, bench and plaque to be installed in Canyon Park in memory of her brother, Jacob Sandefer (Attachment 1).

Danielle and her brother, Jacob, were born and raised in Costa Mesa. The family has many memories of walking and biking the trails in Canyon Park and still walk the loop regularly. A cherished tradition was taking a family picture under the trees every year on their mother's birthday or on Mother's Day.

Jacob loved dogs and he would walk his late dog, Cooper, along with two other family dogs through the canyon frequently. Jacob's love for dogs was his gift, as dogs gravitated to him and were instantly smitten. The family would like to have a bench for those walking their dogs, offering them a shady place to rest and reflect on this beautiful park where they have so many precious memories together.

**ANALYSIS:**

The request meets the requirements set forth by City Council Policy 800-4 (Attachment 2). Staff has reviewed the proposed location in Canyon Park and determined a suitable location for the tree, bench and memorial plaque (Attachment 3). Staff will work with the donor to schedule the installation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Commission may deny the request for the donations 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, as the donor will incur the cost of the items.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

No legal review is required for this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

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