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The Honorable  
Michael Posey  
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Dear Mister Mayor:

I am writing to express my present opposition to Item 31, Councilman Patrick Brenden's motion to instruct the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission to consider creating a public memorial in memory of Father Christian Mondor and Reverend Sumo Sato.

Father Mondor was a Pastor Emeritus at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 20444 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, California. Reverend Sato was the Pastor at the H20 Community Church, 411 Olive Avenue.

I greatly respected Father Mondor. In fact, I attended Father Mondor's Funeral at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 20444 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, California.

I also greatly respected Reverend Sato. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Reverend Sato's Funeral, as I had to attend a meeting with an individual I was considering hiring as my Private Secretary. This Meeting had already been scheduled by the time Reverend Sato's Obituary was published in the Huntington Beach Wave. However, I did give a donation in memory of Reverend Sato to the Cornerstone Church, 4905 East La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, California.

However, I do not believe a joint memorial is an appropriate way to honor Father Mondor and Reverend Sato. While they both were clergymen, associated with the surfing community, and were great men, those similarities do not erase the fact that they are 2 different men.

In 1956, President Dwight David Eisenhower I appointed Judge William Joseph Brennan Jr. to succeed Justice Sherman Minton as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Judge Thurgood Marshall Sr. to the Supreme Court of the United States to succeed Justice Thomas Campbell Clark I. Justices Brennan and Marshall had quite similar views, and by the time of Justice Brennan's retirement in 1990, Justices Brennan and Marshall were frequently the only two justices who expressed these views in dissenting opinions. Due to their similar viewpoints, Justices Brennan and Marshall would sometimes be jokingly referred to by their law clerks as "Justice Brennan-Marshall", as if they were 1 man with a double-barrelled surname.

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Yet when the time came for Justices Brennan and Marshall to be recognized , two different memorials were created for Justices Brennan and Marshall. The Hudson County Courthouse, 595 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, was named after Justice Brennan. The Baltimore International Airport, 7035 Elm Road, Linthicum, Maryland, was named after Justice Marshall.

Similarly, I believe Father Mondor and Reverend Sato should be honored with seperate memorials. They may have many similarities, but they were both great men, and the should both be honored in great ways.

I would also note that Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church is creating a Plaza that will be named after Father Mondor.

Senator Barbara Boxer, a Former Senator from California who served 4 terms in the United States Senate, once said "We are all different. Yet we are all God's Children." Father Mondor and Reverend Sato were certainly sons of God, and they should both be recognized for their accomplishments with 2 different, but great, memorials.

I thank the Mayor and the members of the Huntington Beach City Council for listening to my concerns. In Summary, I recommend a No Vote on Item 31, but strongly encourage Councilman Brenden to bring forward 2 seperate items at a later meeting of The Huntington Beach City Council. The first item should be a motion to instruct the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission to consider creating a public memorial in memory of Father Mondor. The other item should be a motion to instruct the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission to consider creating a public memorial in memory of Reverend Sato.

Sincerely Yours,

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