

Martha Alvarez

From: Court Crandall <court@positivitybrand.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx MB Funding from a speaker

Hildy, Suzanne and Steve,

I gather you guys are either opposed or on the fence regarding keeping the TEDxMB funding at 5k. As a two time speaker and will-be presenter at this year's TEDxMB, I really urge you to rethink your position. (I didn't get paid either to speak or present by the way, so I have no interest other than supporting what I believe is best for our community.)

TEDx is a rare and special program that positions us as a forward-thinking city not just locally, but nationally. This would be of value to any city, but I believe is particularly important here, where a number of our current and potentially future residents work in Silicon Beach. They want these kind of culturally stimulating events and appreciate living in a place that distinguishes itself on this level from neighboring cities. I also believe that TEDxMB does a marvelous job of expanding the minds of our youth, treating them like valuable members of our community and helping them reach their potential.

Bottom line, if we're haggling over \$3,500, I'd like to see it cut from a number of other places first.

Thank you,

Court Crandall

Martha Alvarez

From: Tess Fortier <tess_fortier@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx Funding

Dear City Council,

I am a student at Mira Costa and am asking that you reinstate the full \$5,000 funding for TEDxManhattanBeach. As a student in Technical Theater, our class has the opportunity to volunteer at TEDxManhattanBeach and get first hand experience working with a professional production crew. This is invaluable experience for us and we are proud to represent Manhattan Beach and put on such an incredible community event.

Importantly, City funding has been used to offer discounted tickets to Seniors and Students so that people with limited income can attend.

I hope you will reinstate the full funding for TEDxManhattanBeach.

Sincerely,

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Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:36 AM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel; jcocran; rideformbef
Subject: Small Beach Town - Threatened

Small Beach Town - Threatened by Robert Bush

Manhattan Beach, our small beach town, is slowly changing due to outside sources who want more taxes and influence our quality of life.

California with Mega Supermajority Legislature (3/4) and General fund reserves exceed \$20 billion and special fund reserves exceed \$16 billion. California is sitting on over \$36 billion surplus and wants more.

- 1. California Coastal Commission - allow Short-term Rentals.**
- 2. Los Angeles County – allow Granny Flats.**
- 3. Legislature - Rent Control (voters rejected Rent Control Proposition 10)**
- 4. Legislature - Split Roll Property Tax - tax commercial and industrial properties at market value, not sales price.**
- 5. Legislature - Single- payer Health Care Plan (Medicare for all) “Healthy California for All Commission” government covers or pays for all the health care expenses of individuals.**
- 6. Legislature - Death Penalty - indefinite moratorium**

- 7. Bakersfield - Jail the Homeless - wants to put homeless people in jail for misdemeanors drug offenses and potentially for trespassing.**
- 8. Boise, Idaho Decision - 9th Circuit decision which determined it was unconstitutional to prevent the homeless from sleeping on sidewalks unless they were offered a bed somewhere else.**
- 9. Senator Bernie Sanders “New Green Deal” (\$16 trillion) Plan for 100 percent renewable energy for transportation by 2030.**

10 Senator Bernie Sanders “housing for all” - \$2.5 trillion proposal, funded by a wealth tax, aims to add millions of homes and put a cap on rent.

11 Legislature - California Proposition 1A, High-Speed Rail Act (2008) - \$10 billion in general obligation bonds (price tag soared to \$98 billion)

12 Legislature - state’s “fair share” housing law - construction of 1.3 million new homes in the next decade. Cities plan and zone every eight years or penalties of up to \$600,000 a month.

13. Legislature ACA 1 (Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1) – reduces Proposition 13 two-thirds rule to just 55% to sell bonds or raise special taxes to pay for public infrastructure – water and sewer projects, flood control, High-Speed Rail, public buildings and facilities and affordable housing.

14. Legislature SCA 5 (Senate Constitutional Amendment 5) reduces the vote needed to approve education parcel taxes from the current two-thirds down to just 55 percent.

