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Dear Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission,  
I am writing your Commission to ask that you place consideration to include on your next meeting agenda a discussion regarding the addition of the WWI Memorial Monument in Aptos on the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Inventory.

The Monument was installed on Christmas, 1923 by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to honor the sons and daughters of Santa Cruz County who died in the Great War. Originally, the Monument was placed alongside the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Road, now known as Soquel Drive, near present-day 10110 Soquel Drive (Sids Smokehouse and the landmark Arabian Motel).

When Highway One was built, the Monument became somewhat buried in bushes and redwoods.

In the early 2000, a group of Eagle Scouts worked with Community sponsors to move the Monument to the current location at the intersection of Freedom Blvd. and Soquel Drive, across from the California Highway Patrol office.

The Cabrillo Host Lions Club assumed maintenance of the Monument's Garden and is working with DAR, Scouts, and the VFW to organize a Centennial Commemoration event at the Monument next year.

We would like to ask your Commission to consider adding this WWI Monument to the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Inventory and would welcome an opportunity to speak with your group about this at your next meeting. Please let me know what further information would be needed.

I have attached photos below of recent Cabrillo Host Lions Club work day activity at the Monument.

Thank you for your service to the Community as Commissioners.

Sincerely,  
Becky Steinbruner  
Secretary, Cabrillo Host Lions Club  
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