

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach  
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Restaurants not obeying Covid guidelines / rise in cases

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

**Site Visitor Name:** Daniel Gonzales  
**Site Visitor Email:** daniel.dg@me.com

I've noticed many of the restaurants in town are not obeying any of the Covid guidelines for reopening.

For example, The Rockefeller Manhattan Beach has people sitting very close together. Tables and customer are not separated by 6 ft. Employees not wearing mask. No regard for guidelines.

This was clear on both Friday and Saturday. It was very busy and concerning.

This is just one example of many.

Who is holding these businesses accountable for our communities safety?



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**From:** Gordon Louttit <gordon.j.louttit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog Park

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The highlight of my dog's day was being able to run around the dog run at Live Oak Park and visit her dog park buddies. I was, therefore, delighted when the park reopened.

Unfortunately, there is a high degree of noncompliance with the mask requirement in the park. Three days in a row now I have decided to leave rather than run the risk that one of the non-mask wearers could cause me to get an infection and bring it home to my wife, who suffers from asthma.

I shouldn't be forced to leave because there are some who refuse to wear masks no matter what the risk. Simply having a park employee or community services officer come by the park and ask people not wearing masks to leave immediately would go a long way to increasing compliance with this common sense requirement. The word would quickly spread and the embarrassment of being asked to leave would probably ensure that they would either not come back or that they would begin wearing masks.

The biggest influx of people and dogs at the park seems to be between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and again between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Those would be ideal times to have somebody come by and enforce this requirement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Gordon Louttit

*Those who can get you to believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities – – Voltaire*

*Dictated to my iPhone. If it's garbled, it's the phone, not my brain.*

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**From:** Christine A. Norvell <christineanorvell@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 6:57 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Open the Pier!

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Ladies and Gentlemen!

Do you really need to be inundated with emails to OPEN our magnificent Pier? The finest pier on the coast? With a magnificent Aquarium at the end, after our California children have been out of school for months? A wonderful location for residents and visitors to walk and sit and stand and think about the possibility of Peace in our world? To disassociate and just enjoy nature! If ever we needed a place to experience some Zen, it is NOW!

Part of the reason you don't receive more info. from residents is that the info. sent out has sooo much verbiage, it is like wandering through an abyss at midnight.

I know you MUST inform us of all that info., but please think of synopsis of critical info. at the end.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Christie

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**From:** IsaBella Kim <isabella.j.kim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Open the Pier

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Dear city council,

Please reopen the pier.

Sincerely,  
IsaBella Kim

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**From:** heathergothitched@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PLEASE OPEN THE PIER

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Thank you.

Love always,  
Heather Kim {resident}

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**From:** Michael Monaghan <michaelcmonaghan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support to Open the Pier

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Hello Manhattan Beach City Council

I am writing to support the opening of the Pier.

Thank you,

- Michael

Michael C. Monaghan  
Sand Section  
Manhattan Beach, CA

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**From:** Dennis Duke Noor <denduke@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPEN THE MANHATTAN BEACH PIER! IT IS TIME !!!

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

Please open up the Manhattan Beach Pier as soon as possible.

It really is our "Gateway" to the City and there is no significant reason why it should be closed.

It's 15' wide and that makes it twice as wide as the Strand and The Bike Path. So. there is plenty of room for "Physical" distancing.

Plus, fisherman can distance with tape on the floor 6 ft apart, just like every other market/bank in California.

Plus the Open air and Sunshine is well known as being much healthier than "detention" at Home.

Plus, the Roundhouse Aquarium Teaching Center is blocked now and it needs to OPEN as well.

YOU have the KEY. Let's DO THIS for the better good, not for the bureaucrats in Sacramento.

Thank You,

Duke Noor  
69 year resident  
Hermosa/Manhattan Beach

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**From:** dr.sievers <dr.sievers@shenminghealth.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my disapproval of any attempts to defund our police department.

As a resident and business owner here in Manhattan Beach, it seems like a foolhardy idea that we, as individuals, can protect ourselves from the outsiders that come into our city to do crimes. Especially in light of the civil unrest and the emotional stress of COVID. All of LA is looking to get to the beach. And like it or not- not everyone that comes here is honest and law abiding.

Only a few years ago 2 African American men broke into my home while I was there alone sleeping in bed. Think about how that must feel? Really! And not a single neighbor in my walkstreet Neighborhood Watch responded to my cries for help. Guess who did? MBPD!

And just last week I watched my business neighbors boarding up their shops preparing for the onslaught of crimes that could overwhelm the police.

Is the defund idea a suggestion to residents and business owners to pick up arms for self defense? Because that's what is implied.

Our need for police may come as a result of our proximity to the beach and our relative abundance. I do not agree with the idea of generalizing police brutality that may exist elsewhere onto our police officers. Do not make our city's residents and business owners vulnerable because of your need to virtue signal.

Manhattan Beach is a wonderful city because we are good law abiding and generous people. Our police officers are well trained and do their jobs with excellence and professionalism.

KEEP OUR CITY SAFE

Patricia Sievers Ambrose

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device



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**From:** Beverly Wein <beverly@schnauzerama.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Police department funding

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I am a home owner and long time resident of Manhattan Beach. I wish to inform the city council that I am against defunding or even decreasing funds for the police.