15 . Legislature - Cities will have to plan for more multi-family developments. Concentrate denser housing near mass transit and jobs so people can get around without driving. (ease traffic congestion and cut vehicle emissions)

16. [Proposition 13](#) was passed with two-thirds vote on June 6, 1978 and states that property tax rates can't exceed 1% of property purchase price and valuations can't grow more than 2% per annum. Proposition 13 has saved California taxpayers \$528 billion.

17. Manhattan Beach City Council - Undergrounding is the most divisive (neighbor against neighbor), despicable, immoral, unfair, controversial and unethical program ever proposed by Manhattan Beach City Council. Residents who don't need or want undergrounding are forced to pay \$75,000 - \$100,000. (Paid up front – cash) Bonds and parcel taxes are paid by all residents.

18. Legislature – early release of criminals into our neighborhoods.

19. Legislature - *Assembly Bill 5 threatens our local newspapers (Beach Reporter/Easy Reader) treat part-time delivery workers as full-time employees. Therefore, they would be entitled to workplace protection and benefits.*

Martha Alvarez

From: Richard Montgomery
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Martha Alvarez
Cc: Liza Tamura
Subject: Fwd: Why TEDxManhattanBeach

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From: Catherine Bergin <kate_bergin@mac.com>

Thanks for reaching out and following up with me regarding TEDxManhattanBeach.

I think the key information that was missing from your budget discussion includes:

TEDxManhattan Beach has partnered with the City to make the event accessible to residents. The City's financial commitment was \$5,000 and TEDx offers deeply discounted tickets (\$35) to seniors and high school students versus the regular ticket price of \$95.

Here are senior / high school ticket sales for the past 5 years:

1.

2014: 96 (MBMS)
2015: 147 (MBMS)
2016: 167 (Moved the event to MCHS where we have capacity of 1000+)
2017: 289 (MCHS)
2018: 270 (MCHS)
2019: 270-290 (MCHS)

The \$5,000 from the City was to partially cover the lost revenue from these tickets. At the time of the agreement (2011), our attendance numbers were much lower than they are today. As you can see the City's contribution is critical as we continue to make our event accessible to seniors and high school students at the low price of \$35, even though the numbers of discounted ticket sales increases.

Additionally we offer every MBUSD teacher a free ticket.

Here are number of teachers that attended the past 5 years:

2014: 75 (MBMS)
2015: 63 (MBMS)
2016: 74 (Moved the event to MCHS where we have capacity of 1000+)
2017: 90 (MCHS)
2018: 94 (MCHS)
2019: 90-100 (MCHS)

2. The Residents of Manhattan Beach LOVE TEDx. In our post event surveys we have a very high response rate (over 20%) and excellent ratings (83% rated us 8-10 out of 10). Out of 224 responders, 185 are promoters (8-10 out of 10 rating), 26 are passives (5-7 out of 10 rating), and 13 are detractors (1-4 rating). And out of the 185 promoters, almost all were 9's and 10's. This is tremendously positive feedback. The community loves TEDx. It has become a tradition in Manhattan Beach.

3. TEDx highlights Manhattan Beach as a center for great ideas. Our talks have over 20 million views and TEDxManhattanBeach has had the most talks featured on the TED homepage since 2013. Our quality reputation in the world of TED is an incredible reflection on the City of Manhattan Beach. We get requests to show our talks in schools, at conferences, and educational training workshops. At The University of Notre Dame, freshman students are required to view and write a paper after watching a 2012 TEDxManhattanBeach talk by Eduardo Briceno, "The power of belief — mindset and success," as part of their freshman seminar course.

4. TEDxManhattanBeach supports Manhattan Beach's goals to build a strong, vibrant, and inclusive community by bringing residents together to open their minds to great ideas and connect and each other. Attendees share the experiences of the day together - joy, wonder, and even sometimes sadness. In these instances we see that while we are different, we are also so very similar. TEDx bridges gaps and develops mutual respect, tolerance, and empathy. We are more likely to help each other and smile when we see our neighbor. TEDx helps us to look outward to make our community better.

