

# Consideration of the City's Plans to Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

March 17, 2026



# BACKGROUND

- At the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, the City Council requested that staff explore programming ideas to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary.



# DISCUSSION IDEAS

- July 5, 2026 Salute to the Troops/Concerts in the Park Enhancements
- Tiger Squadron Flyover
- Participation by Historical and Patriotic Organizations
  - Sons of the American Revolution
  - Daughters of the American Revolution
- Manhattan Beach Boulevard Parade
  - Cost
  - Logistical challenges
- Staff Resources and Event Coordination Needs



# DISCUSSION IDEAS

- Commemorative City Lapel Pin
- America 250 Poster Contest
- American Flag Light Pole Banners
  - Existing Flag Locations
  - Polliwog Park Amphitheater
  - Additional Installations
- Water Tower Logo
  - Estimated Cost and Timeline
  - Alternative Option
- Ferris Wheel in Lower Pier Parking Lot
- Mobile American History Exhibit



# CONCLUSION

- Staff seeks direction on America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans and funding considerations
  - If the City Council directs staff to pursue some or all of these concepts, staff anticipates that a portion of the costs could be offset through community sponsorships and fundraising efforts from residents and local businesses.