We have a reasonably large senior population in MB. They are easy targets for criminals.

We are accustomed to believing that our neighborhoods are safe. But let there be one robbery or rape and there is a huge turnout to hear the police explain why they haven't caught the criminals yet and how do we get more protection.

Our police force is small compared to other cities. Defunding puts even a greater responsibility on them without the support they need in a community to function.

I for one want them to be able to get here if needed and quickly.

Please do not reduce their funds in any way. We need them now more than ever.

Thank you, Beverly Wein

Laurel Ave. Tree Section, MB

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** rambrose@citizensafety.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; Hildy Stern; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Steve Napolitano; nhershman@citymb.info  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Defunding Manhattan Beach Police

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Hey City Council,

Regarding Hildy's attempt to damage our City:

Renewed efforts to defund Manhattan Beach Police Department  
Under the guise of a community meeting requested by [Hildy Stern](#), is another effort to defund MBPD. Please e-mail the city council to show your support for full funding of MBPD. citycouncil@citymb.info...  
25 hr ago · 6 Thanks · 19 Replies

I am in strong disagreement, so are the 12 neighbors immediately around my house at 1200 3<sup>rd</sup> St. I am writing on their behalf as well.

This is a matter of public safety. FULLY FUND MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE !!!

Robert Ambrose, MBA, Ph.D.  
Firefighter / Paramedic (ret)  
Professor of Emergency Medicine (ret)  
Executive Director  
Citizen Safety Institute  
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**From:** robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** robertbush @dslextreme.com  
**Cc:** Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Quinn Barrow; Bruce Moe; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach - "Black Lives Matter" No Looting, Vandalism, Rioting or Fires

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## **Manhattan Beach – “Black Lives Matter” – No Looting, Vandalism, Rioting or Fires by Robert Bush**

**Residents of Manhattan Beach want to thank MBPD Chief Derrick Abell, Mayor Richard Montgomery/City Council and City Manager Bruce Moe for saving our small beach town from the looting, vandalism and rioting that has occurred in other cities during Black Lives Matter protests.**

**“Black Lives Matter” – Protesting George Floyd, a black man, died on [May 25](#) when a white Minneapolis Police Officer, Derek Chauvin, kneeled on his neck for eight minutes and 43 seconds. “I can’t breathe”. Officer Chauvin was fired and charged with second-degree murder.**

**Manhattan Beach protesters 1,000 mostly students and largely white, reflecting the community’s demographics. Protest Organizers - Malachi McMahon, Dalia Feliciano, and Jemal Williams (live in Inglewood and attended Mira Costa High School) met with fellow Black Lives Matter protesters at the Manhattan Beach pier. They recalled scattered, painful experiences associated with being a minority in an overwhelmingly white and wealthy community.**

**A few hundred protesters stood at the foot of the pier. They held signs: “Black Lives Matter,” “Enough is Enough,” “I Can’t Breathe.” They chanted: “This is what democracy looks like,” “No justice, no peace,” “We will end police brutality,” “Silence is violence.”**

**About 50 people from the more aggressive crowd congregated in the upper south Pier parking lot. BPD Chief Derrick Abell requested aid from Hermosa, Gardena, El Segundo, Torrance and the LA County Sheriff's Department for total 120 officers that were ready to engage. And around 4:30 p.m. — 90 minutes before the Los Angeles County curfew went into effect — police declared the gathering an unlawful assembly and ordered the group to disperse. Sgt. Tim Zins, spokesperson for the Manhattan Beach Police Department stated "We are absolutely not going to tolerate any type of looting or disorderly conduct in our city".**

**Already suffering financial loss because of COVID-19, nearly all downtown Manhattan Beach businesses were boarded up, including City Hall and Ralph's Market.**

**There's a very diverse group of people who do believe "Black Lives Matter" and show support for the black community and police officers. Peaceful protest, peaceful supervision and everybody shares a good message.**

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**From:** Ed and Joan <edandjoan@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support the Police Chief's Community Forum

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I think our city needs to know where our police force stands in light of recent calls for defunding or even abolition. I hope that at tonight's City Council meeting, permission will be given to Chief Abell to hold a Town Hall meeting.

Respectfully,

Joan Engelhaupt  
1751 Gates Ave.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



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**From:** Julie Muer <j\_muer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do not defund the MB Police Department

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Hello...

I recently read that there will be a city council meeting soon to discuss the possibility of defunding our Manhattan Beach Police Department. If that is the case, I would like to submit my vote to NOT defund the MBPD. They are the best and we need them all!!

Thank you...

Julie Muer

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**From:** Janet Gundel <janetatsea@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19 | PNAS

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Mayor and City Council,

Please consider more publication and enforcement of citizens wearing face masks in public ie. the Strand to prevent the spread of Covid 19. Many in Manhattan Beach ignore this policy at risk to those of us over 60 and/or with health concerns.

