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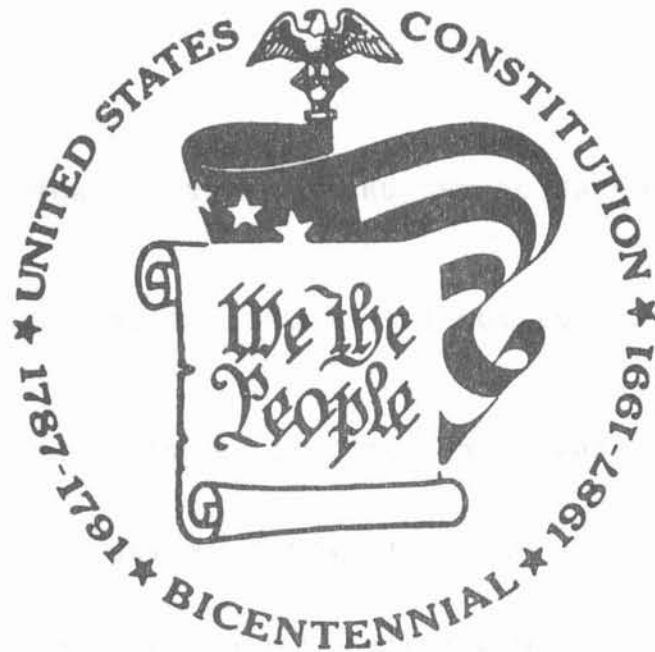
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**HUNTINGTON BEACH
A Bicentennial
Community**

“city of expanding horizons”

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
MISCELLANEOUS HISTORICAL DATA**

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In the great formative period of the United States two centuries ago, the American Founding Fathers became acutely aware that all mankind is seeking the same three things:

Freedom
Prosperity
Peace

They set out to find a system of government that would provide these things for the people of America. Unfortunately, in their own day no such government existed. They therefore determined to sit down and invent one.

The search for the "ancient principles" of sound government was a prolonged and painful one. What was worse, when they finally discovered what these principles were, it was difficult to persuade many people to accept them. Getting people to assume the responsibilities of freedom and self-government was one of the most discouraging parts of their political adventure.

So the structuring of the American success formula for freedom, prosperity, and peace was a hard-won achievement. Nevertheless, it did finally produce in America the first free people in modern times.

That is why our freedom is important. The Founders laid the foundation for us. We must preserve it.

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BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

THE CELEBRATION IS PLANNED FOR 1987 TO 1991

1987 - FRAMING AND SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION

1988 - YEAR OF RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

1989 - IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR FIRST GOVERNMENT

1990 - ADOPTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

1991 - RATIFICATION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS

MISCELLANEOUS HISTORICAL AND RESEARCH DATA

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ELECTIONS -- HUNTINGTON BEACH

6/30/71 18 year old vote estab.

DATE	PURPOSE	REGISTERED VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS	VACANCIES	CANDIDATE NO.
4/7/58	General Municipal	3,713	2,357	4	12
6/9/59	Master Plan-Land Use	3,652	1,794		
4/12/60	General Municipal	4,043	2,457	5	14
4/10/62	General Municipal	6,875	3,831	4	12
4/30/63	Water Rev. Bonds	11,149	2,059		
4/14/64	General Municipal	15,963	6,757	5	24
11/3/64	Special Municipal Attorney - Chief of Police App.		41,254		
8/10/65	Special Municipal Districts	22,947	6,907		
1/11/66	Special Municipal Charter	24,370	4,365		
4/12/66	General Municipal	26,205	8,713	5	29
4/9/68	General Municipal	33,290	8,808	5	17
11/5/68	Special Municipal Consolidated Park Bond Library Bond Charter Amend.	43,385	UNK		
6/3/69	Special Municipal Park Bonds	38,869	8,052		
4/14/70	General Municipal	41,291	14,339	5	19
11/3/70	General Election, Charter Amend. K-L-M-N	48,547	32,290		
4/11/72	General Municipal	50,540	15,660	4	15
6/6/72	Special Municipal	56,307	39,339		
11/6/73	Special Municipal	61,500	27,100		
4/9/74	General Municipal	64,396	12,064	6	17
11/5/74	Special Municipal Election Proposition "W"-Property Transfer Tax	72,088	42,336		
	After November Purge	46,431			
5/27/75	Repeals Property Transfer Tax Charter Amendment	56,195	18,808	Y-14,264	N-4,544

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4/13/76	General Municipal	61,070	13,462	5	15
11/2/76	Special Municipal Election Prop. M-N Votes for Tax Increase	72,410	46,250	Y-10,522	N-31,814
4/11/78	General Municipal	77,674	15,905	5	19
6/6/78	Special Municipal Election Charter Amendments DEFGHJ	80,683	Total Votes Cast 52,596		
4/8/80	General Municipal	90,078	13,725	5	17
6/3/80	Special Municipal Election Prop K - Sales Tax Advisors Prop L - Low Cost Housing	93,691		Y-34,912 Y-25,011	N- 7,944 N-16,809
4/13/82	General Municipal	96,849	12,510	5	18
11/2/82	Special Election Consolidated	97,538	Total Votes Cast 62,521		
11/6/84	General Municipal Measure D - Repeal 2 term limit E - City Clerk Appointive F - City Treasurer Appointive G - City Clerk Qualifications H - City Treasurer Qualifications	102,734	78,878	5	18
				Y-20,711	N-48,489
				Y-21,821	N-44,966
				Y-20,116	N-46,230
				Y-40,100	N-26,415
				Y-41,855	N-25,008
11/4/86	General Municipal	99,735	58,619	5	23
11/8/88	General Municipal	107,227	82,021	5	20

