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**From:** Jeffrey Stout <jeffreyhstout@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** Construction Parking on Ocean Ave

Council & Mayor -

Thank you for your leadership during this difficult time!

I saw a recent FB post about the MB Police Department reminding people to practice social distancing on Ocean Avenue, which has now become a 'walk street" in light of the strand and bike path closures. It would be much easier if construction vehicles weren't down there all the time blocking the road in many places. My advice would be to have the construction workers find parking off Ocean Avenue or allow them to use the beach parking that is currently closed, or city parking in downtown MB and up near Rosecrans and Highland. The parking would be by permit only, and for construction personnel only. It would probably be a good recommendation for any North/South alley street (Ocean, Bayview, Crest, Alma, etc) during the COVID 19 outbreak, as I suspect people are walking these streets as well. Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Mike Chapman <mchapman030799@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 7:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Construction ordinance

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issues addressed at today's city council meeting.

We are grateful that the city council is concerned about the COVID-19 issue, as it is a matter of great concern to all of us and it is important to slow the spread. That being said, we would like to highlight the following issues:

1. It seems clear that the city wishes to eliminate all residential construction indefinitely. Given the huge impact to individual homeowners like ourselves, a shutdown for a limited period of time is one thing, an indefinite shutdown is another. Could you please confirm that an indefinite shutdown is not a consideration? The impact on homeowners, contractors and workers is immense. We are doing our part and have followed every request and guideline imposed by the city. We'd appreciate the city's view on this concern.
2. Given that there will be a "zero-tolerance" policy for violations of the social distancing ordinance for workers on construction sites, why is there no such "zero tolerance" policy for others, like restaurants? Restaurants, unlike construction sites, are always located in confined spaces where transmission is more easily facilitated. It appears that the city is choosing winners and losers when it comes to who can remain in business.
3. If the ultimate goal of the city council is to shut down residential construction in Manhattan Beach for the foreseeable future, and if the city is successful in doing so, will the city be implementing layoffs for staff who work in those respective departments?

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa and Mike Chapman

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**From:** Samuel Braitman <sjbraitman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; Cynthia IT. Cell  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Increased bicycle & foot traffic on Ocean Drive

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In the Friday, April 3 COVID-19 Daily Update the following sentence appeared.

**“Residents and visitors should be advised that Ocean Drive is a narrow public roadway and should not be utilized unless one lives in the neighborhood.”**

This is in response to great increase in bicycle & foot traffic on Ocean Drive since the closure of the Strand & bicycle path. I think that it might be helpful to post signs with this message.

Please share this with the City Council.

Thank you.

S.J. Braitman, M.D.

4102 The Strand

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**From:** Kendra Millard <kkachelein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Question for City Council - Management of Homeless at Dockweiler RV Park

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Hi -

This is a question rather than a comment, but I would greatly appreciate it if the City Council can address this at one of the scheduled council meetings.

Many people in the South Bay communities have ongoing concerns with LA County using Dockweiler RV Park to house individuals with COVID-19 that have no where to isolate or quarantine. The primary population for this location is the homeless. I have reached out to Janice Hahn's office multiple times to understand the protocol for the homeless individuals once they are well.

The response below is what I have received from her office and it is very unsettling, as we know LA County has not been able to deal with the current homeless issue and how NOW will they be able to secure housing for the homeless.

*"If someone doesn't have housing when they complete the quarantine, the County will assist them in securing housing. It will be a similar process to what is done when the County assists people with housing placement when they are being discharged from the hospital." (Direct quote from Jennifer LaMarque, South Bay Deputy - Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District).*

We have already seen an increase in homeless individuals on the streets and in the parks of Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach over the past couple of weeks. How can the Manhattan Beach City Council ensure that LA County has a proper procedure in place so Manhattan Beach does not become the next tent city?

Thank you for all that you do for the community! Stay Safe!

Kind Regards,  
Kendra Millard

Manhattan Beach Resident

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**From:** Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Give Tickets on Ocean Drive - Council Meeting

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Now that tickets were issued for being in closed parks residents changed their behavior. I doubt tickets were given on Ocean Drive as it was still a zoo all weekend. Police vehicles driving up and down Ocean Drive are worthless unless people fear tickets for not social distancing.

Officers need to be stationary to catch violators rather than just patrolling, where it's likely they can't say from a moving vehicle they saw so and so 100 yards away not trying to maintain a safe distance. When a cop car is coming people move to the sides of the road so they have an excuse why they are close.

Please give tickets on Ocean Drive! I can't keep my windows open there are so many people spitting, blowing their noses and coughing within a foot or two from my windows from 5:30am until evening. I also have a hard time getting in and out of my garage there is so much foot and bicycle traffic.

Thanks,  
Matt Domyancic

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**From:** Jeff Yeh <jyeh@nylashoes.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Social distance enforcement

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I know the police have their hands full.

I live across the belt from Robinson and we still see multiple people climbing the fence and playing on the field and blacktop this weekend.

What about using neighborhood watch commanders to help enforce the social distance law? Not sure how it would work and if they can issue tickets but if people have no respect to set rules and laws, they need to be ticketed. Thank you city council for all you do for us.

Regards;

Jeff Yeh  
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**From:** stephen.and.ellen@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Question for City Council

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Can the street sweeping please start again?

There are tons of dogs and kids in our neighborhood.

