

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Community & Library Services Commission

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SUBJECT: **Approval of Design and Language for the America 250 Plaque at Pier Plaza**

Statement of Issue:

There is a need for Commission to review and recommend approval of the plaque design and language for the America 250 plaque at Pier Plaza to the Huntington Beach City Council.

Financial Impact:

Design, production and installation of the plaque is expected not to exceed \$12,000. A final amount will be presented to City Council for approval.

Recommended Action:

Review and recommend City Council approve the proposed design and inscription for the America 250 Celebration plaque at the Pier Plaza Memorial.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommendation and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

At the July 21, 2026, meeting, City Council approved Councilmember Item 26-638, setting aside Resolution No. 2017-25 and directed staff to create an engraving template memorializing the Huntington Beach America Semiquincentennial celebration for one of the black granite panels located at the Pier Plaza monument, with a final draft brought back to City Council for consideration at the August 18, 2026 meeting. Staff were also directed to collect input from the Historic Resources Board and the Community & Library Services Commission.

Working with Mayor McKeon and Councilmembers Burns and Kenndy, the proposed plaque is 24" x 36" and includes the following (Attachment 1):

- Huntington Beach America 250 Logo
- Placeholder for a Commemoration Date
- "Huntington Beach celebrates America's 250th Birthday as a patriotic city, proudly honoring and thanking all those who served our great nation, who remind us that freedom is not free."
- City Council and City Manager names
- Two cannons
- City Seal

The Community & Library Services Commission is being asked to review the proposed concept and provide a recommendation to the City Council prior to its consideration of the final engraving design.

Environmental Status:

N/A

Strategic Plan Goal:

N/A

Attachment(s):

1. Pier Plaza America 250 Plaque Rendering