



# Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Riggins and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: June 6, 2025 Meeting date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support – Dolphin Memorial Statue at Zuma Lifeguard Station

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support regarding the proposed Dolphin Memorial Statue at Zuma Lifeguard Station to Los Angeles County Supervisor, Lindsey P. Horvath.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** This item was not included in the Adopted FY 2024-25 Strategic Priority Project List. At the Council's direction, this project can be brought back to a future Strategic Planning meeting for prioritization.

**DISCUSSION:** The Council had consensus at the April 28, 2025 meeting to direct staff to bring back an item to formally support a Dolphin Memorial Statue at the Zuma Lifeguard Station proposed by the Dolphin Run Committee. The proposed memorial is intended to commemorate individuals who have died in traffic-related incidents on local roadways since the 1970s.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Letter of Support
2. Language Provided by Dolphin Run Committee

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Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - Third District  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street, Room 866  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter of Support – Dolphin Memorial Statue at Zuma Lifeguard Station

Dear Honorable Supervisor,

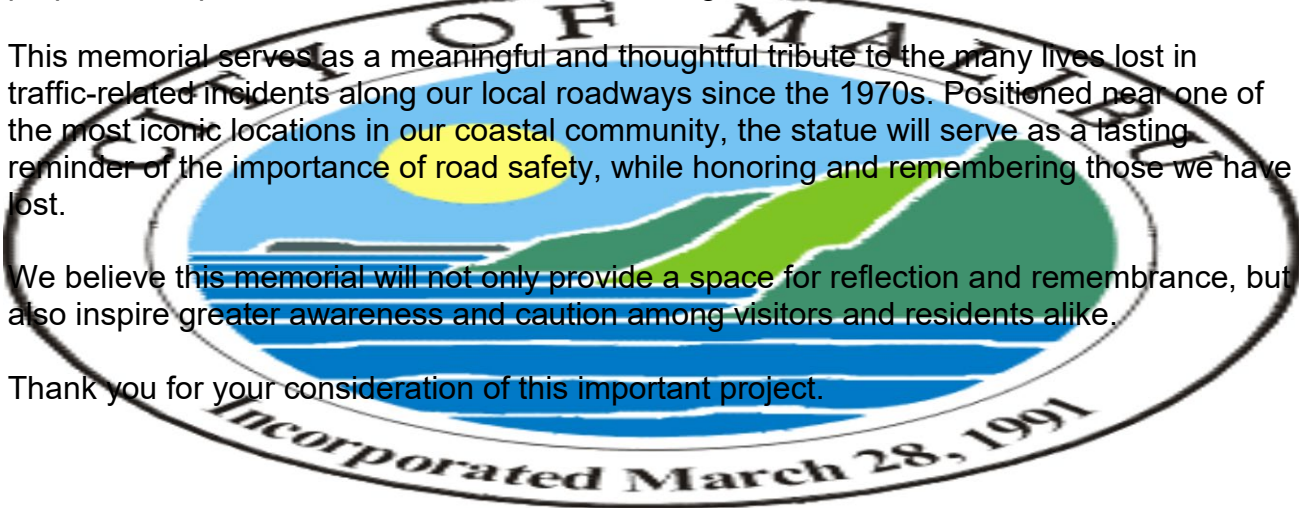
On behalf of the Malibu City Council, we are writing to express our full support for the proposed Dolphin Statue at the Zuma Beach Lifeguard Station.

This memorial serves as a meaningful and thoughtful tribute to the many lives lost in traffic-related incidents along our local roadways since the 1970s. Positioned near one of the most iconic locations in our coastal community, the statue will serve as a lasting reminder of the importance of road safety, while honoring and remembering those we have lost.

We believe this memorial will not only provide a space for reflection and remembrance, but also inspire greater awareness and caution among visitors and residents alike.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,  
Marianne Riggins  
Mayor, City of Malibu



City Council to County

To Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and LA County Supervisors...?

Re: Malibu PCH Safety Awareness Dolphin Project

Due to the history of heartbreaks and losses on PCH in Malibu, we the members of the Malibu City Council, believe that we need to take all viable measures to increase public awareness of the dangers of Pacific Coast Highway.

We feel that all awareness projects and avenues should be explored.

We have been presented with a project from the Dolphin Run Committee, a group of residents and former triathletes. The Committee has been working since March 2024 to create a plaque to be paired with a 6 foot bronze double dolphin statue, to make an impactful statement about PCH. The statue was purchased through fundraising in 1991 to commemorate a fellow triathlete, who was hit and killed on PCH in 1990. It is in need of a new public home.

The bronze plaque will reveal the yearly numbers of deaths on PCH in Malibu, starting in 1975, through 2024. While the goal going forward is NO fatalities, the plaque will have space to add future losses if needed.

We believe that the Zuma Beach walking path, in the Beaches and Harbors sand area in front of the Lifeguard Headquarters Building, is the most appropriate space for the plaque and statue.

The statue is stunning, and will cause visitors and residents to stop and read the plaque.

The Lifeguard Headquarters building is staffed 24 hours a day, which should deter vandalism. According to LA CO Lifeguard records, over 20 million visitors attended Malibu Beaches in 2024.

The County Ocean Lifeguard Specialists that are stationed at the Headquarters building have overwhelmingly embraced the idea, and have initialed a document stating so.

Lifeguard Chief Kyle Power has stated that the Medical Rescue team would be able to do any light maintenance of the plaque and statue, as they wash windows and care for the sand area on a weekly basis. Any vandalism or damages to the plaque and statue would be the responsibility of the Dolphin Run Committee.

Captain Seetoo of the La County Sheriffs office, has also been consulted and supports this project.

We, the Malibu City Council Members, support this project because we feel that it will make an impact on our residents and visitors.

We would love to have the plaque and statue installed before November, as we hope to present the pair with a ceremony on November 16, 2025 on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. We hope that the the County Supervisors could attend and make the presentation to the residents and media.

We hope you will embrace this project and continue to partner with us in our efforts to reduce traffic accidents on our PCH.

Sincerely,