

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025
PREPARED BY: Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager
SUBJECT: BUFORD CRITES DEDICATION BENCH

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve placement of a bench in dedication to former City Councilmember and trail advocate, Buford Crites.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Following the passing of Buford Crites in 2023, Friends of the Desert Mountains Association submitted a request to City staff to dedicate a trail or amenity to Mr. Crites due to his work on the City Council and with the Friends of the Desert Mountains Association. Mr. Crites also resided within the City of Palm Desert and was an advocate for hiking trails, preserving open space within the hillside, and had a strong passion for dogs (Pups at Chapel Hill). Staff worked with the City's concrete park furnishings manufacturer, Outdoor Creations, to draft a bench design for placement at the pavilion along the Homestead trail at Homme Adams Park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bench Design