Policy must be based on Science. Evidence in the included article reinforce the necessity of face masks to keep us safe from spread of this virulent virus. I wear a mask in public and ask for my fellow citizens to do the same out of respect for each other's right to life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Gundel, RN, BSN  
Manhattan Beach resident

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**From:** BonnieS <bscali@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Full funding for Manhattan Beach Police and fire Departments

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I am in favor of supporting our Police and Fire Departments. We need their support during these uncertain times and they should receive proper consideration for their excellent service.

Please vote to withhold “full funding” for our Police and Fire Departments. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Bonnie Scali  
3505 Maple Avenue  
Manhattan Beach



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**From:** Dave and Christy Barnes <barnesandtaylor@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:07 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE MBPD

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Dear City Council

I have been a resident of MB for 14 years! There is absolutely NO NEED to defund, unfund, lower the funds or do anything to decrease the funding of the MBPD! Keep supporting the MBPD - Financially as well any any other support they need!

Thank you,  
Christy Barnes

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**From:** kathleen barker <kateinla51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:16 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mb police

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i support full funding of MBPD.

k barker  
manhattan beach

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**From:** Phillips Lee <leephillipsmd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager; Derrick Abell; Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support For MBPD

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The actions of four Minneapolis police officers does not justify calls to defund the Manhattan Beach Police Department. Broadly calling to defund, disband or significantly cut the MBPD budget does not help our city and is bad public policy.

Implementing and continuing meaningful policy changes: Body cameras, Integrating social and mental health workers on mental health calls; Continued Police training on de-escalation tactics; Better salaries to encourage retention of MBPD officers will take more money, not less.

For these reasons, and many more, calls to cut back on the MBPD's budget are a step in the wrong direction. This unproven model leaves the public vulnerable and unsafe during times of domestic violence, armed robberies, mass shootings or worse. The actions of a few bad officers in Minneapolis shouldn't equate to Manhattan Beach's residents and visitors left without the safety and protection of police.

There are police departments with problematic cultures, however MBPD is not the Minneapolis Police Department.

I support fully funding the MBPD and adding 2 additional police officers.

Lee Phillips

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**From:** Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 6:17 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Responsible Policing and Use of Force Reform  
**Attachments:** community-cameras-license-plate-readers.pdf

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Dear Councilmembers:

This concerns the upcoming agenda item "Request by Councilmember Napolitano to Discuss Response Regarding Responsible Policing and Use of Force Reform."

Primarily, the documents attached to this agenda item are fine (although I wish they had come from the civilian community and not the sworn community), but otherwise are just words on paper without transparency and accountability. And with both of those, independent and period oversight.

Just relying on the police to police themselves, or wait for something to go awry prior to civilian review is not a responsible program.

My personal anecdote on the MBPD involves the rollout of the ALPR program.

The MBPD hosted what they termed a "Community Input Meeting" on 8/31/16 regarding cameras and license plate readers. I attended and participated out of concern for certain civil liberty aspects of the use of ALPRs. The meeting was conducted by then-Chief Eve Irvine.

Although subjective, it really seemed this meeting wasn't for "input," but for the PD to market their desire for ALPRs. Way too much time, in fact, was used to assure people the cameras would not be recording people in their homes--which didn't seem to be anyone's concern. For proof, I reference the attached Open City Hall survey where that wasn't a concern. In fact, as another indication of intended bias, the community support for the program was based on responses to the general question "Do you think cameras and ALPRs would enhance public safety and make the community safer?" Nothing about materiality, cost, or even if the community thought the program should be rolled out. But the PD manipulated the conclusion that the response this program was supported--which could have been asked to the community directly. There's a difference between whether someone thinks an ALPR makes a community safer, and the presented conclusion that "83% of resident respondents were in favor of installing cameras and ALPRs."

At the meeting, I expressed concerns that the program could be used to target low-level offenders such as expired license plates or fix-it tickets, which would likely adversely and significantly impact lower income individuals from outside our community (and likely people of color), which would lead to not only unnecessary interactions between police and the civilian population, but would be an unnecessary use of police time and an unnecessary burden on those "offending" individuals.

I was told by Chief Irvine that there was a DRAFT policy that prevented such use. I had in my hand Policy 462, that was issued 8/16/16, that did not prevent such usage, as it allowed ALPRs to be used for unlimited "general law enforcement purposes." So with the thought that there was ANOTHER policy out there, I couldn't argue much more. But of course there wasn't another policy.

Now that might just chalk up to Chief Irvine not knowing that Policy 462 had been issued. But standing in the back of the room, then-Captain Derrick Abell did nothing to correct her of this mistake.

At the 7/3/18 Council meeting, when additional ALPR funding was to be discussed, I attended and attempted to testify to the above, but also to argue that Policy 462 not only should be formally reviewed by the Council (for it hasn't been, past or since), but should also be structurally changed similar to the text provided by other cities. In particular, to protect misuse and to direct uses to only the intended purposes, I suggested that the Policy contain specifics that the data would not be

used for anything other than suspected felonies, would not be used for immigration enforcement, and should have substantially less data access in respect to the number of people that could access or the length of time the data was retained.

I pointed out that the Policy as written only went to the bare MINIMUM protections required by California law, and legislators indicated that the law itself was bare minimum.

