



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: October 8, 2024

Title: Appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to plan for the 2026 Centennial Anniversary of Route 66

Background: In 2026, the nation will celebrate the Route 66 Centennial, marking the 100th anniversary of the historic highway that served as a critical route for westward migration. Commissioned on November 11, 1926, Route 66 originally spanned 2,448 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles, passing through eight states, including California and the City of Needles. Mayor Jernigan and Councilmember Campbell showed interest in participating.

Congress recognized the importance of this milestone with the Route 66 Centennial Commission Act, signed into law on December 23, 2020. This Act established a national commission to recommend activities to commemorate the centennial. As many states and cities along the route prepare for events, Needles, with its prominent place along Route 66, has a unique opportunity to participate in and benefit from this celebration.

To ensure Needles plays a central role in the **Route 66 Centennial celebrations**, the City proposes the creation of a **City Council Committee on Route 66 Centennial Event Planning**. This committee will oversee the organization and promotion of special events, partnerships, and projects that highlight Needles' connection to Route 66, attracting visitors and fostering community pride.

Fiscal Impact: To Be Determined

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Select no more than three council members to serve on an Ad-Hoc Committee to plan for the 2026 Centennial Anniversary of Route 66.

Submitted By: Mayor Janet Jernigan

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 10/3/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

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