

November 6, 2023

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

ATTN: Jim Ortiz

RE; request to donate bench and tree

Dear Mr. Ortiz,

We are writing once again to request the opportunity to donate a bench in honor of Dr. Anthony Caciagli at a location in Fairview Park.

Anthony was my father in law and lived with Denise and I at our house on the west side of Costa Mesa for the last 4 years of his life. Anthony had been a veterinarian and loved parks, trees, and especially the birds of our town. Anthony was born in Manhattan in 1929 and was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. He graduated from Cornell with a degree in veterinary medicine in 1958. He married his only wife, Lillian, and had three children including my wife Denise. His love of living things and education in life science were exceptional. He often adopted pets that were rejected by their owners after those pets had come into his office with ailments and injuries. He came out to California to be near his children. He moved to Costa Mesa, to our house, because he needed help with daily living tasks.

He liked to walk, especially in or near a park. As he grew older his ability to walk gradually decreased. He had to stop and rest more often and really appreciated a bench along a path, especially if it had a shade tree. We believe older people enjoy the time walking in our park and it becomes even better if they can find a place to rest during their walks. To rest and view old Saddleback off in the distance can be a real comfort when all else is wearing out. We spoke with Anthony about his desire for remembrance, and he fully supported the 'bench with a tree' that we would like to provide the city of Costa Mesa.

Denise and I have lived in Costa Mesa since 2001. Our daughter Michelle, also lives in Costa Mesa and has for most of her 40 years.

Sincerely,

Michael & Denise Moon

