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NEWPORT BEACH
PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item **VII-D**
March 3, 2026

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: America 250 Plaque Donation – John Wayne Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve The Newport Beach Foundation's request to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park commemorating the United States of America's 250th Anniversary and forward to City Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

The Newport Beach Foundation is requesting to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park (Attachments C and D). The proposed plaque would be created by a City contractor and paid for by the applicant. Once created, Staff would set the plaque in a pedestal. The location at John Wayne Park would be directly adjacent to a plaque that commemorated the United States of America's Bicentennial. John Wayne Park also includes other patriotic plaques set in the pathway between Cliff Drive and the City's Landmark Coral Tree.

The approximate value of the plaque and staff time to build the pedestal and install it onsite is \$7,500, including the 50% maintenance cost required by City Council Policy B-17. The Newport Beach Foundation is donating the plaque in honor of the "enduring spirit of liberty, the courageous patriots who founded this nation, and the generations of Americans who have fought, served, and sacrificed to defend and sustain its promise of freedom and opportunity for 250 years"

NOTICING:

The Newport Beach Foundation and City Council Member Michelle Barto have received a copy of this report. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Donation Application
- Attachment B – Donation Request Letter and Design
- Attachment C – Photo of proposed plaque location
- Attachment D – Location map of the proposed plaque donation