



August 5, 2024

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7130
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1214 – California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial – SUPPORT (As Amended May 16, 2024)

Dear Senator Nguyen,

On behalf of the City of Carlsbad, I write to express our support for Senate Bill (SB) 1214, which would establish the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial and would require the Commission to plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution.

The United States Semiquincentennial Commission is the Congressional body responsible for promoting and coordinating the United States Semiquincentennial. Its purpose is to facilitate nationwide plans for observing this significant milestone in American history. Each state is expected to create or designate an official entity to organize their state's planning and programming for the Semiquincentennial. These committees will play an important role in ensuring that the United States's 250th anniversary is honored in a meaningful and inclusive way in every state.

SB 1214 will allow communities and organizations across our state to play a leading role in this historic initiative, showcasing the unique contributions that California and its citizens have made to our nation's history and culture. The potential for increased tourism and revenue for local communities is high. In order for California to participate in the festivities, the first step is to establish California's Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial. Once formed, the Commission can begin receiving or raising funds that will go towards programs and events. In addition to statewide observances, the Commission will be responsible for assisting local governments and civic organizations to create and promote patriotic celebrations for the occasion.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 1214 and thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Sharon Gonsalves with Renne Public Policy Group at 916-974-9270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Blackburn".

Keith Blackburn
Mayor

CC: Members and Staff of the Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Tasha Boerner, Assembly District 77

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