

From: [adrienne low](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Oppose the Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:32:20 AM

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It is despicable that the city council is filled with trolls, who think it is worthwhile to spend our tax funds to mock the residents of Huntington Beach. We are very aware of the attempts the city council has made to privatize the library and usurp the expertise of librarians in an attempt to enforce your own "moral code" on us. The city council has already put the city in a financial bind due to the ridiculous airshow settlement and the frivolous lawsuits against the state. Stop wasting our resources and get to the business of taking care of real issues instead of culture wars.

I oppose the idea of this city council spending money to place a plaque in the Huntington Beach Public Library.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Low

29 year resident of HB

From: [ALISA LITE](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:19:18 AM

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Good morning, as a long-term resident of Huntington Beach, I'm appalled by the latest childish antics of the city council to make the library plaque a political statement and to use public funds to do so. It's the city council's job to represent all citizens of HB regardless of political party and voting preferences. In all my years as a resident, I have never seen a city council so unprofessional and passive-aggressive. We need adults in the room that actually care about all the residents of HB and not just furthering the divide in our city. I cannot and will not support the plaque nor the current city council's deplorable behaviors that have turned our city into one that supports hate.

An unhappy resident, Alisa Lite

From: [Amy Black](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Strong Opposition to Political Plaque Installation at Central Park Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:28:27 AM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to allocate \$7,000 from our already strained city budget to install a plaque with a political message at the Central Park Library. In light of the city's ongoing budgetary constraints, this expenditure seems deeply misplaced and unnecessary.

Not only does this spending appear fiscally irresponsible, but the political nature of the plaque raises significant concerns. Using taxpayer funds to promote a particular political ideology—especially one that can be divisive—undermines the principle of neutrality that our public spaces should uphold. Our libraries, as public institutions, should serve as welcoming, inclusive spaces for all community members, regardless of political affiliation. A plaque with such a clear partisan message risks alienating segments of our population, potentially sowing discord rather than fostering unity.

At a time when we face urgent needs—whether in education, healthcare, or public safety—this proposed expenditure feels out of touch with the priorities of our community. I strongly believe that funds should be used to support services that directly benefit our residents, not for a divisive political gesture that further divides us.

I urge you to reconsider this allocation of funds, not only for

fiscal reasons but also for the sake of preserving the integrity of our public institutions. Let us use our resources in ways that bring us together, rather than create unnecessary divisions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully reconsider the impact of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Amy Black

From: [Jingles](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Comment for City Council Meeting 2/11
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:44:03 PM

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To the members of the Huntington Beach City Council and Community & Library Services Commission,

As a resident of Huntington Beach and longtime supporter of the Central Library, I strongly disapprove of the design of the 50th Anniversary Plaque for the Central Library. I understand that the acronym M.A.G.A is supposed to mean "Magical, Alluring, Galvanizing, Adventurous"; however, "M.A.G.A." is already strongly associated with a campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again," that promotes harm and exclusion towards certain communities.

Regardless of the designer's original intentions in picking that specific set and order of words, the already well-known acronym of M.A.G.A has no place being on a plaque of the Central Library, a place that is meant to be welcoming for all members of the community. If I, an average citizen, can make the association, then so can many others. To display such a plaque sends an unwelcome message to the public about the views of the library and the community that allowed such a design to be displayed.

I ask that the members of the council please reconsider the design of this plaque, and find a way to honor the library as the wonderful, welcoming sanctuary that it really is.

Sincerely,

Anne Chen

From: [Barbara Crofts](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Comment on proposed Plaque design and language for HBPL 50th Anniversary
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:21:09 AM
Attachments: [HBPL comment letter Crofts 2-10-2025.pdf](#)

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Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

I'm writing to provide **feedback on the proposed design for the library plaque being discussed at the February 11th City Council meeting.**

As a long-time (50 year+) resident of Huntington Beach, I have a deep love for this city. Like many families, we remain in our Huntington Beach home because of the strong sense of community, excellent schools, and the welcoming environment that makes this city such a special place to live. We believe in kindness, service, and ensuring that future generations have opportunities to thrive.

I trust that every member of this City Council shares a commitment to the wellbeing of our city and its residents. However, in a time when politics have become increasingly divisive, we must be mindful of how our public institutions reflect the values of the entire community. **A publicly funded library should remain a place of learning, inclusion, and unity—not a symbol of partisan politics.**

The proposed plaque, incorporating a “MAGA” acrostic, risks politicizing a cherished public space. Regardless of intent, its message inevitably aligns with a movement that has become deeply polarizing. Public funds should serve all residents, not just those who identify with one political ideology. Instead of using tax dollars to make a political statement, I urge the Council to consider a design that reflects the library's core mission—to connect, educate, and inspire young people and lifelong learners alike. Libraries are meant to be centers of knowledge and opportunity, fostering curiosity and critical thinking. A plaque celebrating 50 years of service should honor this legacy, not create unnecessary division.

Huntington Beach has always been a place where people of different backgrounds come together. I ask the City Council to take a broader view—one that prioritizes unity over division and service over symbolism. Let's celebrate our library's history in a way that truly reflects its role as a pillar of education, connection, and inspiration for all.

Regards, Barbara Crofts 714-642-5982
16072 Bondurant Circle HB 92647
(pdf of the above is attached to this email)

From: [Bonnie Onsrud](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Cc: [Bonnie Onsrud](#)
Subject: Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:11:54 PM

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As a 45 year resident of Huntington Beach, a patron of the library, a previous volunteer of the library, a parent/grandparent who has brought my children and grandchildren to the library, I vehemently oppose the proposed plaque. We should celebrate our amazing library and the incredible professionals who work there. But creating an overly expensive and politically motivated plaque is obnoxious. Really, MAGA! How much more partisan could this have been?! Not much!

Do not use my taxes on this disgusting item.

Bonnie Onsrud
Sent from my iPad

From: [Candice Yarbrough](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: \$7000 political plaque = NO
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:54:19 AM

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I DO NOT approve this political plaque. It's egotistical. Please spend the \$7000 more appropriatly

C. Yarbrough

From: [Carin Meister](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: HBPL Proposed Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:38:20 PM

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Dear Community and Library Services Commission,

I am writing to communicate my extreme disappointment in the proposed plaque for the Huntington Beach Public Library. Not only is the proposed plaque completely inappropriate for a building that should represent all citizens, but it comes across as petty and vindictive.

I am unaware of any other points of interest in the city that would include overt references to political parties. It is so out of bounds, I can hardly believe it was designed to represent all of the people who use HBPL.

It is one thing to advance the ideals and beliefs of the people who elected you, it's another thing to seek to provoke anger or inflict pain on the Library and its patrons.

I am not sure I have ever been more disappointed in a group of people who are supposed to be held to standards of character and morality. This is a wholly un-Christian thing to do I can only assume from the people who purport to be Christian. I would ask that the people who put this forward ask themselves why the inclusion of the MAGA acronym was so important. If it's anything other than to seek revenge against the people who oppose them, it is the wrong reason.