Unfortunately, although this was a short council meeting, the presiding officer decided it was more important for him to enforce a 3 minute time limit than to give me 30 more seconds to finish my presentation, thereby signaling his preference regarding oversight or a better way to do things. And while the City Attorney noted that some of my recommendations had merit, the full council agreed that they didn't want to visit the Policy.

I feel I got the same reception when I suggested the Council take a good look at how the Ring "partnership" was being used (and which I found later were quite similar to questions advanced at the national level by Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon).

Ok, how does this all come down.

I have no general animosity to the police and respect their mission. Most know my father was a Security Police Chief in the USAF (Lt. Col.-Ret.), and operated an alarm/patrol company after retirement. I worked there and so did a few of my sisters. I am a graduate of the first M.B. Community Police Academy.

But the actions of the MBPD above indelibly wrote in my memory that the PD would gladly distort facts in order to support their intended result, that they had no orientation toward possible abuse, and pushed their authority to the limit. Derrick Abell, who is now averring interventions when another officer is doing something wrong, would not even step up to correct his Chief when she was delivering incorrect information. That the PD had little appetite to contrary opinions.

The narrative above also suggests the Council will not step in to intercede between the PD and community, and delivers the message to the PD that the PD can pretty much do what they want, as long as the Council doesn't hear about it.

There is little that is asked of the PD to provided for accountability or transparency. Neighborhood Watch doesn't even get to announce the more serious crimes. I don't see anything on the website about an ombudsman, whistleblower actions, or even directions to post concerns about police conduct.

In respect to funding, I have concerns about the amount of overtime allowed, the ability to cash out vacations, accumulate a huge amount of vacation, cash out sick leave and accumulate balances to apply against retirement service credits. All are incentives not to take vacation or sick leave when needed. Not only would I want officers to be rested via vacation time, but I would not want an officer to be working sick. In both cases this could lead to officer injury and/or bad decision-making.

In addition to the above, I would prefer a review about policies regarding stolen cars. From my perspective (and a lack of available data), the only stolen cars seem to be from other communities, and the last two I've heard of ended up in high speed chases and ultimate crashes of or against a police vehicle (one that sent a patrolman to the hospital). That is, in total it doesn't seem worth that risk of injury or danger to the community.

In all, I would say that while I respect the Police Department, I also know that they are as human as you and me. They are hired to do a job and certainly we want to be sure they run toward danger when needed to legitimately protect us. Certainly the actions I narrated above have left a bitter taste with me, and in the main I think we often go overboard with our glorification of a job they signed up for, and gladly perform. I think this often leads to the PD becoming a bit full of themselves, if only evidenced by their overuse of traffic control sign boards to advertise their "Coffee with a Cop" PR events. Someone has to bring them back down to earth.

As a CPA, I know that businesses require oversight and accountability, and that requires independent oversight to make sure systems operate as they are intended. I do not find the PD any different in that regard. Generally, in understanding the oversight function, people are not insulted by the inference, but welcome the opportunity to show they are meeting expectations. This is not telling the PD how to do their job. It is making sure they are not doing the job the way we don't want them to.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Gary Osterhout



# Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

June 15, 2020, 3:18 PM

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## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

## Summary Of Registered Responses

<b>As of June 15, 2020, 3:18 PM, this forum had:</b>		<b>Topic Start</b>	<b>Topic End</b>
Attendees:	419	August 24, 2016, 2:33 PM	September 20, 2016, 3:14 PM
Registered Responses:	86		
Minutes of Public Comment:	0		

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### QUESTION 1

**Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?**

Answered	86
Skipped	0

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## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

## Survey Questions

### QUESTION 1

**Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?**



## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

## Individual Registered Responses

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### Dennis Fitzgerald

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:35 PM

#### Question 1

I fully support the idea as I think it will increase the overall safety of the community. I recommend the first spot to be the intersection of 15th Street and Ocean Drive as it appears that the No Right Turn and Do Not Enter signs have no impact.

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### Peter Yollin

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:37 PM

#### Question 1

Yes I do. CCTV is a proven method of both crime prevention and the apprehension of those committing crimes.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:37 PM

#### Question 1

Absolutely. Use of available camera/computer software technology will reduce crime and make Manhattan Beach a less inviting target. It should provide more solid leads for apprehension of criminals. We need more, not less, of this type of technology application. Law abiding citizens have nothing to fear. Its the criminals that will be targeted.

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### Gay Crowell

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:41 PM

#### Question 1

Yes, yes, YES!

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:46 PM

#### Question 1

YES, YES Let's try it!

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### brad dodge

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 3:47 PM

#### Question 1

Maybe just depends how our police dep. Using them, might want to also include some training on how to be respectful to your citizen, most interactions i have had with our police force has been less then desirable. And this is just from being close to an accident or one of there investigations.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 4:07 PM

#### Question 1

Absolutely, in the long run it will protect the residents.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 4:41 PM

#### Question 1

Yes, I think cameras and license plate readers are an excellent idea and I am completely in favor of this proposal. Objections based on privacy concerns, while not totally invalid, pale in comparison to the actual benefits to be derived. Thanks for the chance to comment.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 4:46 PM

#### Question 1

We've been wondering why this has taken so long to implement. MB is

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perfectly situated to make the best use of ALPR technology at fixed points. Prominent signage can warn potential criminals that MB is not worth the risk and they will move on. Those that don't have a significantly higher chance of detection as long as MBPD has the bandwidth to sort through the data and follow-up.

