



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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June 23, 2022

The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Madam Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting with ten of the 11 members participating in person and one via videoconferencing on June 14, 2022, during which the CCAC made several recommendations for future coin and medal programs that will be included in the CCAC's 2022 Annual Report.

In accordance with 31 U.S. Code § 5135, the CCAC is charged with (1) advising the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals produced by the Secretary of the Treasury; (2) advising the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made; and (3) making recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

The CCAC working group met for several months to consider what themes would draw broad general public interest, congressional interest, and interest of both national and international collectors. During the June 14, 2022, public meeting, the full Committee discussed and voted to recommend the following recommendations. Some of these are recommendations from past years that the CCAC feels still warrant consideration.

**Commemorative Coin Program Recommendations:**

1. The CCAC recommends a 2026 commemorative coin program in honor of the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (Semiquincentennial). Coins and medals celebrating the birth of our nation have been extremely popular in the past. This recommendation was included previously in the CCAC's 2021 Annual Report. This was passed via a voice vote to move the recommendation forward.
2. The CCAC recommends a 2028 Summer Olympics Commemorative Coin program. The 2028 Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles, California. Past Olympic-themed commemorative coin programs have been extremely popular among collectors as well as the general public. This recommendation was included previously in the CCAC's 2021 Annual Report. This was passed via a voice vote to move the recommendation forward.
3. The CCAC recommends a commemorative coin program related to American horses or American horse racing. Even though there are a number of upcoming anniversaries related to famous American horse racing, the CCAC makes no specific recommendation but that animal and sport themes are popular with collectors and public. This recommendation was included previously in the CCAC's 2021 Annual Report. This was passed via a voice vote to move the recommendation forward.

4. The CCAC recommends a commemorative coin program celebrating wildlife and the environment/animal related theme. This program could go in many directions, and some examples were provided in the CCAC's 2021 Annual Report. During the meeting, the CCAC was less specific in the direction of the program but feels that any theme related to wildlife, environment, animals, and conversation would be popular with the general public and collectors. The Committee passed this via voice vote to move the recommendation forward.

### **Medal Recommendations**

1. The CCAC recommends an Arts Medal Program. This was recommended in past annual reports, including most recently in the CCAC's 2019 Annual Report. The objective is to showcase the talented United States Mint staff medallic artists, as well as designers for the Mint's Artistic Infusion Program. The CCAC voted via voice vote to recommend this concept.
2. The CCAC recommends a medallic program representing S.T.E.A.M. / "Birth of Modern America." The recommendation is for program medals and/or numismatic coin products focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (S.T.E.A.M.). This program could be considered as honoring the "Birth of Modern American," focusing on important developments of the 1920s and 1930s in such areas as technology, radio, film, Broadway music, etc. The CCAC felt that as we are entering the centennial of the era of these developments, providing a perfect opportunity to place a spotlight on those events and would be of interest to youth and older collectors and general public. The CCAC voted via voice vote to recommend this concept.

### **General Public Recommendations**

The CCAC reviewed the several recommendations that were provided by the general public over the last year via mail or internet. These included:

- 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New York City
- Roosevelt Island Set with Proof West Point Silver Roosevelt dime
- Collaboration with Royal Dutch Mint for a New Amsterdam set
- Three-Coin set with West Point Morgan Dollar, West Point Peace Dollar, and commemorative coin
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bicentennial Coins
- Honoring Correction Officers
- Gold Ownership 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Hank Aaron commemorative coin or Congressional Gold Medal
- 5-ounce of 2023 Jovita Idar (design recommended by Committee)
- 5-ounce of drummer boy from Bicentennial Series

Of these, the CCAC voted via voice vote to recommend a national medal (e.g., Congressional Gold Medal) honoring Hank Aaron. Further recommendations will be forthcoming as the Committee considers more thoroughly these and other suggestions provided to it.

The Committee is again thankful for its opportunity to contribute to the design of coin and medal programs to continue the legacy of the United States in producing stellar designs for commemorative and circulating coins and medals.

Sincerely,



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