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**City of Ventura's 150th anniversary receives \$25,000 from "Champion Sponsor" The Ventura Auto Center Dealers, November 2 at City Hall**

The public is invited to a special reception with light refreshments and commemorative souvenirs honoring The Ventura Auto Center Dealers as the "Champion Sponsor" of the City of Ventura's 150th anniversary celebration, Monday, November 2, 5:30-6 pm, in the Main Hall fronting the Council Chambers at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street.

The Champion Sponsor's recognition continues during the Council Meeting at 6pm when the Mayor will read a proclamation honoring The Ventura Auto Center Dealers for their \$25,000 contribution in support of the five-month (150-day) series of celebrations, presented by the City and many community partners, that will lead up to April 2, 2016 – the day and month, 150 years ago, when the California State Senate decreed that Ventura's cityhood would go in to effect.

"We want to acknowledge the 'historically supportive' contributions given by The Ventura Auto Dealers over many years to our residents," said Mayor Cheryl Heitmann. "Once again, with The Ventura Auto Dealers' sponsorship, the City of Ventura will be able to engage community members with many citywide events celebrating of our historical, cultural and environmental resources – from the indigenous Chumash to the waves of Spanish, Mexican, Chinese, European, Yankee and today's international immigrants who have enriched our city over the years."

Learn about all the upcoming 150th celebration events at [Facebook.com/Ventura150](https://www.facebook.com/Ventura150) and [www.celebrateventura.org](http://www.celebrateventura.org).

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