5. TEDxManhattanBeach is an investment in our community, not an expense. TEDxManhattanBeach is planned, for and by the local community. It is a 100% volunteer group that believes in the power of great ideas and community to make our world a better place.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Best
Kate

Kate Bergin
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Martha Alvarez

From: Diana Allen <diana@candm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 7:39 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: RE: Funding for TEDx Manhattan Beach

Importance: High

Dear Council Members –

I have attended this TEDx event every year and will attend this year's 10th anniversary. I have told friends near and wide about this event. They are so jealous that their town doesn't have this experience (even cities like my hometown San Francisco doesn't offer it). It makes me so proud that it is based in our community!

It is one of my favorite events in the South Bay. It is an inspiring, thought provoking, multi -generational educational event that brings our residents together and builds a stronger community. I know it has inspired many of our students, educators, parents and more. Schools have adopted some of the ideas and programs that have been presented. The speakers come from all over the world to share their vision about life, the world and what is possible in so many different categories like robotics, climate and alzheimers.

Your past funding has helped seniors, students, girl scouts, etc. attend this event. I've taken both my young adult children and they loved it. My understanding is they lose money on the \$35 ticket. I don't know of any other event that brings us all together, makes us feel smarter and inspires us. It gives MB the reputation as being forward thinking and visionary. This is not just any event....this is a global, unique event sharing ideas worth spreading!

We greatly appreciate and need events like TEDx and I believe that our city should continue to support it. I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDx Manhattan Beach's funding to \$5,000. It would be a shame to lose such an experience.

Sincerely
Diana Allen

PS If you've never been you have to check it out before you make a decision <http://tedxmanhattanbeach.com/>

Martha Alvarez

From: TheSleepDoctor- Michael Breus <dr.breus@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:45 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TedxManhattanBeach

Dear City Council

As a resident of Manhattan Beach (for 4 years) and past speaker at TEDxManhattanBeach (last year), I am writing to request that you reinstate the full \$5,000 funding to support this amazing event.

Witnessing and experiencing an incredible day as a speaker, I could feel our community coming together to support me as I stood on stage to give my talk. It was an amazing feeling to know that my community had my back. And during the day I watched as residents of all ages came together and laughed and learned and shared with each other. TEDxManhattanBeach's ability to build community is a gift to Manhattan Beach and should not be under valued.

Additionally, TEDx is an unique opportunity to showcase our City: Our talent and ideas; our flagship educational institution, MCHS; to show the successful results of the bond measures and maintain trust for future bond measures; and to position the City of Manhattan Beach as a forward thinking, innovative community that residents are proud of and others want to be a part of.

The intergenerational aspect of TEDxManhattanBeach is also an important component of the event's success. Without funding to subsidize the deeply discounted tickets (\$35) for Seniors and Students those tickets are at risk. And, inter-generational events like TEDxManhattanBeach are rare in this community. Fireworks and Concerts in the Park bring the community together in the same space, but how many events bring the community together for a day to share ideas and break bread? This is community building at it's best. Our community loves TEDxManhattanBeach and has looked forward to it year after year for the past 10 years. Why wouldn't the City want to be a full partner in this Manhattan Beach tradition?

Lastly, the incremental \$3,500 to restore the full partnership with TEDxManhattanBeach isn't even a rounding error in the City's budget. For an event that is so diverse and inclusive in it's planning committees, day of volunteers, speakers, exhibits, and attendees, it seems natural that the City would want to be a full partner.

Our community needs TEDxManhattanBeach and the City to remain a full partner.

Sweet Dreams,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Myles Spar <mspar@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:32 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx MB

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Sincerely
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Sent from my mobile device. Please excuse typos.

Martha Alvarez

From: Remco Waller <remcowaller65@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Reduction in financial support of TED MB

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000 so they can continue with reduced price tickets for seniors and high school students.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event brings residents together and builds a stronger community and is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

Manhattan Beach needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and our city should continue to support it.