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**Name not shown**  
outside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 4:47 PM

### Question 1

What is the total system cost to purchase, install, use and maintain? Where does the money come from and is this the best use of the fund? Crime today is low in MB. What is the cost benefit of perimeter surveillance?

The city already has vehicles with license plate readers, what has been the real world benefit to the city?

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**Name not shown**  
inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 4:51 PM

### Question 1

Yes, I think this is worthy of the City's attention, and it should pursue it. It would be helpful if City staff provided some statistics on the effectiveness of such cameras used in other communities to increase public safety and/or support criminal investigations after the fact. As much as I have concerns about privacy, its hard to ignore the fact that our community is changing and our police need additional tools to enhance public safety. At the same time, we are talking about a handful of cameras at key egress/ingress points. That doesn't seem so intrusive when you realize cameras are embedded everywhere -- smart phones, door bells, surveillance cameras for homes/businesses, schools, freeway toll lanes, ATM machines, gas stations, and city intersections (in LA).

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**Name not shown**  
inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 5:04 PM

### Question 1

Great idea! I fully support it!

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**Lorraine Arvin**

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 5:41 PM

### Question 1

Yes, I think this is a great idea. I was disappointed to see that "entry points" weren't being considered for Sepulveda and Manhattan Beach Blvd., or Marine because as Sepulveda is a major thoroughfare that runs through our city, people drive from Sepulveda and turn onto those two streets.

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**Name not shown**

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 5:44 PM

### Question 1

YES! Please also add speed cameras on Highland Avenue (especially b/t 15th and Marine. I see northbound vehicles speeding all of the time to make the light at Marine.) On multiple occasions, I've almost been run over in the crosswalks between those 2 lights.

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**Name not shown**

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 5:47 PM

### Question 1

Yes! Along with signs explaining that the cameras and readers are there.

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**Jill Lamkin**

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 5:54 PM

### Question 1

Absolutely. As a victim of a home robbery near the Rosecrans corridor, I think it would be exceptionally beneficial for police to have additional tools to see what vehicles are coming and going from our neighborhoods. Signs denoting this videotaping will also serve as a deterrent.

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**Name not shown**

inside City Limits

August 24, 2016, 6:08 PM

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### Question 1

Yes, I think it will greatly aid in identifying criminals and eventually, deterring them.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 7:04 PM

### Question 1

My question is whether people will just avoid the intersections where the cameras and readers are and get into MB via different routes. I like the idea but wonder if it would be effective

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 7:27 PM

### Question 1

Excellent idea. 100% support from myself and my family.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 8:27 PM

### Question 1

I'm all in favor of it. Anything and everything we can do to deter crime in our city is a must.

### Thomas Johnson

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 8:34 PM

### Question 1

No. There's no need for intrusive big-brother style monitoring. The loss of privacy is not worth any potential safety increase.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 9:20 PM

### Question 1

Yes

### Tella Kulp

outside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 9:29 PM

### Question 1

Yes, I think community cameras and license plate readers will enhance public safety and make our community safer. I'm totally against it. It's way too "Big Brother" and invasive. There should be other measures to take for community safety.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 24, 2016, 11:58 PM

### Question 1

Yes, my family is all for it. If you do nothing wrong you have nothing to fear from the cameras. We need to protect our city and create a deterrent for criminals. I think there should be major signage on all cameras so they know they are being filmed.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 25, 2016, 6:00 AM

### Question 1

Hi, yes I think both community cameras and license plate readers will enhance public safety and I would like to see this being implemented in Manhattan Beach asap. I would also like to see permanent police presence at the east manhattan fire station. That will also help to quicker respond to calls east of PCH. More patrolling and biking police officers in the neighborhood is another suggestion to implement more of. Criminals should feel very uncomfortable in Manhattan Beach!

### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 25, 2016, 9:53 AM

### Question 1

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

Possibly, but the infringement on privacy rights greatly outweighs any safety concerns. It will make Manhattan Beach feel like a Police State. So I'm opposed to community cameras and license plate readers.

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### Michelle Murphy

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 9:57 AM

#### Question 1

Perhaps a tiny bit but I feel it is definitely not worth the loss of freedom that such a "1984" style measure insures. The safety possibilities will be minuscule and the assault on our liberties will be absolute and large. And the clock cannot be turned back. Cameras will be added to more and more public spaces for smaller and smaller benefits and an ever increasing police state type society.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 10:07 AM

#### Question 1

Yes

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 10:26 AM

#### Question 1

Yes

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### Deborah Isacksen

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 11:13 AM

#### Question 1

I think community cameras and license plate readers will definitely make our community safer. I am strongly in favor of their installation. I am curious about how and who will monitor them.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 11:49 AM

#### Question 1

I'm all for community cameras and license plate readers. For those people concerned about invasion of privacy, wait until their house is burglarized and our detectives don't have any leads.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 2:25 PM

#### Question 1

Absolutely!! I am all for this. There is way too much crime these days in our sacred neighborhood. ANYTHING that can be done to prevent this, I'm in full support of. Thank you!!!