Thank you,

Carin Meister

From: [Cecily Gates](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:06:57 PM

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Please don't make HB the Florida of CA and make our city the n the middle of bird brained politics. Keep us neutral!

No mention of maga in the sign!!!

Stupid.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christopher Fitch](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque for Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:35:38 PM

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Hello,

For the proposed plaque including a political slogan like MAGA as crassly as done in this instance on the center of it is tasteless and likely to inspire additional division in our community. Please remove that text from any proposed plaques.

From: [Dale Giali](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Citizen comment re proposed commemorative plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:02:00 PM

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I live in Huntington Beach and have for more than 15 years. I am very much against the proposed HB library 50th anniversary commemorative plaque. It is hyper-politicization masquerading as commemorative. Politics should have no place in running our city. It is stunning that our city officials would think this is appropriate.

Dale Giali

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From: [Dale Martinez](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Commemorative plaque design
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 1:38:16 PM

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Regarding the Community and Library Services agenda item to use the MAGA design for the commemorative plaque to honor our beautiful Central Library. I think that it is cheap and unimaginative. Why would we want this obviously political design to be in our Library for ever more? Please do something else but not this. How would you all like it if instead the city authorized the letters "W (wisdom).O (opportunity).K (kindness).E (education)" with cutesy words made out of it on some forever, expensive plaque? It would not fly.

Sincerely,

Dale Martinez
714-717-7235

From: [Debara Traver](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:24:23 AM

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I'm writing in reference to the proposed adoption of the Proposed Plaque from the City Council to the Huntington Beach Library:

1. Spending \$7000.00+ of this plaque as proposed is insulting to the PUBLIC Library and to the Citizens of Huntington Beach. "Changing" the meaning of the Acronym MAGA doesn't change the INTENT of this City Council to represent only certain citizens of this community!

It's

Shameful!

2. This is the Correct spelling for "Councilwoman", NOT Council Woman. Did the designer of this plaque use Spell check or Grammar Check. Unbelievable!

3. Was there any Public Input for submission of design ideas, and, if not, Why Not?

Debara Z. Traver

Huntington Beach Resident

From: [Deborah Addy](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th Anniversary of the Huntington Beach Library
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:33:26 PM

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I remember when the library was built. It was so beautiful and huge. I was in high school, before the days of Google, and this library had all the resources an avid reader could hope for. It was a haven for this book nerd.

The proposed plaque does not represent the library I know. The MAGA inclusion is offensive - debatable politics do not need to be on something that may be posted for the next fifty years. The "In God We Trust" and eagle are unnecessary. This is not a dollar bill. This library belongs to Huntington Beach, not MAGA's vision of America. The plaque should represent Huntington Beach.

Deborah Addy

From: [Diana Lithgow](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: NO MAGA PLAQUE in the LIBRARY!
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:38:29 PM

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Dear Community & Library Services Committee,

I strongly object to the proposal to install a MAGA PLAQUE in our Huntington Beach Library. This is an unnecessary and insulting proposal for our library. How dare you?!

Outraged,
Diana and Douglas Lithgow
42-year Homeowners Huntington Beach City

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714-964-4145

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Professor of Nursing
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Western University of Health Science
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From: [Diane Pavesic](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 7:56:24 AM

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To the Huntington Beach City Council;

I adamantly object to the proposed MAGA plaque for the library anniversary.

The plaque makes no sense what so ever and does not convey what the library stands for in this community. I request that the City does not waste funds that could be used more productively for the many projects the City has yet to address.

Diane Pavesic
Sent from my iPad

From: [Diane Pavesic](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Re: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:35:46 PM

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Thank you Charlene.

I would further add that the City Council appears determined to continue the devastating divide our City is experiencing. Not everyone in this City voted for Donald Trump, and nor do they support MAGA policies. What happened to bipartisanship?

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 10, 2025, at 10:29 AM, Gomez, Charlene <cgomez@surfcity-hb.org> wrote:

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> Good Morning Diane,

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> Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the plaque. I will provide a copy of your comments to the Commissioners at the February 11th meeting.

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> Respectfully,

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> Charlene Gomez

> Sr. Administrative Assistant

> Community & Library Services

> City of Huntington Beach

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Diane Pavesic <dianepavesic@cs.com>

> Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 7:56 AM

> To: Gomez, Charlene <cgomez@surfcity-hb.org>

> Subject: Library Plaque

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> Diane Pavesic

> Sent from my iPad

From: diannef22@yahoo.com
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Anniversary Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:00:27 AM

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Dear Library Commissioners,

Extreme political movements in history have not aged well. Think back to your high school history classes. In just the last century, we've had McCarthyism, Prohibition, mass incarceration of American citizens of Japanese descent, Jim Crow segregation among the most extreme. People who were caught up in those movements were certain they were righteous in those endeavors, but we know, in hindsight, they were not.

The MAGA movement is another one of those extreme political ideologies that will not age well. Please do not waste taxpayer dollars installing an expensive plaque, that is intended from its inception, to offend and alienate at least half the patrons of the library.

In addition to the design itself being offensively more focused on the MAGA ideology than the celebration of the library itself, the differentiation between Council men and Council women is ridiculous. All of the elected officials are Councilmembers. The only 2 members whose names are not clearly gender specific, have titles that don't even define gender. Maybe you should put an "M" or an "F" after their names to be sure everyone knows how important gender is to you.

Finally, as the city is spiraling into debt, with infrastructure in decline, it is absurd to be spending as much as \$7000 to make and install such a plaque that will certainly not withstand the test of time. Please consider a less political design and have it made in the Makers Space, one of the shining stars of the amazing Huntington Beach Central Library.

Sincerely,
Dianne F.

From: [Donna Skinner](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th anniversary of the HB Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:23:02 AM

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No no no! Do not allow this MAGA sign to be created. The whole MAGA theme of this council is offensive and unhealthy to our community. Stop it!

Donna Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [powell_doris](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:51:18 AM

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As a life long library patron I'm excited to celebrate 50 year of our beautiful Central Library. However, the design of the commemorative plaque is extremely objectionable. The addition of MAGA to the plaque adds a political element that is not appropriate and should be removed by the Commission at their upcoming meeting. I am asking that as the Commission's Security you to make this recommendation known to the Commission.

Thank you,

Doris Powell

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: dmlithgow@aol.com
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed Plaque for HB Library
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:00:18 PM

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Dear Community & Library Services Committee,

I am writing in opposition to installing a politically motivated plaque in Huntington Beach Library. I believe this is a poorly thought-out idea.

Concerned HB citizen,

Doug Lithgow

From: EdyZS@socal.rr.com
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Commission
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:53:39 AM

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I do not support the plaque proposed for the 50th anniversary of the HB library. It is time for the city council to stop promoting their MAGA agenda of attacking the library and let the dedicated librarians continue their professional work in managing our library. It would be more appropriate for the library staff itself decide how to honor their 50th year of service.

From: [Erin Anderson](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:20:16 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I object wholly heartedly to the Library's 50th anniversary commemoration plaque. The insertion of MAGA into the plaque is completely inappropriate for a nonpartisan organization. The plaque is meant to celebrate the library not the council's political beliefs. To spend \$7000 on a purely political plaque is insulting to the city, to the library, and to the community.