Thx in advance for your consideration,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Paul M. Silva - Press
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 8:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx Funding

Dear Council Members

I am writing to make a personal appeal to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000. As you are no doubt aware, TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event that brings our residents together and builds a stronger community. Your past funding has helped allow TEDxManhattanBeach to be accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

Our beach community greatly appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and I believe that our city should continue to support it.

Thanks!

Paul Silva

Martha Alvarez

From: Terri Premeaux <terrilaterprimo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 5:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: tedxmanhattanbeach

Dear Council Members

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach and am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational, educational event that brings residents together and builds a stronger community.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students. Seniors on a fixed income can afford to go to TEDx and meet people of all ages from our community.

Our beach community greatly appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and our city should continue to support it.

Sincerely

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Martha Alvarez

From: anna bargagliotti <abargag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx

Dear Council Members

I am writing to encourage you to consider reinstating full support for TEDxManhattanBeach.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event brings residents together and builds a stronger community.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

Sincerely

Anna Bargagliotti
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Anna E. Bargagliotti, Ph.D
Professor | Loyola Marymount University | Department of Mathematics

Martha Alvarez

From: Keith D Lupton <keith.lupton@ey.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDxManhattan Beach Funding

Dear Council Members

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Sincerely

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Martha Alvarez

From: Michael Brunick <brunick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDxMB Support

Dear Council Members-

I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a diverse, inter-generational educational event that brings residents together and builds a stronger community.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

I hear that our Beach community greatly appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and our city should continue to support it.

Regards,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Bonnie Darrow <bldmdd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx

Dear Council Members

I am writing to ask you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event brings residents together and builds a stronger community.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

All feedback we have received shows this is an important event for the residents of Manhattan Beach and we would appreciate the City of Manhattan Beach to continue to support it at the full amount.

Sincerely,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Ted lantuono <tiantuono@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TedX

To whom it may concern:

I understand that the city of MB is considering reducing it's funding support for this year's TedX event. I am writing to request that you maintain or increase your support. Having an affordable TedX event in our city is a great thing. As you know, these events inspire learning and innovation for people of all ages. This is inspiration that is I believe is important to many of the MB residents. Especially the ones who are trying to influence positive change in the world. The TedX event is good for the development and happiness of MB residents, and it's also good for the image of our city. I would be happy to discuss my perspectives further if helpful and can be reached on the number below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Best,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Jim Dillavou <JDillavou@paragoncommercialgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx Manhattan Beach Support

Hi all, first let me say that we are VERY FORTUNATE to have you all on Council. I honestly could not imagine a better group and I am excited to think about all of the amazing things you are going to accomplish for our City this year. Secondly, I would like to encourage your support of Tedx which is on your agenda tomorrow night. The City contributes \$5,000 and I think you will agree that it results in significant "bang for your buck." Thank you again for all that you do!



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Martha Alvarez

From: Hilary Mahan <hilary@mbef.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx Manhattan Beach

Dear Council Members –

I am writing to you as the Executive Director of the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation to encourage you to consider reinstating your financial support of TEDxManhattanBeach to the original \$5,000 sponsorship. I believe TEDx Manhattan Beach is an important part of the culture we strive to support here in our community – one that invites us to expand our experience and reach beyond “the bubble”.

When TEDx originated in our town several years ago, MBEF, MBUSD and the City of Manhattan Beach were supportive because of the potential dramatic impact it would have on our community. Over the years, TEDxManhattanBeach has proven to be a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event that brings our residents together and builds a stronger community. The Talks invite us to consider different perspectives, hear unique challenges AND solutions, and question what we might believe we know.

TEDx Manhattan Beach has elevated our community by providing an opportunity for our highly educated and sophisticated residents, both young and old, to come together to LEARN in an environment that encourages interaction and collaboration. So much of our world is focused around social media – we read articles electronically, we listen to podcasts on our commutes, we share articles on Face Book – but when do have the chance to come together and experience thought-provoking talks *in person*. TEDx Manhattan Beach invites all residents to do just this, whether we are a senior, a student, an educator, or neighbor.

