

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting - July 14, 2020

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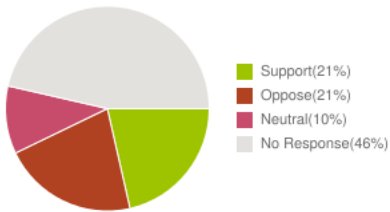
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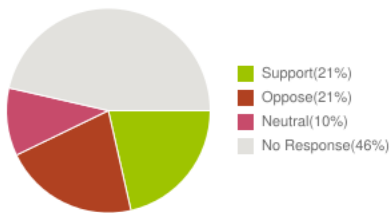
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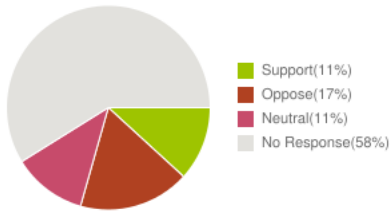
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Terri Premeaux

Location:

Submitted At: 5:17pm 07-14-20

I support my City Councilwomen, Suzanne Hadley, and disavow all baseless accusations in today's "cancel culture," solely aimed to silent different point of views. I oppose anyone using the Bruce family to advance their own political agendas.

James Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 07-14-20

I have respect all Council members and respect their right to express personal opinions when questioned. I find none of the present negative feedback presently circulating about an old tweet by Suzanne Hadley justified. We all know that Drinking the Kool Aide is a common political term referencing that if you agreed with what Obama was advocating you were drinking the Kool Aide. Same term used regularly today. You can attempt to dig for racism anywhere, but labeling it so doesn't make it so.

Emily Eisen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20pm 07-14-20

In the era of COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, and rising concerns of implicit racism and bias in Manhattan Beach, we need leadership that cares for the safety and well-being of all people. Through her actions and words, Suzanne Hadley has displayed that she is not fit to be Mayor of Manhattan Beach in December. I have over 500 signatures on a petition calling for her resignation or removal.read the full argument here:
<https://www.change.org/p/suzanne-hadley-mayor-pro-tem-suzanne-hadley-must-resign>

Judy Peng

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 07-14-20

I support my City Councilwomen, Suzanne Hadley, and disavow all baseless accusations in today's "cancel culture," solely aimed to silent different point of views. I oppose anyone using the Bruce family to advance their own political agendas. If the Bruce family feels they have a case, they can sue the City. I know of someone whom signed the petition to pay the Bruces \$100 million but only donated \$5 for the yard sign to support our local First Responders. So there you have it, OPMat its finest!

Nicole Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56pm 07-14-20

I oppose any discussion of Bruce's Beach without full disclosure and attendance by the residents in MB. The discussion needs to lay out all the fact not felling, lawsuit in 1924 (City of MB vs. B.H. Dyer, et al.) and demonstrating they did not receive fair compensation under eminent domain . We have laws and contracts If we begin to go back in history and base everything on wants and desires and ignore contracts and court cases, this will never end.

Vicky Purvis

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 07-14-20

I oppose any discussion of Bruce's Beach without full disclosure and attendance by residents in MB. The discussion needs to include the lawsuit (City of MB vs. B.H. Dyer). We have laws and contracts, we can not use a 2020 lens to decide on 1920 actions. If we begin to go back in history and base everything on wants and desires and ignore contracts and court cases, this will never end. We should base decisions on facts and not feelings. You know I might feel like taking your property one day.

Jonathan Chapman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 07-14-20

When you get to discussing what MB should do in the matter of Bruce's Beach, I would support action returning the property to the Bruce family heirs. This support is based on some assumptions:

1. Most likely, the eminent domain action taken on the the Bruce's was not on the up and up and the purpose of the action was racist in origin.
2. The cost of restitution would be minimal since the land is not generating revenue for the city, nor otherwise being of other great use

Edward Gajdicar

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34am 07-14-20

I oppose any discussion of Bruce's Beach without full disclosure and attendance by the residents in MB. The discussion needs to include the lawsuit in 1924 (City of MB vs. B.H. Dyer, et al.). Right in this country we have laws and contracts, we can not use a 2020 lens to decide on 1920 actions. All we have is the court case. If we begin to go back in history and base everything on wants and desires and ignore contracts and court cases, this will never end.