Even when one picks up the dog feces, there is still some left on the ground and children can be exposed to it.

Thank you.

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**From:** Terri <nowhereone@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES AT RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SITES

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Dear City Council Members:

I applaud your efforts at enforcing additional measures at Residential Construction Sites throughout the City of Manhattan Beach.

And while some measures are simple and easy to follow-- posting signs and installing handwashing facilities at every entrance--others are difficult, if not impossible to enforce and implement.

For instance, how does a contractor "prevent the sharing of tools/equipment"? Does he require each worker to sanitize the tool he just put down before someone else picks it up?

Also, how does the contractor keep track of who touches the ladders, trash cans, wood, metal surfaces, electrical cords, steel beams, fencing and gates as workers enter and exit?

In addition, how do you expect workers to get Persona Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face masks, eye protection and gloves when even doctors, nurses, and hospitals are running in low supply?

Most importantly, why would you even think about sanctioning the diversion of (PPE) to workers who are not really performing "Essential work" such as that being done by doctors and health care personnel?

Finally, how can a contractor or enforcement officer "prohibit anyone from entering the work site if they are experiencing signs of illness OR have been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19" when you know full well many of those with COVID 19 are without symptoms (but still highly contagious).

Please stop all residential construction immediately, as these "safety measures" are nothing but a joke.

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**From:** Nancy <nancy.s.andreas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 11:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Prop 218 concerns

We are residents of Manhattan Beach and are very concerned that increases are being proposed to property and waste management fees. Please reconsider these increases in light of the many retired residents that are on fixed incomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy and Harry Andreas  
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**From:** CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach  
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Parking on Ocean Avenue

Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Jeffrey Stout  
**Site Visitor Email:** JeffreyHStout@Me.com

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**From:** dy61@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Dana Murray  
**Subject:** Manhattan Beach City Council Comment  
**Attachments:** City Council Comment.docx

Hi there--

Attached find my comment for the Manhattan Beach City Council Regular Meeting scheduled to take place April 6, 2020.

Thanks,

Jenifer Duffy

I respectfully ask the City Council to pass an emergency ordinance banning residential wood burning due to its negative health impacts.

The world is facing a pandemic of unprecedented proportions. To preserve the health and safety of our community in this uncertain time, all man-made health hazards should be mitigated. Wood smoke is a known health hazard.<sup>1</sup> The particulate matter found in wood smoke penetrate “deep into the lungs, harming the lungs, blood vessels, and heart.”<sup>2</sup> Older adults and individuals with pre-existing conditions, including lung disease, asthma, or bronchitis, are particularly impacted by smoke pollution. Exposure can increase susceptibility to respiratory infections, and can cause reduced lung function, heart attacks, lung cancer, and even premature death.<sup>3</sup> Because individuals with respiratory infections, asthma, and lung disease “are at increased risk for serious complications from COVID-19,” banning indoor and outdoor residential wood burning is extremely important for the health and safety for those members of our community.<sup>4</sup>

In addition to protecting the residents of Manhattan Beach, a ban on indoor and outdoor residential wood burning will alleviate strain on the already-overburdened health system. For example, smoke inhalation can cause upper respiratory symptoms, which could incorrectly be attributed to COVID-19.<sup>5</sup> This conflation may lead to unnecessary trips to the ER, testing, or self-isolation.<sup>6</sup> A ban implementing an abstention from residential wood-burning will mitigate avoidable strain on healthcare professionals, and will ultimately allow them to devote more attention to individuals battling COVID-19.

Despite the detrimental effects of wood burning, residents in our city continue to wood burn at all hours. I wake up early for my daily walk and smell smoke. I open my windows in the afternoon or evening to let in “fresh air” as we have been advised to do to allow our indoor air to recirculate and I do not get fresh air, just acrid wood smoke. Many other residents I have spoken with have complained of this as well. Because we are all mandated to “stay home,”<sup>7</sup> all community members are particularly harmed by the smokey air. The asthmatic who suffers an attack from poor air quality and seeks out ER care is taxing the system. The individual on home oxygen is at risk. The quality of the air in our homes where we may be spending 24 hours a day is at risk.

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<sup>1</sup> See *American Lung Association warns of health concerns from residential wood burning smoke exposure*, American Lung Association, <https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/mp-residential-wood-burning-harms-health>.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>4</sup> See Robert Preidt, *Asthma, COPD Raise Odds for Severe COVID-19*, WebMD (April 3, 2020), <https://www.webmd.com/lung/news/20200403/asthma-copd-raise-odds-for-severe-covid-19>.

<sup>5</sup> CBS News Staff, *Voluntary burn ban in Idaho during COVID-19 pandemic*, Idaho News (April 2, 2020), <https://idahonews.com/news/coronavirus/voluntary-burn-ban-in-idaho-during-covid-19-pandemic>.

<sup>6</sup> Id.

<sup>7</sup> See *Stay home except for essential needs*, CA.gov (March 21, 2020), <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.

The impacts of smoke-inhalation can be easily solved through an ordinance banning wood burning indoors and out in the city of Manhattan Beach.

Cut our medical workers a break. Do not send any more people to the ER than necessary. Lets all enjoy the fresh ocean air blowing into our homes. Let's be well now.

Think of this as not something to take away from the residents; we have had plenty of that lately; but something to give: clean air to enjoy in our homes and while outside on our property.

Thank you,

Jenifer Duffy