In order to continue to provide this opportunity, TEDx Manhattan Beach requires financial support. The ticket price for our seniors and students is a low \$35 and local educators attend free of charge. I am unable to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow evening as we have a regularly scheduled MBEF Board meeting but please note that I encourage you to stand with MBEF in supporting TEDx with a \$5,000 sponsorship. Our community benefits well beyond the one day event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hilary Mahan



Hilary Mahan
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Martha Alvarez

From: Aaron Braskin <ABraskin@manhattan.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx MB Funding

Dear Council Members,

My name is Aaron Braskin and I am a Computer Science teacher at Mira Costa High School in the Technology and Engineering Department.

I am writing to you today to share the experiences my department and students at MCHS have had over the past years taking part in TEDx MB.

TEDx MB has been more than just an opportunity to hear quality speakers. In between sessions there has been a lively presentation of advanced technologies as well as interesting interactive experiences for attendees. TEDx MB has invited the students in the Technology and Engineering department to present their own such interactive experiences which the students designed just for the event. It is hard to put into words the affect it has on a young inventor / maker / coder when they see members of the public, executives, and even fellow inventors / makers / coders in the industry interact with their creations. For many of these students it lights a fire in them that propels their interest as they decide their future life path.

TEDxMB has contributed time, space, and resources to support our students. Many of those resources are still in use years later.

The Technology and Engineering Department urges you to continue fully supporting TEDx MB now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mr. Braskin - Computer Science Teacher
Mr. Brenan - Robotics / CS Teacher
Ms. Weaver - Engineering / CS Teacher
[STEM / CTE Department](#)
Mira Costa High School



Martha Alvarez

From: Andrea <andrea_hynes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 2:22 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Reinstate Support for TEDx

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

Between our nationally ranked public schools, private educational academies and numerous tutoring/support services for young people, education is the #1 industry in Manhattan Beach and what attracts residents. Hosting a prominent thought-leadership symposium annually in our city reinforces our city's reputation as a leader in education. TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event that brings residents together and builds a stronger community. It also attracts visitors to our community who may come to our city for reasons other than the beach or entertainment.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

For TedX to continue to deliver ideas and inspiration to so many, support from the City of Manhattan Beach is necessary.

Sincerely,

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Martha Alvarez

From: Loralie Ogden <logden456@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDx Manhattan Beach

Hello!

I'm writing to ask you to reinstate the full \$5000 contribution the city makes to the TEDx event each year. It is because of your generosity that we are able to offer discounts to senior and high school students. (Not everyone here has large amounts of disposable income for these tickets) It seems like a small amount to you but it's a large amount to TEDx. We are an all volunteer event and rely on "the kindness of strangers" to fill in the gaps in funding. We always proudly display the city logo as a large contributor. TEDx is such a diverse and unifying event, free of politics and self-interest. I hope you will reconsider and fully fund the \$5000 to TEDx again this year.

Thank you for your service.

Best, Loralie Ogden

Martha Alvarez

From: Ann Marie Johnson <annmarie100@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 7:43 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

TEDxManhattanBeach is an important educational event that brings residents of all ages together and builds a stronger community.

Just as importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

Our beach community really appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and our city should continue to support it.

Thank you for your time.

Ann Marie Johnson
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Martha Alvarez

From: Claire Worch <claire.worch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 3:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Please, Reinstate Funding for TEDxMB 2019

Dear Council Members

I am writing to encourage you to please reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

TEDxManhattanBeach is a *diverse*, inter-generational educational event brings residents together and builds a stronger community.

Importantly, TEDxManhattanBeach is accessible to residents with a \$35 ticket for seniors and high school students.

I have attended all nine of the past TEDxMB's and have taken my ninety year old mother, also a resident of MB. We have seen it grow into a world class event bringing value to our community. Manhattan Beach is seen as a place that fosters curiosity, learning and encourages visionaries for life changing ideas for local and world improvement.

