

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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**MEETING DATE & AGENDA NO. 02/10/2026 #15**

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Exhibit No. 1

Meeting Date: 2/10/2026 Agenda No. 15

Presented by: Staff

## Item 15 Amendment Language

- Recommendation 1 will remain the same.
- The first amendment will replace recommendation 2 and reads:

Direct the CAO to foster partnerships, actively pursue sponsorships and collaborative opportunities, and accept donations from the public, private, and community stakeholders to support the planning, programming, and execution of the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park, and to enhance public awareness, engagement, and participation in the event, **subject to the following eligibility requirements.**

- a. The County shall accept sponsorships, donations, other financial contributions, or partnerships only from organizations that demonstrate alignment with the County's Strategic Plan and the County's values of inclusion, equal opportunity, and support for immigrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, tribal nations and indigenous groups, and other historically underserved populations.**
- b. An organization may demonstrate alignment with the values with subsection (a) through one or more of the following, as determined by the CAO:**
  - i. Publicly stated policies, programs, or commitments supporting immigrants, refugees,**

**or mixed-status families, tribal nations and indigenous groups, and/or LGBTQ+ communities**

- ii. Workforce, community, or philanthropic initiatives that advance inclusion, equity, or access to opportunity for historically underserved populations;**
  - iii. Partnerships, grants, or investments supporting organizations or communities aligned with the County's equity and inclusion goals; or**
  - iv. Other comparable actions or commitments consistent with the purpose and values highlighted in the County's strategic plan.**
- c. All organizations shall self-certify, in a form approved by the CAO, that they meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this section**
- d. Notwithstanding an organization's self-certification or demonstrated alignment, the CAO retains discretion to decline any sponsorship, donation, financial contribution, or partnership that is inconsistent with the purpose, intent, or values of the Celebration.**
- The second amendment will be an additional amendment. Recommendation 3 reads:**
    - a. Direct the CAO to coordinate with the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) and the County's Tribal Liaison to ensure that the planning and**

**implementation of the Semiquincentennial  
Celebration of the United States Declaration of  
Independence at Waterfront Park:**

- i. Incorporates meaningful community engagement, with particular emphasis on tribal nations and indigenous groups, immigrant communities and immigrant-serving organizations, LGBTQ+ communities, and other historically underserved populations**
  - ii. Promotes broad and inclusive participation reflecting the diversity of San Diego County; and**
  - iii. Is consistent with the County's equity, inclusion, and racial justice goals.**
- b. Such coordination shall inform outreach strategies, program development, and partnership activities associated with the Celebration.**

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Exhibit No. 2  
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February 9, 2026

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Re: Support Letter for County July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The Port of San Diego enthusiastically supports the proposal to approve a Semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Celebration of the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park on this July 4<sup>th</sup>.

San Diego County is a perfect locale to celebrate this important milestone in the nation's history, as it is a hub of national defense, with the largest concentration of military personnel in the world. The county stands as a shining example of selfless service to country.

The county is also home to a rich and diverse population that reflects the many cultures that encompass the American tapestry and embody the country's ideals.

The location of Waterfront Park is significant in the history of San Diego and the nation, as it is near the point of departure for sailors who fought in World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. A celebration of the country's founding would honor their memory and their sacrifice.

Waterfront Park is expansive enough to accommodate a large-scale gathering of county residents and visitors and benefit nearby businesses and attractions, including the USS Midway Museum and the Maritime Museum.

As you know, the Port of San Diego has long observed Independence Day with its free Big Bay Boom fireworks event that draws tens of thousands of people each year to the waterfront.



It is appropriate that the proposed county celebration is a free public event that is open to all, regardless of economic status, as the occasion of the nation's founding is a day for all Americans.

For these reasons, and many others, the Port of San Diego is proud to support the approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to approve this item.

Sincerely,

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Scott Chadwick  
President and CEO



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The Maritime Museum of San Diego strongly supports the proposed action to approve a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park.

As the nation approaches this historic milestone, San Diego County is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional leader in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Home to one of the most diverse populations in California and the nation and the largest concentration of military personnel in the world, the County has a deep and enduring connection to the principles of service, democracy, and civic engagement.

Holding this public celebration at Waterfront Park represents a meaningful and inclusive way to honor these values. The Park's premiere location and accessibility make it an ideal venue for a large-scale, free public event that promotes civic pride, historical reflection, and community participation. The proposed use of project mapping and thoughtfully managed vendor participation will enhance the visitor experience while supporting local and small businesses.

The proposed celebration also advances economic equity by creating opportunities for local and small businesses to participate as vendors. This approach supports the County's longstanding commitment to inclusive economic development while enhancing the overall quality and vibrancy of the event.

For these reasons, the Maritime Museum of San Diego is proud to support the approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board's approval of this item.

Sincerely,

Christina Connett Brophy, PhD  
President and CEO  
Maritime Museum of San Diego



February 5, 2025

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Attn, Supervisor Joel Anderson  
Cc, Supervisor Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors

Re, Support for County Semi quincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence, July 4, 2026, Waterfront Park

Dear Supervisor Anderson and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Gaslamp Quarter Association, and the nearly 400 businesses and property owners we represent in Downtown San Diego, I write to express strong support for the County's planned Semi quincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, at Waterfront Park.

This milestone is a meaningful opportunity to honor our nation's founding ideals in a way that is public-facing, inclusive, and welcoming to residents, visitors, and the many service members and military families who call our region home. We appreciate the County's vision for a high-quality civic event, including signature elements such as projection mapping and opportunities for local vendor participation, supported through coordinated partnerships and sponsorships.

