

August 19, 2025

City of Costa Mesa
Public Services Department
77 Fair Drive
P.O. Box 1200
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-1220

ATTN: Valente Martinez

RE: Request to Donate Bench and Tree with Plaque in Canyon Park

Dear Mr. Martinez,

I am writing to request the opportunity to donate a bench and a plaque, along with a nearby tree, in Canyon Park in memory of my brother, Jacob.

My brother and I were born and raised in Costa Mesa. We have been walking and biking these trails since we were kids. My mom, dad, and I still walk this loop regularly and have only become more grateful for such a beautiful place to calm our minds and stretch our legs—right in our own backyard. Jacob would walk his late dog, Cooper, through the Canyon all the time. Sometimes, he would walk with two other family dogs, making for three happy golden labs smiling alongside Jacob. His love for dogs—and how they loved him—was his gift. All dogs gravitated to Jacob and were instantly smitten.

We would walk with my mom on her birthday or Mother's Day every year and take a family picture under the trees. We would bike through the dirt trails on our way to a beach ride. These are memories I will cherish deeply for the rest of my life.

I would like to place a bench for passersby walking their dogs, offering them a shady place to rest and reflect on this beautiful park that has given me so many good memories.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request. I appreciate the courtesy.

Sincerely,
Danielle Sandefer