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 4:41 PM

#### Question 1

Yes! I have personally been impacted by burglaries four times in 15 years, and it seems to be getting worse based on the crime updates. This has got to stop. I think we should employ the best technology available to stop this problem.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 5:21 PM

#### Question 1

YES!

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 5:59 PM

#### Question 1

Yes, I think it is a great idea and will be a great theft and crime deterrent.

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

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### Dave Agnew

inside City Limits

August 25, 2016, 10:07 PM

#### Question 1

I oppose the recording of individuals transit under the veil of public safety, without appropriate oversight. Assurance there is no abuse of power or profiling is critical and shall require robust oversight.

### Jason Hearne

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 10:05 AM

#### Question 1

Yes. I would even look into 360° spherical cameras. Depending on where a camera is pointing, you may miss critical information when inspecting a situation. Also You can observe any situation in a first person way by watching it through VR goggles. this would be a very interesting "visual aid" (no pun intended) for jurors.

Examples for Large Scale/Municipal projects/products:

<http://edge360.com/press-releases/atlanta-police-install-edge360-security-cameras-along-beltline>

<http://www.stamfordct.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/mayor-martin-city-officials-showcase-surveillance-camera-in-lione-park>

<https://www.pelco.com/video-surveillance-camera-security-systems/panoramic-ip>

### Nancy Simpson

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 11:08 AM

#### Question 1

Yes. I am in support of it.

### Bob Sievers

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 11:32 AM

#### Question 1

Yes 100%

### Emma von Jansky

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 11:52 AM

#### Question 1

Yes! We need them!! We need to have some way of tracking down these criminals! If we can prevent them from even coming in, that's even better!!

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 2:19 PM

#### Question 1

yes absolutely

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 5:03 PM

#### Question 1

Yes.

### Tom Nordberg

inside City Limits

August 26, 2016, 5:22 PM

#### Question 1

It will absolutely work. I am one of the few that originally suggest the idea. The one who should get the credit is Officer Swanson. He brought the concept up to me while we were talking one night.... The city of south gate had the same problem Manhattan beach has and the crime problem has been corrected due to these measures passed by the city of south gate. Once the news gets out about this, the criminals will go somewhere else. Once people realize that they are being watched, the non-sense goes away!!! Please fast track this city council. It's already been 6 months of delay.

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 27, 2016, 6:42 AM

#### Question 1

Yes, we need these. Please help make Manhattan Beach a safer place for our residents.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 27, 2016, 9:51 AM

#### Question 1

absolutely

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inside City Limits

August 27, 2016, 10:05 AM

#### Question 1

Yes

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 27, 2016, 12:15 PM

#### Question 1

Yes! Please install them!

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 27, 2016, 2:31 PM

#### Question 1

Yes!!! I live in El Porto and we have had several crimes/issues on our street. My husband and I even had to testify in court re: one alleged crime. I believe that if the criminals know these types of cameras are in place they will go elsewhere and target cities where there are no cameras. Everyone on my street is for these cameras to be purchased and installed ASAP.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 28, 2016, 8:38 PM

#### Question 1

Yes, they probably will. Or at least give the perception of such. I feel it is an invasion of privacy. However, this day-and-age things have gone in the direction of surveillance everywhere. Right or wrong, we unfortunately must install surveillance here in Manhattan Beach.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 8:30 AM

#### Question 1

Yes

### Aaron Caplan

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 9:12 AM

#### Question 1

No! Profit-seeking companies have a habit of dramatically over-estimating the value of their technology, and this is one of many so-called crime prevention gimmicks that will simply cost money and provide no benefits.

I also think this survey question is one-sided, because it does not ask about the harms, autonomy, and sense of well-being. Even if it had some public safety benefit, the gains WOULD NOT BE WORTH IT, because it would have our home feel like a surveillance state. Ask about both costs and benefits.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 12:14 PM

#### Question 1

No, I do not think that spying on citizens will make anyone safer.

### Joan Engelhaupt

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 2:32 PM

### Question 1

Don't know yet if they would make our community safer, but I do feel they are way too Big Brotherish. I have no desire to live in a police state. Someone earlier commented that law abiding citizens have nothing to lose here; believe me, I'm law abiding, but what I feel I have to lose is the American value of freedom from government surveillance.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 4:12 PM

### Question 1

Yes

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 9:44 PM

### Question 1

Yes!

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 29, 2016, 10:54 PM

### Question 1

Yes definitely, it's come to a point where I'm scared to leave valuables in my car. Putting cameras on highland and possibly the street above highland where the line of cars are parked would be helpful.

### Terry Olson

inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 4:13 AM

### Question 1

Yes we need that. A lot more can be done with software and cameras. A net work of cameras can ID a moving vehicle and track it and it's speed as

it moves through our city. They would be driving though, going home and stopping at their house, or maybe cruising looking for something to steal. The ones that stop maybe stopping to rob a house. Analyses of behavior and results would educate our policy as to what to look for. To study how criminals shop in our town and catch them in the act. In time vichiles that are determined to be people that live in our town could be ID and could be marked safe with no need to track and analyzed so we would know who was a stranger curising around our town in short order.

