

December 20, 2021

City of Calabasas
Attn: Teal Pacyna
Community Development Services
100 Civic Center Way
Calabasas, CA 91302

Re: **Brandon Bogeaus**
Park Bench Memorial

Dear Mrs. Teal Pacyna

Objective:

The Community Association of Saratoga Hills (C.A.S.H.) would like to submit this application to the Historic Preservation Commission for a memorial bench to honor Brandon Bogeaus.

Honoree:

Brandon Bogeaus (1969-2021)
20+ year resident of
5218 Ambridge Drive
Calabasas, CA 91301

Contributions:

In November of 2018, the Woolsey Fire ripped through Southern California and at 12:30 am on Friday November 9th, the communities of Saratoga Ranch and Saratoga Hills were evacuated. As the fire surrounded Saratoga and Grape Arbor Park burned, Brandon Bogeaus remained alongside off-duty Los Angeles County Fire Fighter Brian Knutson to protect the neighborhood.

For the next five days, they patrolled the streets looking for hot spots. They put out small fires that were sparked by flying embers saving several homes before the fires had a chance to grow. As the fire approached Grape Arbor Park, they turned on the sprinklers in an effort to save the structures. When a small fire threatened a home and they were unable to contain it, they radioed the fire department who quickly responded with more men and equipment. Brandon, *who again is not a fire fighter*, stayed and helped the undermanned crews by laying down hoses, searching for smoke and chasing down embers before they could ignite anything substantial. Due in part to his efforts, the neighborhoods of Saratoga Ranch and Saratoga Hills were saved.

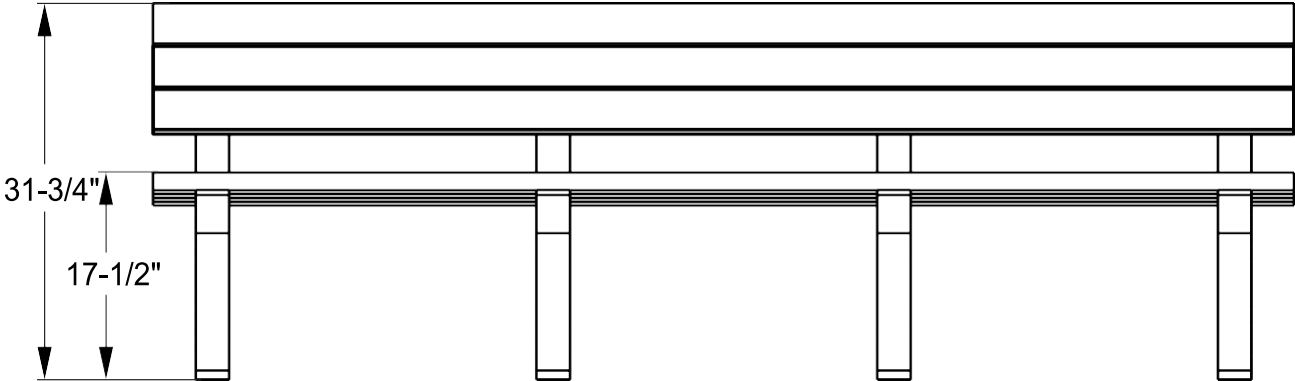
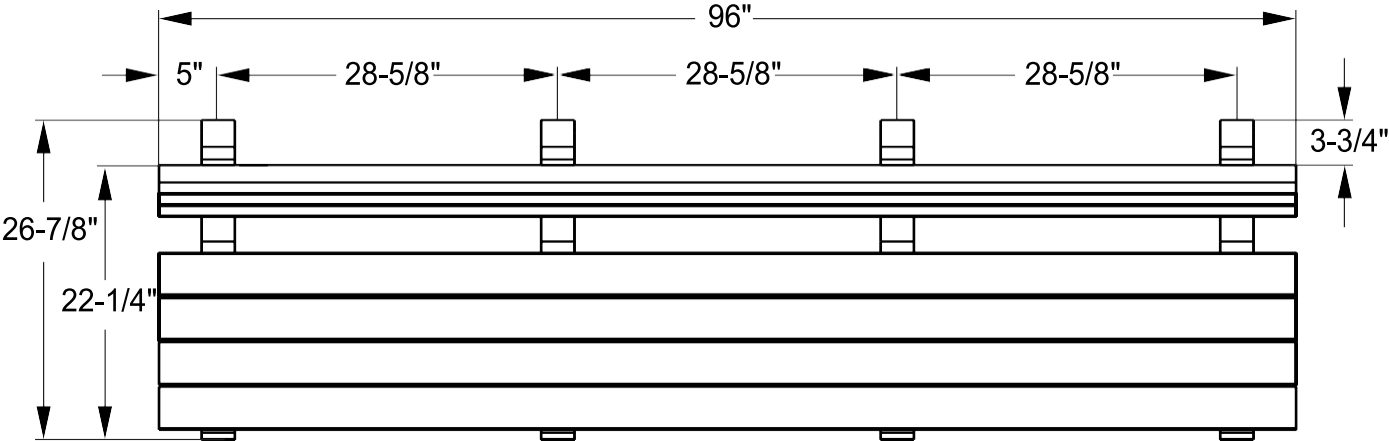
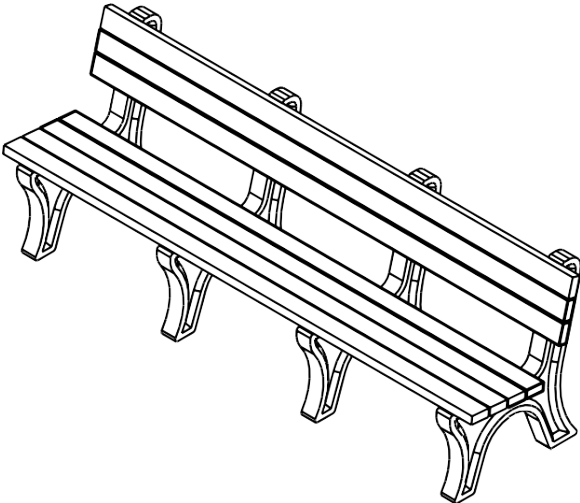
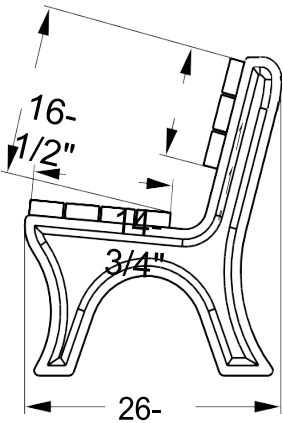
While there were many heroes that served during the Woolsey Fire, Brandon redefined the title of "neighborhood watch". Brandon lived in Saratoga Hills for over 20 years. During that time, he served on the neighborhood watch and the HOA board. He served as Treasurer of C.A.S.H. and took on roles coordinating our community picnic, neighborhood garage sale and much, much more. Brandon is truly a community servant and a local hero. Sadly, this past summer, Brandon lost his battle with cancer and our community mourns his loss.