I know from experience and from others who attend the event that our Beach community greatly appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach. Our city should continue to support it.

Sincerely

Claire Worch
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Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Klosowski <NKlosowski@manhattan.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: TEDX

I have been volunteering at TEDX since it was first held at Mira Costa. The amount of time and talent that is put into making this event such a success as it is, greatly depends on your continued contribution. The fact that this takes place in our city should be a major factor in your desire to support such an educational and community event.

The way I see the various committees out there trying to get as much donated to help keep and grow this event is astonishing. Your sponsorship has been greatly appreciated

I surely hope you will continue to sponsor such a successful and wonderful event that takes place right here in Manhattan Beach.

Nancy Klosowski

Food & Nutrition Services
Supervisor, Mira Costa High School
Manhattan Beach Unified School District
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From: Regina Patton <yaaregina2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Funding for TEDxMB

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The feedback my team and myself hear (and read) is that our Beach community greatly appreciates and needs events like TEDxManhattanBeach and our city should continue to support it.

Sincerely,
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Martha Alvarez

From: Marisusan Trout <marisusan.trout@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 5:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: FUND best event for our Community!

Dear Council Members;

As a 30 year resident and taxpayer of Manhattan Beach, I am writing to encourage you to reinstate TEDxManhattanBeach funding to \$5,000.

Have you attended TEDxManhattanBeach? Besides TEDxMB being the 'first' TED'x' affiliate (vs TED Talks) it is number one with being the most inspiring, educationally, thought provoking event in our community. Beside volleyball, it is THE event that provides exposure to Manhattan Beach on a GLOBAL platform (tedx.com) as being a smart and forward thinking community. That HAS to be good for our city's reputation and makes us ALL proud.

Noteable, TEDxMB provides something for ALL it's residents...young, old, any race/sex/religion/physical ability, etc and is reasonably priced!

Please reconsider the BIG, overall impact TEDxMB creates for our community. It brings us together and promotes real conversation about what's possible...and we know how important that is for all!

Best,
Marisusan Trout

Martha Alvarez

From: Mb Smoke Shop <manhattansmokeshop@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:11 PM
To: List - City Council; Suzanne Hadley; Nancy Hersman; Richard Montgomery; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Suzanne Hadley
Subject: PROPOSED TOBACCO BAN MATTER

Manhattan Beach Smoke Shop
1005 N. Aviation Blvd
MB, CA, 90266

My name is Feras Adamo and I'm the owner of the only tobacco store in Manhattan Beach.
I'm emailing you regarding the upcoming city proposal to ban the sale of tobacco products within the city.

The new proposal will cause a major damage to my legal business. 90 percent of our sales are tobacco products and cigars, we have a cigar humidor and many Manhattan Beach residents are cigar smokers, and the same applies to cigarettes and tobacco products. We also serve to neighboring areas like Redondo and Hermosa. I worked really hard to establish and build my business in 2015 . I invested a lot of money in doing so. all the money that I earned my entire life I put in this business, not including the time and the efforts to make it successful. I have a clean establishment and currently employing two full time employees in slow seasons and three full time employees in busy seasons not including my self. On top of that I have a binding lease, a lot of cigar and tobacco inventory, and a family to feed, so do my employees.

The upcoming proposal would definitely put us out of business and cause major economic damage to us. We are a tobacco store!!
The ban on tobacco sales would not only cause damage to my entire business but will also cause economic hard ship on my family. I have two kids and a wife and I'm the only person in the house hold that pays rent, bills, and puts food on the table. My wife doesn't work but takes care of our children. What would we do if the ban goes through and we go out of business??!! This is our livelihood and financially we can't survive without it. Moreover, what would happen to all the money that I have invested in tobacco products which's nearly \$200,000 not including related accessories? What would happen to the binding lease that I'm currently responsible for?

Moreover, my employees also rely on this job to pay their rent, bills and get by. It's their only source of income. What would happen to them if such proposal goes through and we have to shut down?

