

Dear Costa Mesa City Council Board Members of Parks and Community Services Commission,

First and foremost, thank you for giving me the opportunity to present this request to the board. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

I am writing to request a memorial bench or tree with a plaque at Brentwood Park in honor of my beloved son, Brandon Beach. My name is Brigitte Nichols, and my family and I have lived in Costa Mesa on Westminster Avenue since 1991. Costa Mesa is our home. Over the past 34 years, our family has created countless memories in this city and throughout the community.

Brentwood Park has always held a special place in our hearts. From playing with neighborhood kids to walking our dogs daily and celebrating birthdays, the park has been an integral part of our lives. We have had the privilege of watching it grow and change, including the construction of the playground many years ago. Recently, a fallen tree damaged one of the benches. It would mean so much to my family and I if we could honor Brandon's memory by replacing this bench with one dedicated to him.

Brandon was cremated so that I could keep him home with me, and as a result, I do not have a memorial site for him. I walk my dogs multiple times a day at Brentwood Park, and having a bench or plaque with my son's name there would bring me great comfort and joy. Brandon Beach was born at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach in 2002. He was a beautiful, vivacious child with boundless energy—hence the many visits to Brentwood Park. He grew up attending schools in the Newport-Mesa School District and was an active participant in the local Boy Scouts. During his time in the Boy Scouts, he helped plant trees behind the City Hall building.

In recent years, Brandon was growing into an incredible young man. He worked as a server at Islands in Newport Beach for five years, and it was amazing to watch my once-shy boy blossom into a confident young adult. He built strong, positive relationships with his coworkers and the patrons he served. Brandon was exceptionally kind and thoughtful—always eager to help anyone in need. To know him was to love him.

Tragically, Brandon was involved in a fatal car accident on his way home from work on January 6, 2025, at just 22 years old. He is survived by me, his father, his two older sisters, and his two older brothers.

I kindly ask for your consideration in granting this request. A memorial at Brentwood Park would not only honor Brandon's life but also serve as a place where family, friends, and community members can reflect on the joy he brought to those around him. It would mean the world to my family and I to have a dedicated space where we can remember him in a place that holds so many cherished memories. Thank you again for your time and for all that you do for our community. I appreciate your support and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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