Please celebrate the library appropriately. Commission a plaque that represents the true nature of the library: a place for all people.

Sincerely,
Erin Spivey
Sent from my iphone, please excuse any typos

From: [Frances Okura](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Re: the HB library's commemorative plaque celebrating its 50th year.
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:29:56 AM

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As a resident of our wonderful city of Huntington Beach, I've always thought we have the best, most attractive library. My family has always used the facility as a center of activity for borrowing books, attending children's hour, attending musical theatre in the auditorium, attending art shows, checking out the gift shop, and to stroll through the Central Park grounds to admire the library's architecture and surrounding landscape of walking trails, gardens, and Park Bench Cafe, as well.

A plaque commemorating 50 years of our favorite landmark should not be labeled with a political connotation. Citizens of Huntington Beach are more than "MAGA" advocates! That acronym is totally unnecessary and an inappropriate statement to make to celebrate the adoration we all share as a community for our city's library!

Give the honor of appreciating the excellent service and hospitality of our library from our 'entire' community the credit it deserves, without political labels, please!

With appreciation for community consideration,

Frances Okura
50 year HB library attendee
(I actually strolled the grounds when the trail was dirt and later took my children to children's hour.)
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Fred Barbour](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library plaque comments
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:52:26 AM

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"In God We Trust", not particularly appropriate for a public library.

The contrived abbreviation of MAGA has no place on a city library anniversary plaque. It is a political statement for partisan purposes.

Sincerely,
Fred Barbour
16312 Bayshore Ln.
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
(714) 351-6464

From: [Fred Lammers](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th Anniversary Plaque for Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:40:56 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I vehemently do not approve of the 50th Anniversary Library Plaque.

I do not think partisan politics should be part of what is supposed to be a non-partisan celebration. The MAGA reference does not reflect the intent of a public library for all.

Fred Lammers

Huntington Beach

From: [gail susskind](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th anniversary plaque for library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:45:00 PM

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I do not agree with the design of the library's 50 th anniversary plaque at all. I believe it uses political suggestions that do not belong on an honor such as this. I also think it's ridiculously expensive and could be much more respectful if it did not politicize the years of work, volunteerism and care given by the people of Huntington Beach.
Gail Susskind , Resident
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Heidi Pallares](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Cc: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment for February 2025 Community & Library Services Commission Meeting
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:17:59 PM

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I am a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach who has been a visitor to the public library at Central Park since my childhood in the 1980's. I now relish taking my own two children there to foster their love of reading and discovering new books and authors. We love the circular walkway down to the lower level, the fountain - all of the things that remind me of my own childhood days in the library, and places my son and daughter get to discover themselves.

When I read about and saw the proposed plaque that will be discussed and voted on by this commission, I gasped. It is the least appropriate and subtle way to try and insert the MAGA agenda into our beloved library system. The "Magical, Alluring, Galvanizing, Adventurous" reference is offensive and inappropriate. No one is fooled by this design or its intention.

Although the HB city council is aligned in their politics, I would like to remind everyone in city leadership that you are meant to represent ALL residents. We do not all share your views about national politics, nor how you are trying to display them so overtly throughout our city.

I spoke to several neighbors who agree we do not want to commemorate our library's anniversary with a plaque that divides our residents and insults the community cohesion and curiosity fostered inside the library, and the foundation on which it was built 50 years ago.

Please do not approve a plaque that will tarnish the legacy of our beloved library. There are many other words and designs that would better mark this occasion and honor what the library means to everyone in Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,

Heidi Pallares

From: [Herbert Moses](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Dedication Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:54:07 PM

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My comments:

As a resident of Huntington Beach since 1987, as a registered Republican who made an initial (small) donation to fund the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, as a devotee of Richard Nixon and all the good he did for the United States I am, more than anything, embarrassed by the proposed dedication plaque. Were this not so dangerous, it would be laughable. This plaque is the antithesis of what the First Amendment stands for. Any acronym should stress things like literacy, freedom, inclusion, and not pander to the threats and condemnations of the only person elected president who may well be worse than Andrew Jackson and James Buchanan. I say no plaque at all. Just leave the library to the librarians and to the people, not to Donald Trump. Peace to us all.

From: [Isabelle Teraoka](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Commemorative Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 1:52:38 PM

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Dear Miss Gomez,

I heard about a proposed commemorative plaque to celebrate the library's 50th anniversary. I personally feel that it is a waste of taxpayer money and I would much rather see the money used to fund library programs.

A frequent library patron,

Isabelle Teraoka

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Janis Johnson](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Community & Library Services Commission Proposed Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:11:03 PM

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The Community and Library Services Commission **should not** approve the proposed above design to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Huntington Beach Library as it perpetuates the politicization of a service that should instead be apolitical and representative and inclusive of ALL community members. Additionally, the design itself is dated and uninspired.

From: [Jennie Austin](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque for library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:28:25 AM

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I am a huge library supporter and I am against any banning of books. I am against spending up to \$7000 for a sign that says the library's birthday is 50 years old this year. Really?!! Are you trying to make us believe that you support the PUBLIC LIBRARY and freedom of information?? We see right through you!! The money would be better spent in other programs. Give me a break!!

Jennie Austin
Library supporter
Registered voter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jo Livingston](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the HB Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:50:09 AM

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Please do not approve the attached design for a plaque to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the HB Library. It's incredibly inappropriate and lacks relevancy. The slogan is just silly.

Try again.

Jo Livingston

From: [Judy Morris](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Cc: [Danny Morris](#)
Subject: HBPL commemorative 50 year MAGA plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:32:49 AM
Attachments: [IMG_2804.png](#)

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Good morning,

Please do not approve use of the plaque attached below. It is our understanding that public libraries are supposed to be apolitical. Therefore the use of the MAGA acronym on a library plaque is not appropriate by any stretch of the imagination. Yes, there is no doubt the library is and has always been a wonderful place for children. Apparently the current city council doesn't realize that adults also can utilize and enjoy the library.

The current city council has not been supportive of the library. They have been publicly critical of well educated, highly experienced librarians' choices regarding children's books, and one council member has gone so far as to publicly insinuate that a former council member is a pedophile for his personal parental choice to read a certain book to his own child. The city council is currently attempting to block a legal, democratic grass roots community effort to keep HBPL as it currently exists.

It is our opinion that none of the city council's names should be on a commemorative plaque. In general, we don't believe council members' names belong on a commemorative plaque unless they are paying for the plaque with their personal funds.

In the event city council is making the plaque a gift to the library, we believe the FOTL leadership should have the right to accept or refuse the gift. If the \$7,000 cost to make and install it comes from HB taxpayer funds we also believe the FOTL leadership should have the right to refuse. In our current economic environment \$7,000. from city funds for this plaque is excessive.

Finally, we also don't think the statement, "In God We Trust" belongs on a plaque to commemorate a library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Morris
Danny Morris
31 year residents of HB
714-393-0642

9:31



Local Urgent Action Alert!





