



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT**

**TO:** THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** KIM CARR, MAYOR

**DATE:** AUGUST 3, 2021

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL “ROCKIN’ FIG DAY” TO MEMORIALIZE THE LIFE OF LOCAL LEGEND RICK “ROCKIN’ FIG” FIGNETTI**

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On July 16, 2021, local surf legend, Rick “Rockin’ Fig” Fignetti, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 64. Fig’s death represents a major loss to countless surf aficionados and residents who knew him well.

A 10-time West Coast Surfing Champion and two-time national champion, Fig’s contributions to the local surf culture were outsized, and they have certainly made a lasting impression on our community. During the 1980’s, Rockin’ Fig gave the surf report on KROQ and introduced millions of listeners to the art, culture, and sport of surfing. Fig was also the voice of the U.S. Open for many years, as well as the official and unofficial master of ceremonies for more intimate events like the Blessing of the Waves, Surfing Walk of Fame, New Year’s Day Surf City Splash and countless surf contests. He owned Rockin’ Fig Surf Headquarters on Main Street, which became home base for many new and veteran surfers and established the Annual Rockin’ Fig Vintage Surf Festival. Lastly, he was a true surf ambassador who was inducted into both the Surfing Walk of Fame and Hall of Fame.

In short, Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti was a Huntington Beach local legend and should be remembered for his dedication to Surf City, USA. As such, I believe it would be appropriate for the City to establish an annual “Rockin’ Fig Day” during the Surf City Days event held each year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

I recommend that the City Council establish “Rockin’ Fig Day” to be commemorated annually on the Saturday of Surf City Days event which is typically celebrated in September after Labor Day.

Of note, this year’s Surf City Days has been postponed to the weekend of October 9-10, due to COVID-19. Therefore, the first Rockin’ Fig Day, if approved, would take place on Saturday, October 9, 2021.