### Earle Newman

inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 7:19 AM

### Question 1

Yes! In this area of LA county we are known as a wealthy beach community and reading the police report of burglaries and crimes, it is apparent that area thieves know that. Too many outsiders are entering our community to commit vandalism, theft, and possibly worse. Using community cameras and license plate readers would be a very helpful measure to the police in keeping our community safe for all its' residents. Let's do it!!

### Lauren Decarli

inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 8:45 AM

### Question 1

Yes, most definitely. Just last night my boyfriend woke up to someone walking behind our apartment building by our bedroom window and then running off around 2 am.

### David Doupe

inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 10:46 AM

### Question 1

Yes

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 3:32 PM

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

### Question 1

I definitely think it would make Manhattan Beach safer, but I'm a little worried about the civil rights implications or whether it would be used for profiling.

Would the info only be used for potential crime solving or would it be used for other purposes? What assurances would citizens have that the information would not be misused? How have other communities addresses these issues? These are the examples of the deeper information I would like to see shared with the community.

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**Gary Osterhout**  
inside City Limits

August 30, 2016, 5:04 PM

### Question 1

I believe that license plate readers and video cameras deployed as proposed are an unnecessary incursion into our right to privacy. This is an instance where technology is moving faster than our society can assimilate the implications. It is very difficult to put the genie back the bottle once opened. We should be very clear what we are getting into, and evaluate all risks and costs. We should have foresight as to how these same policies might play out to more advanced, unforeseen technologies such as facial recognition, neighborhood incursion, or use of drones or satellites.

If we are going to be asked to give up even a portion of this valuable right, then the MBPD should be providing far more information, accountability and specificity than they have to date to justify such a sacrifice. The City should be providing more information and seeking better input than whether people feel slightly "safer" with such a deployment. The cavalier way this program is currently being deployed speaks volumes as to whether the City and the MBPD really "understands that privacy is concern for many residents."

Right now, the only representation as to effectiveness is the PD saying this is an "efficient way to generate leads and locate suspects," is merely an "additional tool," that "may" serve as a deterrent. That, and "everyone else is doing it." There is no commitment or analysis as to what crimes the PD expects to be reduced. Currently, this program sounds like a safety placebo.

There should be more civilian oversight in both the initial development of the rules as well as continuing monitoring of its use. Having the PD initiate the rules is sort of like the fox guarding the henhouse.

There should be more elaboration as to the "rules of engagement." As it sits, it looks like officers will be deployed against people who merely

cannot afford to get their vehicles inspected but need to drive down Sepulveda to get to their jobs. Thus, this could likely result in unnecessary police/motorist contacts that create disparate impacts against certain groups of people (i.e. "not Manhattan Beach residents), as well as resulting in unexpected and undesired results we have all seen in recent headlines. We certainly do not want a system results in a mechanism where the biggest impact is augmenting asset forfeiture funds and padding inconsequential arrest statistics.

There should be more elaboration of costs in respect to expected additional camera purchases, as well as personnel costs. As the MBPD discussed, this system will create an overwhelming amount of evidence for investigators to review. I could see where officers will be challenged by defense attorneys to testify as to the accuracy of the system, keeping the officers longer in court instead of in the field. There will be far more leads and potential witnesses to track down which will require more investigators without any real knowledge of any significant improvements in results than we have now.

It is disturbing that the "Privacy and Usage" rules are so broad and vague. Almost all MBPD employees are authorized users, down to the meter readers. The only training required is to the operation of the equipment and a review of the 2 ½ page policy. The "authorized purposes" are so vague that seemingly anything law enforcement-related can be shoe-horned into the definition. The policy on sharing of the information is so broad and unrestrictive that any law enforcement agency in the country could ask and receive the data with little explanation. And those agencies are not bound to purging the data consistent with M.B. rules.

Certainly over time the bad element will know how to defeat these cameras, making data collection relatively meaningless.

The PD has not told us why they need to store LPR information for 1 year. This seem at least 11 ½ months too long.

Of course, if the NSA and voter records can be hacked, we should consider that this LPR-collected information will be open-source. But there is nothing to hack if the data is not collected.

Nor do we need the signage and presence of these cameras in our community to remind us that we are being continuously monitored, not to mention the overall impact on aesthetics. That's no way to live. Customers to our businesses will understandably be confused that they are being watched.