The Community and Library Services Commission is set to approve this MAGA design to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the HB Library at their next meeting. **It is up to all of us to attend the meeting to make a Public Comment** and let the Commission know what we think of this design. Additionally, this plaque is expected to cost \$7000 to make

and install!

Public Comments are at the beginning of the meeting, shortly



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From: [Julia Rios](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Cc: julia.crofts@gmail.com
Subject: Written Comments: HBPL 50th Anniversary Plaque Design
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 2:29:55 PM

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Hi There,

Sharing my below comments. Grateful if you can convey at the meeting. I'll attend if I'm able.

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

I'm writing to provide feedback on the proposed design for the library plaque being discussed at the February 11th City Council meeting.

As a long-time resident of Huntington Beach, I have a deep love for this city. I grew up here until age 17, and after nearly two decades away, my husband and I chose to return with our two young children. Like many families, we were drawn back by the strong sense of community, excellent schools, and the welcoming environment that makes Huntington Beach such a special place to live. We believe in kindness, service, and ensuring that future generations have opportunities to thrive.

I trust that every member of this City Council shares a commitment to the wellbeing of our city and its residents. However, in a time when politics have become increasingly divisive, we must be mindful of how our public institutions reflect the values of the entire community. A publicly funded library should remain a place of learning, inclusion, and unity—not a symbol of partisan politics.

The proposed plaque, incorporating a MAGA acrostic, risks politicizing a cherished public space. Regardless of intent, its message inevitably aligns with a movement that has become deeply polarizing. Public funds should serve all residents, not just those who identify with one political ideology. Instead of using tax dollars to make a political statement, I urge the Council to consider a design that reflects the library's core mission—to connect, educate, and inspire young people and lifelong learners alike. Libraries are meant to be centers of knowledge and opportunity, fostering curiosity and critical thinking. A plaque celebrating 50 years of service should honor this legacy, not create unnecessary division.

Huntington Beach has always been a place where people of different backgrounds come together. I ask the City Council to take a broader view—one that prioritizes unity over division and service over symbolism. Let's celebrate our library's history in a way that truly reflects its role as a pillar of education, connection, and inspiration for all.

Sincerely,
Julia Crofts Rios

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Julia Rios

VP of Marketing

Phone: 714.467.2840



1801 E. Edinger, Suite 101, Santa Ana, CA 92705



From: [Julie Ault](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque Proposal
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:09:31 PM

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Please accept this communication as a resident of HB to lodge my opposition to the design of the plaque proposed to memorialize the 50th anniversary of the library. The inclusion of a partisan and divisive national slogan has no rational relationship to the celebration of the library's role in the community. It appears to be more likely this design was selected to memorialize the partisan beliefs of the current city council. Use of public funds for advancement and publication of a partisan national agenda on city property is an improper expenditure of community funds. I implore the council members to focus public funds and their efforts solely on the needs of the local community and to set aside personal partisan political beliefs and aspirations as the council members are charged with the task of being stewards of public funds on behalf of the citizens of HB.

Thank you for thoughtfully considering the needs and opinions of the community members in this an all council decisions.

Julie A. Ault, Esq.

From: [Julie Meneghini](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 11:33:32 AM

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I have just seen a picture of the commemorative library plaque from the City Council. If this hideous piece of crap absolutely must be placed somewhere other than the nearest trash can, may I suggest putting in the section of the library with all the banned books?

Thank you,
Julie Meneghini
HB Library Patron

From: [Karen Mckinley](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th Anniversary Plaque - What the heck?
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 7:16:04 AM

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Oh my gosh! What is this council thinking? The blatant partisan design has absolutely NO PLACE on a plaque celebrating 50 years of our beautiful city library! Additionally, the overpowering design of patriotic symbolism and religious statement does not represent the celebration either. The library is NON-PARTISAN, NON-RELIGIOUS. Stop this nonsense.

This isn't a MAGA celebration. This isn't a religious celebration. This isn't a patriotic event.

It is a celebration of our beautiful library - as a long time resident, and library user since 1969, I do not support this design. Remove the current political/religious symbolism and provide a design that celebrates our library!

Karen McKinley

From: [karen.mundwiler](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: NO MAGA on HB Library plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:31:21 AM

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Dear community members,

Please stop this nonsense; do not install a "plaque" in the HB Library with "MAGA" words on it!!!!

Libraries represent all and are a place for fact and fiction, for exploration, discovery and imagination. Libraries should remain and forever be a place without political bias, a source for truth without rewriting history, a place for expanding our imagination via fact and fiction, via poetry, scientific, historical and non-fiction sources (it should be our choice what to read; not somebody else's decision). There is no room for MAGA nonsense in our community.

Please stop this nonsensical waste; instead, focus on diversity, inclusion, equity and be a source for promoting literacy, for skills development, for promoting creativity and entrepreneurship, helping the young and old alike build new skills, for sharing our communities and our countries history.

Our country is already great, we don't need MAGA nonsense to remind us of this.

Thank you,
Karen Mundwiler
8252 Tyler Circle
HB, CA 92646

From: [Kathy Barbour](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Purposed library plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:49:30 AM

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Verbiage is inappropriate! Celebration of our public library has NO PLACE for political commentary and memorialization. The library offers a place for ALL people, young & old, regardless of religion to safely access resources of their choosing, to promote individual growth, stimulation and community support.

From: [Kathy Caric](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:44:18 AM

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Please do not approve the proposed design for the 50th anniversary library plaque. It is inappropriate to politicize the library with this design. Books should be a prominent feature of the design, not a small feature. It is also my understanding that the approximate cost to produce and install the plaque is \$7000-a hefty price when the city is already in financial trouble. Honor the library by fiscally supporting the outstanding services provided to the city daily by staff and volunteers. If you must install a plaque, make it smaller, less expensive and without controversial political content.

From: [Kathy Seaberg](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: MAGA 50th anniversary design
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:28:26 AM

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As a resident of Huntington Beach, I strongly object to the proposed MAGA design along with the cost of \$7000 to make and install the design. The MAGA logo is strongly associated with Donald Trump and many residents of Huntington Beach are not a fan of this president.

Sincerely,
Kathy Seaberg

From: [kathy williamson](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: HB Library anniversary plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 2:38:27 PM

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My name is Kathy Williamson. My husband & I have lived in Huntington Beach for 33+ years. We have raised our children here, coached little league here, worked at our children's schools here and enjoyed a neighborhood that is involved, diverse and supportive. We are very worried that the current city council is pushing an agenda that is contrary to what we all would like our city's vibe to be. The plaque that is proposed for our wonderful city library anniversary is likely to divide our HB citizens even further than they already are. Political narrative has no place in a celebration such as this. The MAGA highlight on the plaque will do nothing but turn people away from this exciting time in our city's history. I urge you to please redesign the plaque so that we all may enjoy and be proud of it. Now is the time to come together, not to further divide.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. I hope the council does the right thing in this matter.

