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Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** February 21, 2007

**TO:** City Council [Signature]

**FROM:** Dennis L. Scala, City Manager's Office

**SUBJECT:** **The U. S. Navy Seabee Museum.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council consider a report concerning a request for a donation to the U. S. Navy Seabee Museum and provide direction to the City Manager.

**DISCUSSION**

The U. S. Navy is celebrating the groundbreaking of the new Seabee Museum on March 5, 2007. The new facility will feature new exhibits to present aspects of the Seabee story with interactive displays, effective lighting, and a visitor friendly environment. Another initiative that has already been completed includes a sixty-minute video titled "The U.S. Navy Seabee Story," providing a comprehensive overview of the founding of the Seebies in the early days of World War II and tracing their contributions since that time.

In an effort to support the museum, The Civil Engineers Corps (CEC)/Seabee Historical Foundation was created to solicit \$12 million in contributions towards the construction of the museum from public and private donors. To date, the foundation has raised \$8.6 million towards the construction of the museum. The City of Camarillo approved a \$20,000 contribution in 2006 and is considering an additional \$20,000 this year. The City of Port Hueneme has pledged \$25,000 annually for five years, and the Oxnard harbor District has pledged \$1,000 per month for the next 60 months. The Foundation is requesting that the City of Oxnard consider a pledge of \$50,000 annually for the next five years.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The estimated fiscal impact to the City if Council approves the requested amount of the pledge, would be \$50,000 annually for the next five years beginning in FY 2006-07.

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