



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY of YORBA LINDA

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### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** MARCH 15, 2022

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** MIKE KUDRON, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT AGREEMENT

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve Amendment No. 6 to the Veterans Memorial Monument Agreement to authorize the Veterans Memorial Association to complete construction of a flag stand wall.

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 20, 2008, the City Council approved the agreement between the City and the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Association for the construction, funding, and site plan preparation for a Veterans Memorial Monument at Veterans Park. This unique partnership gives the Yorba Linda City Council, the Association, and all citizens of Yorba Linda the opportunity to express their gratitude to those who have made sacrifices and dedicated their lives in serving our country in the pursuit of liberty. Subsequent to that approval, the City Council also approved five amendments to the original agreement. Amendment No. 1, approved by the Council on April 21, 2009, allowed the construction of the Gold Star Walk of Honor to honor those residents or natives of Orange County who have been killed in action. Amendment No. 2, approved by the Council on June 2, 2009, clarified language in the agreement. Amendment No. 3 was approved by the Council on April 20, 2010 to allow for the construction and installation of additional memorial bricks for veterans and active military. Amendment No. 4, approved by City Council on August 2, 2016, allowed for construction of the Battlefield Memorial statue and associated site work adjacent to the Gold Star Walk of Honor. Amendment No. 5, approved June 2, 2020, authorized the Veterans Memorial Association to complete construction of a walkway adjacent to the Gold Star Walk of Honor; clarified maintenance responsibilities of the City and the Veterans Memorial Association; and canceled loan repayment due to in-kind donations valued in excess of the debt.

### **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of Amendment No. 6 is to authorize the Veterans Memorial Association to construct a flag stand wall that will wrap around the existing wall where the bronze plaques

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are mounted. The wall would be the base for nine flags that would be displayed during ceremonies. The nine flags represent each of the six branches of the military as well as flags to recognize the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Gold Star Moms Association. The Veterans Memorial Association would like to complete the construction prior to Memorial Day.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this amendment. The Veterans Memorial Association intends to fund this project through existing funds on hand and donations for the project.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

An alternative is to not approve Amendment No. 6 and provide direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Amendment No. 6 - Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Monument Agreement
  - B. Letter from the Veterans Memorial Association
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