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Mayor Erik Peterson
Members of the City Council

Dear Mayor Peterson,

It has been an honor to serve the City of Huntington Beach and its residents as its City Historian during this time. I am requesting the City Council to please consider me for reappointment as the City's Historian for an additional four year term.

During this time I have received numerous email and phone requests from the public, City Council members and the media for information on former residents, photos of historical events and people, past local businesses and places that I was able to provide.

The following are just three projects I have helped people with in 2019:

Genny McKinney from Brunswick, GA needed as much information as I could find about Marion Speer (Speer Avenue) who originally had a western museum in his home on Speer Ave. He would later give the items to Walter Knott that would be the basis of the Western Trails Museum at the park. Genny's mother stayed with the Lane family in the California town of Calico in 1928-29 when it was a real mining town.

I supplied some information to Patrick Moser on surf legend George Freeth, who gave the first surfing exhibition at the dedication of our former 1914 pier.

I have tried to assist Richardson Gray with his project to bring historic photos to be displayed at the Main Street Museum.

I also believe my 37 years of experience as docent at the historic Newland House Museum and my extensive knowledge of the city's historical past is a unique asset I bring to the position of City Historian.

I would be honored and thankful for your support in my reappointment as City Historian for another four years,

Sincerely,

Jerry Person
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