Kathy Williamson
6762 Sicily Circle
HB

From: [Flynn, Kelly](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque Opposition
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:52:21 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the new library plaque design. It is unnecessarily political and disrespectful and shouldn't be allowed.

Sincerely,
Huntington Beach Home Owner Kelly Flynn

From: [Kevin Rew](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:07:40 PM

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The proposed plaque is childish and a waste of money.

Kevin

From: [Laura Julyne](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:12:53 AM

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I am appalled and opposed to the current plaque that is proposed for the Huntington Beach Library. It has an obvious political signature that is meant to poloraize the community.

Sincerely,

Laura Lara
16222 Monterey Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

From: [Laura Julyne](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:12:53 AM

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Sincerely,

Laura Lara
16222 Monterey Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

From: [Lauren Lloyd](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Commemorative Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:03:33 PM

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Hello,

I would like to express my deep concern over the proposed commemorative plaque to be installed at our HB Central Library. I love the idea of honoring our library somehow, however, there is no business for it to be a \$7K plaque, or for words of God and especially not MAGA agenda script to be on this plaque. It has nothing to do with our beloved library and is deeply offensive to many. Please do not approve this project. Go back to the drawing board without a political agenda and think of the children who love this library, think of the intellects who walk through its doors every week, think of the people of Huntington Beach who find solace in this safe haven, think of the citizens whose money supports the library.

Our City Council unfortunately does not have the library's longevity and success as a priority, and they have no business injecting more of their despicable agenda into this public institution.

Additionally, I would like to know more about the \$7K price tag. Surely this money could go toward improvements at the library instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Lauren Lloyd
310-460-8109

From: [Lea Inouye](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:47:35 AM

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It is completely offensive to 50% of HB voters to enshrine MAGA on the library plaque.
Please try to do things for everyone and not just your tribe.
Have some respect for everyone.

From: [Leslie Rudolph](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:22:05 PM

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I absolutely do NOT agree with spending \$7000 on a plaque that spells out MAGA and lists the city council members who just happen to be in office during this milestone year. Also, considering the council advocates banning books, I don't think it's appropriate to consider the library as "alluring" or "adventurous". Also, the plaque should not be mentioning God.

This is a blatant misuse of funds.

Leslie Rudolph
Resident for over 25 years and avid library user

From: [Lisa Marquise](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:04:55 PM

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To the City Council,

I object to the library M A G A plaque, including the acronym letter "A" = "Alluring". Alluring means enticing, tempting, seductive, often describing a woman's particular qualities. It's suggestive, and inappropriate for a library. Maybe you don't understand the common usage of the word:

Merriam-Webster example:

"..was so allured by his sister's college roommate that before long he was asking her for a date."

"highly attractive and able to arouse desire."

I thought that this council's members were removing any book or material from children's view that they deemed sexually suggestive, even cute, educational books like Once Upon a Potty. Now you want to erect a plaque saying the library is "alluring", like you're advertising on Match.com!

Please do better.

Lisa Marquise

Fountain Valley

From: [Lisa Swanson](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th Anniversary
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:54:35 AM

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Dear Commissioners, I am a frequent library patron and Friend of the Huntington Beach Library. I'm excited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our award winning Central library, but I want to express my dismay at the proposed MAGA themed plaque. Gracey and the current council have waged war on our beloved library and committed librarians and we should not be wasting city money honoring them on this important anniversary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Lisa Swanson

15 yr HB resident

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From: [Lynne Deakers](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed library plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 1:48:10 PM

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The proposed library plaque celebrating 50 years is offensive to me and a large contingent of my Huntington Beach friends. Please do not approve this political statement as a tribute to what has been a wonderful community attribute of the city we know and love. This would be a huge MISTAKE!!!!

Lynne Deakers

Huntington Beach resident 44years

From: [Maggie Prizler](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: HB library design
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:29:33 PM

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Good afternoon,

This is in regards to the sign design for the library. I just want to say as a Huntington Beach citizen that this does not make me feel confident in my children feeling safe and valued with the initials M.A.G.A. This feels like a troll or even an underlying message directed towards the community. I would love to celebrate the 50 years of our wonderful library in some other way. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maggie Jackson

From: [Margie Lewis](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th Anniversary Proposed Library Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:04:33 PM

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Dear Members of the Community and Library Services Commission,

I urge you to reject the proposed design for a plaque commemorating the 50th anniversary of the wonderful Huntington Beach Library.

Using “MAGA,” even though it’s portrayed as an acronym for something other than how it is normally used in today’s world, is terribly wrong. It needlessly politicizes the library, one of the jewels of our city.

The library is open to all; and everyone in the city, regardless of their political leanings, should feel welcome. At no time should the library be identified with any political slogans.

Please vote no on approving this proposal. Our library and our city deserve something much, much better.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Lewis
3201 Moritz Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

From: [mari beth vierra](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 5:02:47 AM

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Good morning. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, 2/11. As such, I am expressing my opinion herein regarding the proposed MAGA library plaque. This plaque is an unnecessarily aggressive move by the council. It will further divide the city and the cost is wasteful.

Please consider my opinion as a longtime resident and homeowner.

Thank you,

Mari Vierra

From: [Maria Sugranes](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:58:59 AM

\$7,000! No, I love the library, but a simple plaque will do. Plus the design is funereal. And the MAGA inscription. Even MAGA supporters will cringe at "alluring." Please have a normal, non-political commemoration of our beloved library.

I attended the library inauguration where Ray Bradbury spoke. He would not approve, nor would the Neutra family.

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Maria Sugranes
HB resident since 1972

From: [mariposa sesma](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: I AM OPPOSED TO THE DECISION TO PAY FOR THE MAGA PLAQUE
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 5:41:11 AM

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To whom it may concern
I AM OPPOSED TO
THE DECISION BY THE Community and Library Services
Commission's MAGA design to commemorate the 50th
anniversary of the HB Library. The plaque cost \$7000 to
make and install! Would be better used to run the library.

Maria Sesma
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maros Mark Kocan](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Strong Objection to Proposed MAGA Plaque at Huntington Beach Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 1:20:53 PM

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Subject: Strong Objection to Proposed MAGA Plaque at Huntington Beach

Dear Library services committee,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal to install a MAGA plaque in the Huntington Beach Library. This proposal is both unnecessary and inappropriate for a public institution that serves a diverse community.

Our library should remain a welcoming space for all residents, free from divisive political messaging. Installing such a plaque would be an affront to the values of inclusivity and neutrality that a public library should uphold.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritize initiatives that enhance our library's role as a place for education, community engagement, and intellectual growth's rather than political statements.

Sincerely,

Maros Mark Kocan

20 years HB resident

From: [Mary Ann Celinder](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: MAGA plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:17:45 AM

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What a ridiculous idea!

A complete waste of funds.

And it comes out of the library budget? What's wrong with you people?

Also, I'd still like to know what the plan is in HB if the dept of education is dissolved by the dictator. You voted for him, you have to have a plan for the potential loss of funding. Or are you willing to throw our school kids under the bus?