Downtown's hospitality and small business community benefits when major civic celebrations are well produced, accessible, and designed to bring people together safely. The Gaslamp Quarter Association is eager to help amplify awareness and support collaboration that contributes to a successful event.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed action and move forward with planning and partnership development for the July 4, 2026, Semi quincentennial Celebration.

Best regards,

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Michael Trimble  
Executive Director  
Gaslamp Quarter Association

CC: Gaslamp Quarter Board of Directors

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P A R T N E R S H I P

February 6, 2025

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

I am writing to express support on behalf of the Downtown San Diego Partnership (DSDP) for the proposed action to approve a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park.

For over three decades, the DSDP has remained committed to bolstering the economic prosperity and cultural vitality of Downtown. Hosting the 250th celebration Downtown underscores the role of the urban core as San Diego's central gathering place where culture, history, community, and economic vitality intersect. Further, it reflects our belief that a strong, vibrant city center is essential to regional identity, civic pride, and shared community experiences.

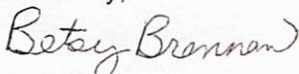
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Holding this public celebration at Waterfront Park represents a meaningful and inclusive way to honor these values. The Park's premiere location and accessibility make it an ideal venue for a large-scale, free public event that promotes civic pride, historical reflection, and community participation. The proposed use of project mapping and thoughtfully managed vendor participation will enhance the visitor experience while supporting local and small businesses.

The proposed celebration also advances economic equity by creating opportunities for local and small businesses to participate as vendors. This approach supports the County's longstanding commitment to inclusive economic development while enhancing the overall quality and vibrancy of the event.

For these reasons, DSDP is proud to support the approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board's approval of this item.

Sincerely,



Betsy Brennan  
President & CEO

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The San Diego County Lodging Association (SDCLA) strongly supports the proposed action to approve a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park.

As the nation approaches this historic milestone, San Diego County is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional leader in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Home to one of the most diverse populations in California and the nation and the largest concentration of military personnel in the world, the County has a deep and enduring connection to the principles of service, democracy, and civic engagement.

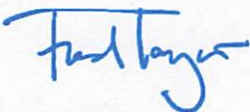
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Events of this scale and civic significance also play an important role in strengthening San Diego County's visitor economy. A countywide celebration tied to a once-in-a-generation national milestone will attract visitors from across the region and beyond, generating overnight stays, supporting hospitality workers and driving economic activity for hotels, restaurants and small businesses throughout the area. San Diego's hospitality community is proud to help welcome visitors for moments that celebrate our nation's history and bring people together in a shared public experience.

For these reasons, SDCLA is proud to support the approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board's approval of this item.

Sincerely,



Fred Tayco  
Executive Director  
San Diego County Lodging Association



February 6, 2026

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

On behalf of the East Village Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence to be held at Waterfront Park.

The 250th anniversary of our nation's founding presents a rare and meaningful opportunity for San Diego County to bring residents together in recognition of the democratic ideals that continue to shape our country. With its extraordinary cultural diversity and its unmatched role as home to the largest concentration of military personnel in the world, San Diego has a profound connection to the principles of freedom, service, and civic responsibility embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

Waterfront Park provides an exceptional setting for this historic commemoration. Its central location, visibility, and accessibility make it well-suited to host a large-scale, free public event that invites participation from residents and visitors alike. The planned use of project mapping and curated vendor programming will create an engaging and educational experience while showcasing the creativity and entrepreneurship of local businesses.

Equally important, the proposed celebration supports economic inclusion by prioritizing opportunities for small and locally owned businesses to participate as vendors. This approach reflects the County's commitment to equitable economic development and ensures that the benefits of this landmark event are broadly shared throughout the community.

For these reasons, the East Village Association enthusiastically supports approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully encourages the Board of Supervisors to move forward with this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Dominic Li Mandri  
District Manager  
East Village Association

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February 6, 2026

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
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Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The Ballpark District Community Partnership strongly supports the proposed action to approve a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park.

As the nation approaches this historic milestone, San Diego County is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional leader in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Home to one of the most diverse populations in California and the nation, as well as the largest concentration of military personnel in the world, the County has a deep and enduring connection to the principles of service, democracy, and civic engagement.

Hosting this public celebration at Waterfront Park offers a meaningful and inclusive way to honor these values. The Park's premier location and accessibility make it an ideal venue for a large-scale, free public event that fosters civic pride, historical reflection, and broad community participation. The proposed use of project mapping and thoughtfully managed vendor participation will further enhance the visitor experience while supporting local and small businesses.

Additionally, the celebration advances economic equity by creating opportunities for local and small businesses to participate as vendors. This approach aligns with the County's longstanding commitment to inclusive economic development and contributes to the overall quality and vibrancy of the event.

For these reasons, the Ballpark District Community Partnership is proud to support approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board to approve this item.

Sincerely,

Marco Li Mandri  
Executive Director  
Ballpark District Community Partnership

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February 5, 2026

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

The Little Italy Association of San Diego strongly supports the proposed action to approve a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park.

As the nation approaches this historic milestone, San Diego County is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional leader in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Home to one of the most diverse populations in California and the nation and the largest concentration of military personnel in the world, the County has a deep and enduring connection to the principles of service, democracy, and civic engagement.

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The proposed celebration also advances economic equity by creating opportunities for local and small businesses to participate as vendors. This approach supports the County's longstanding commitment to inclusive economic development while enhancing the overall quality and vibrancy of the event.

For these reasons, the Little Italy Association of San Diego is proud to support the approval of the Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park and respectfully urges the Board's approval of this item.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Gomez  
Chief Executive Administrator  
Little Italy Association of San Diego

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