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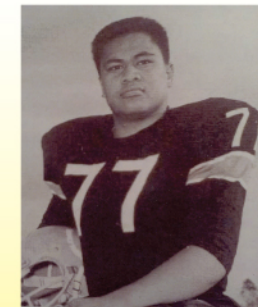
"VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID,  
NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE WORTHLESS,  
BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE PRICELESS"  
~ Sherry Anderson ~



City of Carson

## JAMES M. FOISIA PARK

*Honoring his life and legacy*



**Foisia Park**  
(Formerly Scott Park)  
23410 Catskill Avenue  
Carson, CA 90745  
(310) 830-8310



In the fall of 2018, the request to rename General Winfield Scott Park after

James Misa'alefua Foisia was brought to the Carson City Council by several of his friends. Renaming the park in honor of James was a priority to his friends as James played a significant role in not only their lives, but also in the Carson community. Through extensive evaluation by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the request to rename Scott Park was recommended to the City Council. On December 4, 2018, the Carson City Council formally approved that General Winfield Scott Park would be renamed in honor of James Misa'alefua Foisia.

James Misa'alefua Foisia was born on December 27, 1949 in Honolulu, Hawaii to parents, Tuiofu Sr. and Fa'apio Foisia. His father, Tuiofu Sr. served in the United States Navy and to accommodate the station in which he was transferred to, the family had to relocate to Long Beach, California. However, Tuiofu Sr. would eventually move his entire family to the city of Carson, where they would permanently reside. In Carson, Tuiofu Sr. took initiative in the Samoan community by becoming an ordained minister who would go on to establish the First Samoan Congregational Church, commonly known as, "Church Land". As the Foisia Family became more established in Carson, their family grew, making James one of twelve children.

While growing up in Carson, James attended the local schools: Catskill Elementary, Wilmington Jr. High, and Carson High. In 1967, he graduated from Carson High with a four-year football scholarship to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), but a serious



injury abruptly ended his aspiration towards a football career. As a result, James sought out work in the city, specifically in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Although James had previous work experience with the city, it wasn't until 1971 that he was hired full time as a Recreation Leader with the Parks and Recreation Department. His work primarily revolved around Scott Park due to his familiarity with the area as well as its residents. Throughout his time at Scott Park, James altered the ways in which the park operated by mentoring youth, establishing new athletic programs, and supporting those



who were less fortunate. His communal efforts inspired fellow city employees to adopt the values he set within their own neighboring communities. As a recreation leader, James became a trustworthy figure overtime through the mutual respect between both his colleagues as well as the youth he mentored.

In 1999, James retired from the city with the position of Senior Recreation Center Supervisor. Over the span of 30 years, he built a career dedicated to helping and inspiring others to prioritize the needs of the community. Despite his passing in 2005, James still remains a prominent individual in the city of Carson as a memorial basketball tournament is conducted annually in his name. He is survived by his two children, grandchildren, five siblings, host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

The Foisia Family gratefully acknowledges the Carson City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Carson community and devout friends, who championed for this prestigious honor given to James.