Mary Ann Celinder
Celinder's Glass Design
21341 Fleet Lane
Huntington Beach Ca 92646

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www.customleadedglass.com

From: [Mary Camarillo](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Commemorative Plaque for the Library 50 year anniversary
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:08:38 AM

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Please get more community input before you spend \$7000 on this plaque. The Huntington Beach Library is an architectural gem designed by Richard and Dion Neutra. At least include an image of the building on the plaque. The current graphics have absolutely nothing to do with Huntington Beach or the library.

The words you have chosen to spell out MAGA seem to have been selected only because they spell out MAGA. Magical, alluring, galvanizing and adventurous? I would agree one can find "magic" and "adventure" in the library, but one can also find facts, history, and science. The word "alluring" has sexual connotations, which is very odd considering the city council's focus on protecting children from any mention of sex. "Galvanizing" is actually a humorous choice, as the council's actions toward the library over the past two years have certainly galvanized the community to march on Main Street and sign petitions.

Please provide a cost breakdown of why this plaque costs \$7000.00. Possibly your cronies at Code Four could give you a better deal.

Our library is a beautiful community space. Please don't junk it up with this ill conceived and overly expensive idea.

You can do better. Your community expects better.

Mary Camarillo

From: [Mary Taddeo](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 7:55:28 PM

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This plaque is completely inappropriate and disgusting. It is wrong to inject politics into a place where people go to learn and enjoy a quiet politics free place. Not to mention the waste of \$7000 for something totally unnecessary. The city is already wasting our tax money on endless lawsuits that the city will NOT win. The decisions made by the council should reflect the majority of HB citizens and not the MAGA few. For once the council should listen to the people and stop sucking up to trump.

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From: [maureen movius](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: We are not all nuts in HB
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:46:29 PM

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Where do I start.... the rampart cronyism and corruption of the city council, stop with your right wing MAGA platform. Try to unite the city of HB not continue to divide us. Hate will not make us great.

From: [Michele Burgess](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Comments on plaque for library's 50th anniversary
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 5:33:03 PM

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To: Community & Library Services Commission for 2/11/25 meeting
To: Members of the City Council

Re: File #25-094, Approval of Plaque Design and Language for the
Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary

It's wonderful that the 50th anniversary of the Huntington Beach Public Library is being recognized with a bronze plaque. However....

Instead of celebrating the library's rich history and contributions, and its 50 years of service as a vital (not virtual) resource for education, literacy, and community engagement, it is a very expensive self-serving monument to a long list of partisan politicians, political appointees, an acting city manager, one valuable librarian, and an ideology known as MAGA with a nod to Christianity.

More words are used to name individuals and titles for people who just happen to be in office in 2025 than for the library itself. The library has been here for 50 years, the council members a couple of years or less, the commission members a couple of years or only a couple of months.

The MAGA allusion (Magical, Alluring, Galvanizing, Adventurous) is pathetic and juvenile. The large, ornate eagle? Militaristic. In God We Trust? Sounds like you're designing a coin. What's with the clip art curtains in the upper corners? And two tiny logos for the city and the library.

Even the language is bizarre. A sanctuary for children to feel safe, valued and free to grow? Only if you're not gay. The library is for people of all ages, religions (or not), and sexual orientation/gender identity. Why a distinction between councilmen and a council woman (which should actually be one word)? So we understand that you believe there are only two genders, as assigned at birth?

Who designed this poor excuse for what should be a nonpartisan commemorative to the library? Who would be getting paid an exorbitant amount to produce and install it? Why is the library's maintenance fund being raided of \$7,000 to pay for it?

Here's a better idea to celebrate our much-loved, award-winning public library, an architectural gem. Get the community involved and hold a design competition. Hold one or more fund-raising events to solicit donations for a really classy plaque that doesn't honor individuals, but the library itself. This would result in a more appropriate design, and the library's maintenance account could be better used for something

useful, like repairing the fountains.

This City Council claims to be fiscally conservative, but it's highly irresponsible to spend a huge amount of taxpayer money on a self-serving monument to themselves.

I strongly urge the members of the Community & Library Services Commission to reject the proposed design and language for the plaque. We can do better.

Michele Burgess
HB resident since 1961

From: [Mikel Hogan](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque to Commemorate the 50 -Year Anniversary of the HB Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:44:03 PM

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Dear Library Commission, I am writing to oppose the use of money taken from the Library Maintenance fund for the proposed 50-year anniversary commemorative plaque for the library. The plaque needs to be a nonpartisan commemoration to the library not to yourselves. And, I will quote Michelle Burgess, a longtime resident of Huntington Beach since 1961:

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Thank you, Mikel Hogan, HB resident for 52 years

From: [NGP](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:34:50 AM

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I am writing to express my outrage that a plaque displaying "MAGA" would be placed at our public library. The entire country knows that those four letters refer to the new president in the White House, and his agenda.

NOT EVERYONE in Huntington Beach is a Republican. This plaque is an outrageous use of funds and a blatant reference to the president and his followers. THERE IS NO PLACE for this at the library. If private citizens want to place plaques, signs etc on THEIR private property that is their choice.

This plaque is offensive to many HB residents - some who may even BE Republican, But our library is NOT A PLACE of POLITICS, nor should it ever be.

PLEASE reconsider - if a plaque should be placed on our public library it should be plaque of "welcome to a place to read, learn and enjoy books" .

Thank you for your time,
Nancy Pritchard

From: [Nick Jackson](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed library plaque
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 5:57:20 PM

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Please don't spend \$7,000 on a plaque for the library. If you do, don't put the names of the city council members on it. They have done nothing to further the mission of the library and instead, only served to make our library the subject of overreaching book bans.

The acronym MAGA shouldn't be allowed to be on the library either. Trademark issues aside, this feels like when a high schooler tries to "sneak" a butt into the logo on a school flag...

I have lived in Huntington Beach my whole life. I love the library, it's the best part of our city. But I cannot continue defending Huntington Beach as a good place to live or raise children when we come up against inane stunts like this.

Thanks for listening,
Nick Jackson
Huntington Beach resident

From: [Lindsay Malter Simmons](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Oppose proposed commemorative plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 2:17:24 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I would like this added to the record that I am opposed to the proposed plaque for the library's 50th anniversary put forth by the current city counsel. It is not appropriate and does not reflect the values of the library nor the city residents.

I would suggest a contest be held for HB residents to present their art work and plaque ideas instead.

Best,
Lindsay Simmons
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Patricia Larkin](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 7:34:38 PM

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I am not in favor of creating this plaque regarding the library's 50th year anniversary.
I value our library and enjoy reading there but think the \$7,000 would be better spent on city services and programs for our citizens.
Thank You, Patricia Larkin

From: [Patti LaPlace](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Feedback regarding the 50th Anniversary Plaque for the HB Central Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:40:13 AM
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To: Community & Library Services Commission
Re: 50th Anniversary Plaque for the HB Central Library
Hello,

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TY,
Patti



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From: [Patti LaPlace](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Re: Feedback regarding the 50th Anniversary Plaque for the HB Central Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:06:26 PM
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Thank you for acknowledging my email and concerns. I am sending this email as a resident in the City of Huntington Beach and not as an CSULB employee. Please make that distinction when providing a copy of my comments.