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 I - INITIATIVE
 R - REFERENDUM OR RECALL

GENERALIZED ELECTION INFORMATION

1964 - 1968

Date	Election	Vote	Total Cast	Approx. Registered Voters	%
April 1964 G	General Municipal (Res. drawn up but not on ballot re: App'tive Police Chief)		(Ballots) 6,757	15,963	
November 1964 (FAILED) S	Special - City Atty & Chief of Police Appointive	Atty Yes - 5,811 No - 14,813 Police Yes - 8,751 No - 11,879	(Ballots) UNK (Votes) 41,254		
August 1965 (FAILED)	Special - Mayor & 6 Members	Yes - 2,871 No - 4,033	(Votes) 6,907	22,947	
January 1966 S	Charter Revision - (included 7 Council & Chief of Police Appointive)	Yes - 3,255 No - 1,108	(Votes) 4,365	24,370	
April 1966 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 8,713	26,205	
April 1968 G	General Municipal + Amndmts: Atty, Treas, Clerk - Apptive	Atty Yes - 2,614 No - 5,854 Clerk Yes - 2,278 No - 6,155 Treas Yes - 1,386 No - 7,086	(Ballots) 8,808 (Votes) 25,373	33,290	
November 1968 S	Prop M - Park Bond N - Library Bond O - Atty; Appointive	Prop M Yes - 22,009 No - 13,648 Prop N Yes - 21,514 No - 13,638 Prop O Yes - 15,037 No - 19,264	(Ballots) UNK (Votes) 105,110	43,385	

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GENERALIZED ELECTION INFORMATION
 1969 - 1974

Date	Election	Vote	Total Cast	Approx. Registered Voters	%
June 1969 S	Park Bonds	Yes - 5,983 No - 2,066	(Ballots) 8,052	38,869	
April 1970 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 14,339	41,291	
November 1970 S	Prop K - Elective Mayor & Comp for Council Prop L, M, & N (miscel)	Prop K Yes - 16,060 No - 16,230 (All adopted)	(Ballots) 32,290	48,547	
April 1972 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 15,660	50,540	31%
June 1972 S	Meas C - Flouride Meas D - Comp; Treas, Clerk; Council	Meas C Yes - 23,161 No - 15,194 Meas D Yes - 9,533 No - 27,175	(Ballots) 39,339 (Votes) 75,063	56,307	
November 1973 (FAILED) S	Attorney; Clerk, Treas; Appointive Positions	Atty Yes - 11,674 No - 15,522 Clerk Yes - 12,007 No - 15,128 Treas Yes - 11,906 No - 15,663	(Ballots) 27,100 (Votes) 81,900	61,500	44%
April 1974 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 12,064	64,396	20%
November 1974 S	Prop W - Repeal Real Estate Transfer Tax & Impose Trash Collection Fee	Yes - 10,522 No - 31,814	(Ballots) 42,336	72,083	

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GENERALIZED ELECTION INFORMATION

1975 - 1982

Date	Election	Vote	Total Cast	Approx. Registered Voters	%
May, 1975 I	Real Estate Property Tax Prohibited by Charter	Yes - 14,264 No - 4,544	(Votes) 18,808	56,195	
April, 1976 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 13,462	61,070	17%
Nov., 1976 S	Req Affirmative 3/4 vote Increase Taxes Req Affirmative 5 votes Increase Taxes	Prop M Yes - 42,915 No - 13,905 Prop N Yes - 36,772 No - 17,944	(Ballots) 46,250 (Votes) 111,536	72,410	
April, 1978 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 15,905	77,674	20%
June, 1978 S	(D) "Housekeeping" changes in Charter (E) City Council - limit two consecutive terms (F) Compensation for Councilmembers (G) City Attorney - to be appointed (H) City Clerk - to be appointed (J) City Treasurer - to be appointed	Prop D Yes - 24,200 No - 15,847 Prop E Yes - 33,775 No - 9,507 Prop F Yes - 17,920 No - 24,373 Prop G Yes - 9,071 No - 34,478 Prop H Yes - 10,372 No - 33,144 Prop J Yes - 9,043 No - 34,642	(Votes) 52,596	80,683	
April, 1980 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 13,725	90,078	15%
June, 1980 S	Sales Tax Advisory Low-Cost Housing	Prop K Yes - 34,912 No - 7,944 Prop L Yes - 25,011 No - 16,809	51,795	93,691	
April, 1982 G	General Municipal		(Ballots) 12,510 (Votes) 57,164	96,849	11.9%
Nov., 1982 S	Special Election Consolidated	Prop L Yes - 47,791 No - 10,003	62,521	97,538	64%

