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**City of Ventura receives \$40,000 donation from
Pier Into the Future for Historic Ventura Pier Repairs**

Ventura, Calif. - The City of Ventura is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the restoration efforts of the Historic Ventura Pier. Pier Into the Future, a local nonprofit organization committed to the preservation of this coastal landmark, has generously awarded a \$40,000 donation to the City to support some of the much-needed repairs at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 4.

"Once the longest wooden pier in California, the Historic Ventura Pier is a cherished symbol of our community's rich history. Despite recent challenges, we're committed to ensuring its enjoyment for generations," Mayor Joe Schroeder remarked. "This donation will help address infrastructure needs, enhance safety, and preserve its historical significance."

Since its closure to the public in January 2023 due to safety concerns, ongoing maintenance and emergency repairs have been in progress. These include planned critical corrosion repairs to the steel framing and structure of the pier, with an anticipated reopening in spring 2024.

"This funding will assist in repairing the damage caused by winter storms to our iconic pier," stated Ronda Holden, President of Pier Into the Future. "Ensuring the pier's ongoing contribution to our community is essential. Our aim is to safeguard this iconic structure and its integral role in shaping Ventura's character."

Originally constructed in 1872, the Ventura Pier has a broad history with contributions to agricultural, construction, and oil trades and is the oldest wooden pier in the state. A cornerstone for commerce and tourism, the pier features appearances in films, art, and photography, highlighting its significance to Ventura's character.

Founded in 1993 by a dedicated group of community leaders, Pier Into the Future has successfully raised over \$1.5 million in endowment funds and enhancements to protect and preserve our Historic Ventura Pier. The funds help assist comprehensive repair and maintenance plans, covering structural improvements, corrosion prevention measures, and necessary aesthetic enhancements to maintain the pier's unique charm.

Learn more about current repair projects, funding information, and construction schedules at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/VenturaPier.

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