TY,
Patti



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From: Gomez, Charlene <cgomez@surfcity-hb.org>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:46 AM

To: Patti LaPlace <Patti.LaPlace@csulb.edu>

Subject: RE: Feedback regarding the 50th Anniversary Plaque for the HB Central Library

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Good Morning Patti,

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the plaque. I will provide a copy of your comments to the Commissioners at the February 11th meeting.

Respectfully,

Charlene Gomez
Sr. Administrative Assistant
Community & Library Services
City of Huntington Beach

From: Patti LaPlace <Patti.LaPlace@csulb.edu>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:40 AM

To: Gomez, Charlene <cgomez@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Feedback regarding the 50th Anniversary Plaque for the HB Central Library

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From: [Peter DiCicco](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:07:53 AM

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To the Huntington Beach City Council:

I am a resident of Huntington Beach, a father, and a frequent visitor to the library. I was horrified to learn that the City Council is voting to approve and spend taxpayer dollars on a new plaque that clearly displays the acronym MAGA in its center.

Regardless of what the acronym is intended to abbreviate, in this current fraught political climate, it has only one clear reference, that of ignorance and hateful rhetoric that has no place in an institution where I take my child every weekend to read and learn.

Libraries are meant to be places of learning and acceptance, a place where adults and children alike can discover and experience new ideas, new cultures even. It should be a place where children feel safe. It should not be a place where my child and every other child that passes through its doors is indoctrinated and groomed by a radical and ignorant political movement.

I implore you to vote down wastefully spending on this plaque.

Thank you,
Peter DiCicco

From: [Rachel Lockhart](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 12:56:20 PM

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Hello,

I just want to ask WTF is with the Library Plaque rendering. The best word to describe the library was alluring? And it literally spells MAGA. Please don't do this. Please make this plaque less political and more unifying for all city residents.

And can we come up with some more appropriate words to describe our library?

Galvanizing?????

Sincerely,

Rachel Lockhart

From: [Kevin Rew](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Proposed plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:07:40 PM

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The proposed plaque is childish and a waste of money.

Kevin

From: [RICHARD WASIEWICZ](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Plaque commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the Library
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:27:05 PM

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To: Community and Library Services Commission

The design of the proposed plaque commemorating the 50 year anniversary of our library is awful. Most of the artwork has little to do with recognizing and celebrating the library and some of the text is bizarre.

After reviewing the proposed plaque, it occurred to me that perhaps the selection of the design was being limited to a handful of elected officials. If so, then some of these officials have been part of city government for only a few years and some of them only for a few months. Shouldn't those that have worked for decades at the library and those that have spent decades volunteering at the library also have a say in selecting the design for the plaque? Let's have something that displays a tribute to our beloved library and its contribution to our community.

Don't embarrass the city by going forward with the proposed design.

Regards,

Richard Wasiewicz
Huntington Beach, California

From: [ROSE SAYLIN](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:08:40 AM

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I strongly object to the political message on the proposed library plaque.
Rose Saylin

Sent from my iPad

From: [imthewizardofroz](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: I am vehemently opposed to this library plaque and its design.
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:16:55 PM

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Additionally, the cost is exorbitant and the wording, "In God We Trust", is not at all appropriate for a library.

This Council's continued attempts at imposing religion on HB, while acting in ways that are the antithesis of the actual teachings of Jesus - most importantly, "*Love thy neighbor as thyself*", is a travesty.

Make no mistake, if you continue to ignore the will of the people you will all be unseated when your terms are up.

Rosalyn Esposito
(she/her)

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From: [Sandra F](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\); Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 12:24:13 PM

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Please honor our library with a non partisan plaque that commemorates the library's accomplishments and not your partisan, political agenda. The plaque, as designed, is beneath you as public servants and as human beings.

Sandra Fazio
21612 Bahama Lane
Huntington Beach, 92646

From: [Sandra Smith](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Huntington Beach Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:11:51 AM

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Gentlepersons:

This is an egregious, self-serving and highly inappropriate design. A thinly veiled MAGA message that has absolutely nothing to do with our City's Library and its long and illustrious history.

What purpose does this serve, apart from once again watching a partisan group of council members "elevate" themselves?

How about a plaque that celebrates the Library's 50 years, leaves out all of the propaganda (the ridiculous MAGA acronym and the names of the CURRENT city council members)? Or just save the \$7000 for the debts this Council continues to recklessly accrue?

Disappointed, again, and not surprised, again,

Sandra Smith, Ph.D.
45 year resident of Huntington Beach

From: [Wysocki, Ashley](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Cc: bsmastros@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: MAGA plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:00:22 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-hvmspl1o.png](#)

Please see below for inclusion in supplemental communication.

Make today your masterpiece!

Ashley Wysocki

Director of Community & Library Services

City of Huntington Beach

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From: Shannon Mastros <bsmastros@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 6:56 AM
To: Wysocki, Ashley <ashley.wysocki@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: MAGA plaque

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Hello Ms. Wysocki,
Please read for public comment at tomorrow's meeting.

It's hard to believe that the HB Community and Library Services Commission wants to put up this MAGA plaque and disguise it as Magical Alluring Galvanizing and Adventurous. It's clearly more political than that acronym.

I am not a MAGA supporter and do not believe a plaque like this represents the views of many HB residents. The cost is projected to be \$7000. For what?? That seems like a horrendous waste of money, let alone time and other resources. Please find another way for the library to use such funds.

Thank you,
Shannon Mastros

From: [Steve Van Dine](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 1:22:32 PM

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I understand a \$7,000 plaque is to affixed to the library, signifying 50 years of existence. First, why spend tax money for something that is not needed? Second, while I support the president, why make the initials MAGA? To make a political point? This is a silly waste of money and an unnecessary political stunt that has no place on a civic building.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sue Westover](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: The Proposed Library Plaque for the 50th Anniversary of the Central Library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:56:01 AM

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Greetings. I'm a 20-year resident of Huntington Beach, and I'm writing to share a few thoughts on the proposed plaque commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the Central Library.

In short, it's a tacky design with an overly-politicized message.

The design is tacky. The graphics in the upper third of the design have nothing to do with City or Library issues, logos, or related themes. Instead, they depict national symbols that have nothing to do with the Library. Furthermore, the combination of fonts clashes. The sizing of the fonts is off. It's a plaque for the Library, yet the font size of HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY is smaller than the font size of CITY COUNCIL. Is this plaque about the Library's 50th Anniversary, or is it more about promoting the City Council? The section on the Executive Leadership in the lower right corner should be lined up with the Commission section on the right instead of sitting a quarter inch above it. It's hard to believe a professional graphic artist worked on this design.

The Plaque has also been overly politicized. The inclusion of the partisan MAGA message is inappropriate and divisive. Additionally, the selection of the term "alluring" as part of that message is sexualized, which is in stark contrast to the current City Council's messages about appropriate content for the Library. Alluring means enticing or seductive. Even if they insist on inappropriately including the MAGA message, why not choose "amazing" or some other adjective beginning with "a" instead?