Joe Franklin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27am 07-14-20

The only mistake Suzanne Hadley made with her recent MSNBC was failing to have someone record her comments separately from the news crew. Then she would be able to prove they took her comments out of context to fit their narrative- as news sources across the political spectrum do. Our city council is continuously talking about having conversations on all subjects from all views. Objecting to opposing views belies this goal. I fully support any city council member to express their views.

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 07-14-20

I support Suzanne Hadley as one of the very few rational, guiding lights on City Council, I oppose the dangerous suggestion of defunding MBPD (particularly given the rapidly rising crime rate in LA County, including rising rates of vehicle and property crime here in MB) and I oppose any reparations or restitution for Bruces Beach which was legally purchased under the constitutional process of eminent domain; if the Bruces feel they have a claim 100 years after the fact, they have the courts.

Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 07-14-20

Suzanne Hadley won a resounding majority of votes in the March 2019 election and is held in high regard by her supporters for her solid record on the City Council. Everyday more and more Manhattan Beach residents, including me, are proudly displaying signs expressing their gratitude for our MBPD and MBFD. Suzanne Hadley ran on a platform of "law and order" so I stand by her today.

Laura Kiely

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57am 07-14-20

Please consider changing the plaque at Bruce's Beach to recognize the more accurate history of what occurred with that land. It's important for the truth about racism and its effects on land ownership and generational wealth to be part of all citizens' knowledge base. I'm not sure about how reparations work, but I encourage City Council to meet the Bruce family to discuss reparations of some sort, as it appears likely that eminent domain was used disingenuously to seize Bruce's Beach.

Madhu Chatwani

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48pm 07-13-20

I am a medical professional providing care for patients at a local hospital in the South Bay. I am disappointed and disheartened to hear Suzanne Hadley (for whom I voted) being quoted on the news stating that she doesn't think COVID-19 is anything to worry about because she doesn't know anyone who has died from it. As the number of cases and hospitalizations surge, I am embarrassed to have a leader of our community make such statements. Stay safe and be well! Wear a mask and physically distance!

Priya Chatwani

Location:

Submitted At: 10:17pm 07-13-20

We deserve leadership who will address racial violence in our community and the current pandemic. I call upon city council to meet with the Bruce Family & Anti-Racist Movements around the South Bay to discuss restoration & restitution. Suzanne Hadley's comment, "I don't know anyone who has died from COVID-19", is EXTREMELY disrespectful. My mom & other frontline workers care for people who are dying from Covid-19 at local hospitals. We cannot make a joke of this deadly virus. Lives are at stake.

Steve Fazio

Location:

Submitted At: 4:26pm 07-13-20

I am in support of Suzanne Hadley. Her views represent the views of many homeowners in our city and she should not be silenced. Please remember that she received many votes when elected and that she is held in high regard by our community. Thank you.

Matt Domyancic

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 07-13-20

Hadley shouldn't be penalized in any way for the known liberal media editing her comments to create some drama. We have other council members who have been intentionally dramatic and negatively stirred the pot multiple times with their politically motivated ideology, and no one ever seems to care. I prefer Politicians like Hadley that don't sugar coat or go with the mainstream narratives just to appease the sheep, even if I weren't to always agree with the content. Character matters.

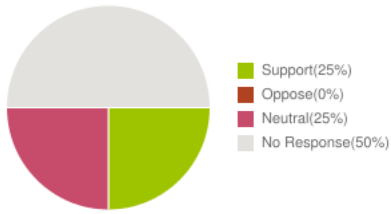
Stephanie Monash

Location: 28205, Charlotte

Submitted At: 2:34pm 07-13-20

Tongues are wagging on social media...some folks would like to see Suzanne Hadley resign because they disapprove of cherry-picked comments from an MSNBC interview and her position regarding the recent Forum. If anyone is seriously thinking about moving forward with this, I urge you to reconsider. Hadley's views may run counter to ever-increasingly-oppressive "political correctness" but they do, in fact, resonate with many in our community. Cancel the cancel culture. Hadley should stay.

Overall Sentiment



Erika Schlarmann

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 07-14-20

I strongly support engaging an outside firm to enforce mask wearing in public in Manhattan Beach. We all need to follow the rules and be part of the solution now.

Natalie Olivares

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 07-14-20

I am fearful for my community's health when Suzanne Hadley is set up to be mayor in December. Her inability to recognize the seriousness of COVID-19 is disturbing. I do not feel compelled, protected or understood by a woman who thinks that Black Lives Matter is divisive when Black people are highly impacted by COVID-19. We need a leader who sees the severity of COVID-19, respects all our community members and their safety-including houseless folks and ppl in service industries.