Banning the sale of tobacco products in our city will not make any smoker quit smoking, it will just drive them to next city to obtain it and we're the ones that will take the hit and the nearby businesses in neighboring cities will gain our customers and hard work.

Furthermore, my tobacco business doesn't only serve Manhattan Beach residents, but big percentage of my customers are from neighboring cities due to the fact that I'm not in the heart of Manhattan Beach, across the street is Redondo where a lot of my customers come from. Add to that the many tourists we get from nearby beach cities and LAX airport.

My establishment allows only 21 years of age and older customers to enter and I have signs posted all of over my store stating that. We only serve to adults and we follow city, county, federal, and state laws. Tobacco products are legal to sell in the entire country. Why us?!

In Addition, we're part of the economy and we play by the book. My business pays a lot of bills to all kinds of local and government agencies. We pay high taxes to the IRS and State Board, we pay monthly gross sales taxes (nearly \$14,000 a month or more) we pay the EDD, federal and income taxes, the city of Manhattan Beach business license

Martha Alvarez

From: Alexandria Latragna
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Martha Alvarez
Subject: FW: Notice to Tobacco Retailers

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FYI

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From: Mark Snelgrove [mailto:p3orionms@twc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Alexandria Latragna <alatragna@citymb.info>
Subject: Re: Notice to Tobacco Retailers

Hello Alexandria,
Five weeks ago I purchased Players Liquor in El Porto
and just found out the mayor wanted to ban tobacco sales.
This will definitely hurt my bottom line in sales.
Yes I do have a question, how do I make my opinion known I'm not in favor of the ban on tobacco sales?
Best regards, Mark Snelgrove

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2019, at 1:01 PM, Alexandria Latragna <alatragna@citymb.info> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

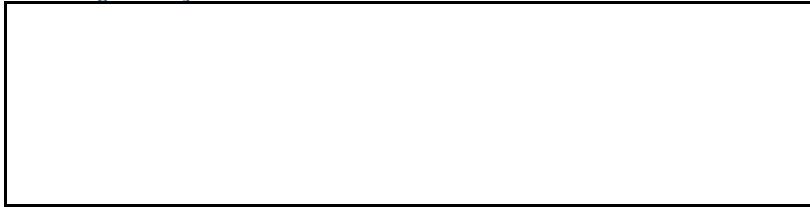
Our records indicate that you currently sell tobacco products or electronic smoking devices in the City of Manhattan Beach. The City Council will be discussing prohibiting the retail sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices and paraphernalia at the upcoming meeting on October 1, 2019, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Alexandria Latragna
Management Analyst

M: (310) 802-5063

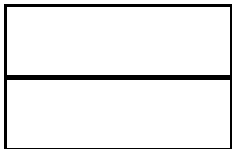
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renewal (average \$1500 or more per year), tobacco license renewal. Also, we pay additional bills for workers comp, fire and theft insurance, water and electric bills (nearly \$1100 a month), alarm permit, frontier communications (\$245/ MO) accountant fees \$500/ MO business , employees nearly \$4000 /MO or more not including my self (\$8000/ MO) We also pay nearly \$6000 in rent to the landlord and many other bills that I can go on and on. All of these agencies and businesses would be affected if the proposal goes through. Putting us out of business would not benefit anyone including the city.

We're not located in the heart of Manhattan Beach. Please make an exception for my business. I understand the city of Beverly Hills passed such proposal but had kept 1 or 2 tobacco retailers who are in the same situation as I am. Please consider such an exception if the proposal goes through, our entire business and livelihood is at stake. And please consider all the facts I have stated including the amount of inventory I have in tobacco products alone. I'm willing to provide proof of the high amount of taxes and bills we pay and also payroll.

Finally, since October 2014 I have worked really hard to establish my business legally in Manhattan Beach and I can't afford to have my hard work and investment go away. Please consider my situation and the consequences, loss, and pain that this proposal will cause.

If you need further information please contact me

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