Plan:

Brandon's bench will be located on the opposite side of Grape Arbor Park from Joan's bench where visitors can sit and enjoy the neighborhood park where Brandon fought the Woolsey Fire.



Rendition of Deluxe Bench





Grape Arbor Park has one other bench, in memory of Joan Buehring (left). Brandon's Bench (above) will match that bench including the same font and coloring. There will be three lines of lettering:

**Remembering Brandon Bogeaus (1969-2021)
For Dedicated Community Service
"There Are No Problems, Only Solutions"**

Belson Outdoors has the original quotation from Joan Buehring's bench to assure uniformity.

Maintenance:

The C.A.S.H. board will be responsible for quarterly maintenance or as needed. The task for the first year shall be assumed by Kimberly Hasserjian (member of the C.A.S.H. board and resident since 1973) and cleaning materials donated by the Hasserjian family. Moving forward, the maintenance for this product shall become a quarterly action item for the board to maintain.

There is a three (3) year warranty and replacement parts are available after said warranty. Cleaning with a mild biodegradable soap is all that is required, and this will be done quarterly. Due to the materials (recycled plastic structure and stainless-steel hardware) no additional maintenance is anticipated. C.A.S.H. will however budget some money for repairs in the next ten years. See cost estimate above.

Approvals:

The manufacturing lead-time is approximately seventeen (17) weeks. Additionally, recycled plastic is a very hot commodity due to the world pandemic and Belson Outdoors is faced with changes in distribution, raw material limitation and transportation impacts. This quotation is subject to change after 30 days of issuance. As such, we are respectfully requesting that the City of Calabasas make all efforts to expedite the review and hopefully the approval of this worthy cause.

We kindly ask that the City of Calabasas circulate this application to the Director of the Community Services Department, call a meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission and follow up with any other individuals necessary for its approval.

Appreciation:

In closing the Community Association of Saratoga Hills Board has a complete understanding of our responsibility to maintain the proposed bench in Grape Arbor Park for Brandon Bogeaus (as we have done for Joan Buehring's bench). We are grateful for your consideration and look forward to a positive relationship with the city during this project. Thank you for affording C.A.S.H. the opportunity to submit this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any quires at any stage of this project.

Submitted on behalf of the
Community Association of Saratoga Hills, Board of Directors

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