Edward Gajdicar

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 07-14-20

Suzanne Hadley's words are often taken out of context and manipulated by 2 council members. The news asked her if she personally knew anyone who died of Covid- she answered she did not personally know anyone. THEN she was persecuted for speaking the truth. Folks have been repeatedly saying "how can she say that!!!" Well, she didn't say there are no cases in Manhattan Beach she just answered a question truthfully. We must stand up to this shameful harassment. Ms. Hadley has my full support.

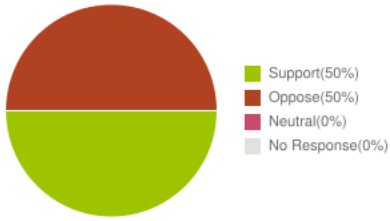
Laura Kiely

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-14-20

I've lost faith in Ms. Hadley's ability and desire to make sound public health decisions pertaining to Covid-19. Her comments suggesting the threat of Covid-19 is exaggerated are irresponsible. CC should lead the fight to mitigate viral spread in the midst of a pandemic when national and local infection rates, rates of positive tests, and hospitalizations are rising. In questioning the advice of infectious disease experts, she stokes divisiveness and mistrust, advancing her political agenda

Overall Sentiment



Marilyn Scott

Location: 90266, Manhattan Beach

Submitted At: 2:12pm 07-14-20

I feel it is essential to follow the health guidelines of the CDC . EOC . It is especially concerning when our city officials speak for themselves instead of following what our Mayor and health science is saying. It is confusing to our citizens and makes people feel the need to not comply. We need to be united not divided.

kim komick

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-14-20

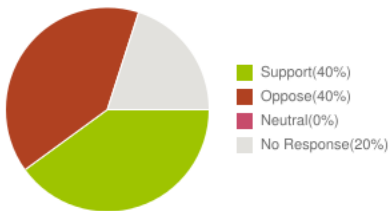
Enforcement of face masks in open spaces. It would be dangerous, litigious, arbitrary and unfair to ask the police force to enforce face masks on people in outdoor spaces. It is very clear that outdoor spaces are safe and that is why dining and other outdoor business are allowed to operate. The police should be reserved to come to the assistance of business that are trying to enforce the protocol and have combative clients or customers and other crimes taking place in this city.

Agenda Item: eComments for 6. 20-0243

Consider Authorizing Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support With Climate Mayors Which Calls on Congressional Leadership to Adopt Policies That Address the Compounding Crises of COVID-19, the Severe Economic Downturn, Racial Injustice, and Climate Change (Community Development Director Tai).

AUTHORIZE LETTER OF SUPPORT

Overall Sentiment



Emily Eisen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:16pm 07-14-20

Manhattan Beach needs to set an example. Please sign this!

thomas chang

Location:

Submitted At: 9:59am 07-14-20

Think local and logical: We should not drink the kool aid, just follow along because it makes us look good, regardless of the legislation. If there are issues that need to be addressed in MB, address those issues, otherwise you do a disservice to the residents of FMB

Matt Domyancic

Location:

Submitted At: 9:13am 07-14-20

Too many areas to have any effectiveness or focus. These areas it claims to want to address aren't even related. Just playing politics as usual.

Joe Franklin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11am 07-14-20

This proposal is an incoherent collection of social engineering which defies science and logic. Attempting to tie all these social ills (Covid, climate change, racism, pollution, economic inequality) into one non-specific, expensive, non-cohesive heap of legislative action is a disservice to our city's residents and an attack on our budget. Even Eric Garcetti of LA City cut climate response from its budget. Please focus on helping residents and businesses survive the Covid crisis. See attached.

Laura Kiely

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46am 07-14-20

My name is Laura Kiely. I've been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1994. Please sign the Letter of Support with the Climate Mayors. Thank You.

ANALYSIS

LA's 'Climate Mayor' Just Cut Climate Response from the Budget

A short history of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department and our Mayor's role in destroying it.

Nicole Levin [Follow](#)

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Last month, the Mayor of Los Angeles introduced his budget. Surprisingly, \$500,000 in funds set aside for a Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) was missing.

But to truly understand the significance of this cut for the climate justice movement, and Los Angeles itself, we need to understand the magnitude of the proposal.

If the Mayor had supported it, this could have been the framework for our Green New Deal.