You also have poor proofreaders. The proposed Plaque lists "Council Woman" with two separate words as the title for Gracey Larrea Van Der Mark while listing "Councilman" for the remaining members of the City Council. Why list genders in the titles at all? They are all Council Members. With this Council's public endorsement of removing DEI from the City's policies, they should be consistent with that message and refer to themselves as Council Members, not councilman or councilwoman. But if they want to use the sex-specific terms, make them consistent (one word) to give this Plaque a more professional appearance.

For all these reasons above, I object to the Plaque as it's currently designed.

Susan Westover-Giali
4442 Oceanridge Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Cell: 714-402-3423

From: [Susie Cerami](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: 50th anniversary plaque for the library
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:24:09 AM

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I am writing to express my outrage that a 50th anniversary plaque for our beloved local HB library would contain MAGA prominently on the plaque. Our library is NOT partisan!!! Why would a national movement be featured on our library plaque? What does MAGA have to do with our HB library? Is this \$7,000 funded with our taxpayer \$??? This is absolutely horrible, embarrassing, and despicable that our library's celebratory 50th anniversary would be misused in this manner. How about we use the \$7,000 to buy more books for our library, or invest in programs for our library?

I am respectfully requesting that the MAGA terminology be removed from the plaque. National politics have NO place in our local library. Our library should be a gathering place for ALL. All this plaque does is create division.

Respectfully,
Susie Cerami
Longtime HB resident

From: [Suzanna Byrne](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Logo
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 6:57:21 AM

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I OBJECT TO THE MAGA REFERENCE. NOT ALL OF US ARE OF THE MAGA MENTALITY. REMOVE IT.
SUZANNA BYRNE.

From: [Suzanna Byrne](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Logo
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 6:56:04 AM

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This is far too costly to the city. It must be stopped.
Suzanna Byrne,

From: [Suzanne Boesing](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:12:31 PM

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Our City Council should be non partisan and represent all of the citizens of our city. It's clear the MAGA acronym was deliberate and was inappropriate,(and seriously, "alluring "??who the heck came up with that?)The most egregious part of the whole thing is the spending of \$7000 for it. So many local artists could have contributed to it for far less and with so many of you always saying, "keep it local" I find your decision a slap in our faces.

Regards, Suzanne Boesing

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Taryn Taddeo](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: HB Central Liberty Plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:20:29 AM

Good Evening Commissioners and City Council Members,

As a former Parks and Library Services Commission member I am extremely disappointed to hear that the celebration of the HB Central Library is being used for political purposes. As unelected commissioners your role is to represent the Library and the community and serve on behalf of the interests of Huntington Beach. The use of a celebration of our library, a place of refuge and learning for all of Huntington Beach for political purposes is absolutely appalling.

Additionally, during my time on the Commission I heard multiple times about the importance of saving money and being fiscally responsible. This was to the point that the Oak View neighborhood was never able to get the upgraded library they so sorely need. And yet, it seems a \$7000 MAGA plaque is a good use of money? To me this is absolutely a waste of City funds as well as a clear stunt that has nothing to do with celebrating and recognizing the library.

I am appalled by this political stunt and urge you to DISAPPROVE the installation of the plaque.

Taryn Palumbo

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From: [Tiffany Vasek](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: MAGA Library plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:38:50 AM

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Hello, I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed library plaque. This blatantly partisan plaque has no place in our city on a public library. Acknowledgment of 50 years is great, but not with any reference to MAGA or any particular partisan thoughts or ideals.

This is completely inappropriate and I do NOT approve.

Tiffany Tokar-Vasek
3456 Windspun Drive
HB, CA 92649
408-410-4883

From: [Tim Geddes](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Communication to the HB Community & Library Services Commission
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:56:36 AM

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TO: Chair Austin Edsell and Commission Members
RE: File # 25-094 Approval of Plaque Design and Language for Huntington Beach Public Library's 50th Anniversary

Dear Chair Edsell, Commission Members, and Staff,

I am grateful that this matter is coming before you for consideration before being acted upon by the City Council. Unlike previous decisions regarding our Library System which were taken up and hastily approved by the City Council without being brought before the public commission dedicated to review and advise upon library issues, this Agenda Item will hopefully receive both the commission and staff members' full attention and attendant public input in its deliberations.

The Commission is being asked to review the proposed design and language for the commemorative plaque as is proper. It should also entertain and act upon input from the community, especially library patrons, volunteers, and supporters.

Many involved and concerned local residents, myself included, are outraged at both the design and language of the proposed plaque. They demand to know who came up with both the design and language employed, and why no professional standards were adhered to with the obviously amateurish representation you are now reviewing. It is a juvenile attempt to memorialize the term "MAGA" into permanent civic graffiti for a cherished institution which this term's supporters have continually attacked and sought to denigrate.

Who came up with this blatantly political attempt to permanently embarrass the community? Do you want your names permanently associated with this travesty? Do acting City Manager and Director Ashley Wysocki want *their* names and reputations associated with this ridiculous and ideological attempt to represent the city this way?

The Commission should listen to Library staff, volunteers, supporters, and patrons in planning a fitting commemorative tribute to the crown jewel of our city's institutions. It should reliably communicate their informed views and concerns to our city's leaders and decision-makers.

I hope you will disapprove of this submitted design and language for the plaque and send it back to the drawing board. What it seeks to do is both disrespectful and

beneath contempt, and will dishonor instead of commemorate our city's precious library.

Sincerely,

Tim Geddes

Homeowner, 40+ years resident, FOTL member and longtime Library patron

We are also concerned about the details associated with this process. We question the cost of designing, producing, and installation such a plaque along with its location on the property. This celebratory project should not come out of any Library maintenance accounts. Forcing this expense upon an already skimpy budget would be akin to an individual being required to buy his or her own birthday presents. It should be taken out of general funds.

From: [Tracy Gibbs](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Library Plaque - NO!
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:03:27 AM

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I am 100% against the proposed vanity Library Plaque that the City Council seems to think spending \$7000 on is money well spent. This is ridiculous. No one needs this and we certainly don't need another reason to "proudly" display the initials of a cult movement. Stop spending OUR money on your cult agenda. Enough!

Tracy Gibbs
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vance Vlasek](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: MAGA library plaque
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:54:35 AM

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I do not approve a plaque that includes any political party references.
A fiftieth anniversary plaque is a wonderful idea, but keep it non-partisan.

Thank you,

Vance Vlasek

From: [Ginny Bean](#)
To: [Gomez, Charlene](#)
Subject: Design of HB Library plaque
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:31:00 PM

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To whom it may concern;

I just saw the design of the plaque and I am appalled at this design ! The Library is a beautiful landmark in our city and to use the MAGA reference is very inappropriate . Our Library should not be used as a reference to a political party, it should be recognized for all the good it has done in our community.

This is an insult to all the citizens and the programs that our beautiful library has provided our city.

Sincerely,
Virginia Bean
714-325-5240

15892 Malm Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 93647

Sent from my iPhone