

REQUEST FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD ACTION

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBMITTED TO: Historic Resources Board

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Wysocki, Director of Community & Library Services

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

Statement of Issue:

There is a need for the Historic Resources Board 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 \$15,000. 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 Historic Resources Board 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