In January of 2018, when the motion was first introduced by Council Member Paul Koretz, the plan was to build “a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (CEMD) with all the necessary powers to plan and coordinate all the City’s climate and resilience responses...”

This was not just an office. It was an entire department, and one that was well thought out. There was a detailed plan developed largely by Council Member Koretz’s office and LEAP LA, a coalition of environmental justice groups including many frontline organizations such as Communities for a Better Environment, Physicians for Social Responsibility — Los Angeles, Esperanza Housing, Strategic Concepts in Policy and Organizing Education (SCOPE) and a representative from American Indian Movement.

This department, according to the initial proposal from Koretz’s office, would “develop, coordinate, and track implementation of a comprehensive Climate Emergency Plan.”

It was also cost-effective. The department would consist of personnel already employed by the city, already working on sustainability, emergency preparedness, biodiversity, workforce development, housing, etc. It would be a way to streamline communication and ensure that our many interconnected plans work in tandem.

But the department would be more than just centralized communication: it would create real standards. It would be responsible for measuring our city’s carbon emissions — tracking them, and creating a climate budget that was tied to the financial budget (and thus enforceable).

The CEMD also would also create local commissions comprised of typically underserved and ignored voices (activists, labor, youth, indigenous representation) and would conduct assemblies in the areas of the city hit hardest by environmental racism.

These assemblies would allow communities to create specific localized solutions that would feed into city-wide policy.

“We asked for community oversight inspired by dignity and power,” Lydia Ponce, Communications Director for SoCal 350 tells me via phone, “and then that got watered down to town halls. We are insisting that the town halls aren’t just a bunch of questions submitted on index cards that get cherry-picked. [...]Frontline communities have been

living with water quality, land quality, and air quality issues for decades. [...] This is literally life and death for them.”

Would the CEMD have been successful? The City Administrative Office (CAO) pointed to the failed Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) started in the '90s which was defunded in 2010–2011. Activists, such as Jonathan Parfrey of Climate Resolve, criticized the EAD as underfunded and understaffed in a letter to Koretz's office (March 11, 2019).

The save, he suggested, was to house the department in the Mayor's office — the one place where it will have regulatory power, where we are already coordinating the city's environmental legislation.

But no. This would have required the Mayor's support, which he did not give. Some involved suspect that the Mayor encouraged other City Council Members not to support the department in its full form.

What passed through City Council in July of 2019 was a mere crumb of the official proposal: a Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) with a staff of one. A director who has yet to be hired. Yes, LEAP LA won the community assemblies, but they lost the department implementing any policy changes.

And now the \$500,000 allocated to these assemblies are missing from the Mayor's Budget.

A budget, need we remind you, that protects the LAPD but nothing else.

In a letter, members of LEAP LA are now calling on the Mayor to secure the funding for the assemblies. CM Paul Koretz and the Neighborhood Council of Sustainability Alliance (NSCA) steering board have similarly spoken out against cuts to the CEMO and emergency climate funding.

In a motion submitted to City Council on April 22, CM Koretz called on the council to direct the Emergency Management Department to include efforts that reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions in its list of essential emergency services.

“The disruptions to our economy and society due to the global pandemic have illustrated the value of investments in emergency preparedness and crisis avoidance.” His motion stated, “Looming large is another imminent and pervasive threat to our way of life: severe climate disruption and its crisis-level impacts to the local and global economies,

to migration patterns, ecological systems, natural disasters from flood, drought, fire, and the City's infrastructure.”

The CEMO is not the only environmental effort subject to cuts, as the NCSA letter calls out. The budget also eliminates a wildlife pilot study and reduces services to trees.

“Unfortunately, the climate crisis will not wait on hold while we address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,” the letter stated, “we do not want you to repeat the mistake made by the Trump administration in disbanding the Office of Global Health Security and Biodefense prior to the pandemic.”

Lisa Hart, a member of the NSCA steering board, said she emailed the CAO, the office that puts together the budget. “A woman from the office emailed me back saying that we have to make public health and safety our highest priority.” Hart told me, “The climate crisis *is* a public health crisis.”

The budget is not final. The City council has until June 30 to approve it. In the meantime, at Monday's Finance and Budget Committee Meeting councilmember Paul Krekorian predicts “regular, in-depth analyses of every department's budgets, not just between now and June 30 but through the fiscal year.”

To clarify, the current budget assumes that the economy will be back open in July. More cuts will surely come. If we do not budget for climate mobilization now, it may not receive funding for years.

In her budget presentation with the CAO, Chief Legal Analyst Sharon Tso was very upfront cuts to programs that serve our most vulnerable populations. “Will likely see reduced hours, will likely see longer processing times, hours at counters, changes in types of services provided,” but she was very clear, these programs were *reduced* but not cut.

But the CEMO would service vulnerable populations — and it is not just reduced but has completely vanished from our city's budget.

And again, Tso was very explicit. The reason these departments have been hit so hard with furloughs and reductions is that the fire and police departments have not been cut — the police department is even seeing salary increases during this time of austerity.

Currently, over 70% of our city's general budget is going to fire and police. The city loves to clump these two together, but LAPD is getting a bulk of the funding, with 1.857

It has been said that he feels like we are already doing enough. But our city has only taken mere steps on the path to addressing the climate crisis.

Perhaps he's too busy looking into who's going to be Biden's VP, counting his \$5 million "generous humanitarian gift" from Qatar, or hiding from activists as they protest outside his house.

He has introduced a Green New Deal for Los Angeles, but its layout and graphic design are more impressive than the policy inside (in fact, this is generally a theme with reports from his office, the *first page* of the Mayor's budget touts a design award).

His Green New Deal's timeline is decades too late. It has been dismissed by environmental groups as a joke — carbon neutral by 2050 is not a Green New Deal. In fact, the tool used to calculate emissions in the city, Green House Gas Protocol, is funded by, Volkswagen, Chevron, Shell, Dupont, Texaco, and other companies with a vested interest in making sure regulation doesn't happen.

Other major cities have used this time to take action on transportation. Boston and Minneapolis have plans to temporarily close streets to cars. Meanwhile, in Paris, Mayor Anne Hidalgo is planning to phase cars out of the city permanently and invest in clean transportation.

But our Mayor cannot even make good on the \$500,000 allocated to a one-person office saddled with coordinating our response to the climate emergency.

"We are an oil town," Ponce says, "The damage is done."

Currently, the budget will be going to City Council later this month for public comment. Without substantial pressure from the public, CEMO will not be added back in. You can sign onto LEAP's letter here. And call your representative, your Mayor. Tell him that you see how he is failing this city on climate.

Our "Climate Mayor" is setting Los Angeles up for failure and we cannot let him do pretend he is doing otherwise.

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comment, “For the last two and a half years we have been fighting to bring justice to these communities by creating and funding a climate emergency mobilization office.”

But let’s take a step back. Because Mayor Garcetti is not just any Mayor, he is a “Climate Mayor.”

He is the chair of two separate coalitions of “Climate Mayors,” neither of which seems to do much of anything.

He claims that 2020 is the year of “Climate Action.”

Mayor Garcetti's speech at the C40 Chair Handover Cer...




And read this press release he wrote recently about the new normal of COVID-19:

“COVID-19 has laid bare the systemic inequities too often found at the heart of our communities — and as we start to emerge from this crisis, we must rebuild an economy that truly works for everyone,” said C40 Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. “Our C40 statement of principles will provide a framework for a fair recovery — a sustainable and equitable vision that lifts up our most vulnerable residents and advances the work of our Global Green New Deal.”

His global coalition of mayors has declared a “Global Emergency.” Yet he still has not officially called on for our city — even though our City Council voted to declare a climate emergency the same day they passed the CEMO.

billion going to the LAPD and just 732 million going towards Fire. It's also relevant to point out that the majority of the homelessness budget goes towards overtime for policing bridge housing and cleaning up encampments.



The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter thread. At the top, it says "David Zahniser" with a verified account icon and "@DavidZahniser · May 11, 2020". Below this, it says "Replying to @DavidZahniser" and then a quote: "I have to be honest -- our labor partners are not supportive of furloughs," says CAO Rich Llewellyn. Remember, labor partners = city employee unions". Below that is another tweet from "David Zahniser" with a verified account icon and "@DavidZahniser". The text of this tweet reads: "Chief Legislative Analyst Sharon Tso acknowledged that some city agencies, like the City Attorney's Office, are taking bigger hits proportionally". There is a large empty rectangular box below the text, likely representing a missing image or a redacted section.

“For far too long we have allowed sacrifice zones and an extractive economy that have hurt people of color and low-income communities in our city,” said Andrea Leon-Grossmann, an environmental justice advocate representing Azul during public