I can understand people want to be inoculated against crime. But there are a lot of things we still can do as a city and as individuals to achieve substantially the same results. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

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## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

inside City Limits  
August 30, 2016, 9:54 PM

### Question 1

Yes, I definitely believe they will improve safety in MB.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
August 31, 2016, 9:06 PM

### Question 1

Just returned from the community meeting about the ALPR cameras. There was a lot of great information about the use of these cameras located at strategic locations throughout our city. I highly support the use of these cameras. It's long over due and about time, I believe it will make Manhattan Beach a safer city. The city should also strategically place a few street signs advertising that Manhattan Beach is a safe city and uses ALPR cameras just like the signs that advertise the use of radar.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 6:27 AM

### Question 1

Yes

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### Shelley Griffith

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 7:52 AM

### Question 1

Yes, I think it will definitely help make our community safer since most crime in MB is not committed by MB residents.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 8:55 AM

### Question 1

Please have these installed immediately. We have become (embarrassingly) the Stop And Rob City of the South Bay! Sadly, it is no longer the safe little town I moved to in 1977. These cameras work so well elsewhere. If I'm not committing a crime, there is no need to worry about cameras. Bring 'em on! Thank you!  
Please, please please install cameras.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 9:13 AM

### Question 1

Yes! If there is a major crime in the city, the police will have a much better chance of catching the perpetrators.

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### Teresa Lang

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 10:03 AM

### Question 1

Yes. Absolutely. Community cameras with license plate readers will absolutely make our community safer. I particularly support cameras at 45th and Highland and at Rosecrans and Highland. We know that this is one of the best ways to catch perpetrators committing crimes in Manhattan Beach. I am fully supportive of this. As are a number of neighbors who may not fill out this survey.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 10:29 AM

### Question 1

Not in favor. MB should be a welcoming community and cameras don't send that message. As well, it is not going to prevent a criminal from acting. Finally, with respect to privacy issues, while I understand the current leadership may have the best of intentions, "I'm the government, trust me" is not good enough when it comes to privacy, as we have seen in the past, not to mention who else could have access to that data.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits  
September 1, 2016, 1:17 PM

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

### Question 1

No

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### Steve De Baets

inside City Limits

September 1, 2016, 1:38 PM

### Question 1

I support the installation of ALPR and video cameras. If MB becomes part of a South Bay grid our Police Dept will have the ability to potentially solve many crimes committed in our City. If the ALPR gets a 'hit' it will allow our Police Dept to respond within second of a felony vehicle entering our City, thereby possibly apprehending a criminal and preventing crime. I support the installation of ALPR and video cameras on all lanes at the recommended intersection.

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### Mike Michalski

inside City Limits

September 1, 2016, 3:41 PM

### Question 1

Yes, absolutely. Must be done for the safety of the community.

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 1, 2016, 4:38 PM

### Question 1

yes

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### Patrick O'Heffernan

outside City Limits

September 2, 2016, 12:41 PM

### Question 1

Not necessarily and it is a bad bargain. Anyone, either an "outsider" or resident, who wishes to commit a crime in the City and is aware of the cameras can easily avoid or thwart them. The erosion of our privacy - a Constitutional right according to the Supreme Court - is not worth it. There is a low probability of deterring crime and a 100% of eroding our rights. That is a bad bargain and should not be done. And it can litigated,

costing taxpayers even more.

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### Richard Dawson

outside City Limits

September 2, 2016, 3:27 PM

### Question 1

Not likely to improve safety, but certain to make an obscene profit for the provider.

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### Michael W Evans

outside City Limits

September 3, 2016, 3:59 AM

### Question 1

no

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 3, 2016, 12:46 PM

### Question 1

Yes. I'm saddened by the extreme growth and increased big business in Manhattan Beach during the last 15 years. Not surprisingly, those things come with increased crime and increased density. Manhattan Beach has already lost some wonderful businesses (Magpie, for example) because social media has brought so many more to MB and parking became impossible. Since the council continues to vote for and support in a way that only adds to increased density and more commercial ventures and less green space and less mom and pop type stores, the city should do the responsible thing and add the cameras. I believe it will make our community safer. I believe any privacy concerns are far outweighed by the public safety improvement.

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### Christy Tillman

inside City Limits

September 3, 2016, 10:13 PM

### Question 1

Yes

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

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### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 4, 2016, 1:31 AM

#### Question 1

Yes

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 4, 2016, 9:21 AM

#### Question 1

YES

### Amelia Amell

inside City Limits

September 4, 2016, 4:47 PM

#### Question 1

Absolutely, community cameras are a tool used in already established community in west Los Angeles and the Southbay, it's been a proven way to decreased crime in the area where it has been implemented.

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 5, 2016, 9:57 AM

#### Question 1

I believe that mechanized law enforcement does not provide a substantial benefit to controlling crime. I believe that a better presence of a non-militarized/community oriented police force will dissuade crime. The presence of a license plated vehicle only superficially aids in the persecution of the criminals after arrest. I would rather the budget be spent on community engagement.

### phil reimert

inside City Limits

September 7, 2016, 5:42 PM

#### Question 1

I absolutely object to this "police state" practice on general principles. If it resulted in the need for a reduction of sworn personnel it might be worthwhile budget-wise, but we all know that ain't gonna happen. Why not turn the city into a gated community with police checking IDs? More cost-effective. Those who would give up freedom for safety deserve neither freedom nor safety!

### Carlos Echevarria

outside City Limits

September 8, 2016, 9:41 PM

#### Question 1

No. It will only give 'extra inches' for law enforcement to unnecessarily survey innocent civilians that could have their privacy and civil liberties further violated all in the name of fighting crime or terrorism even when the US crime rate is "supposedly lower" than in any other period in the nation's history. If we whimsically continue to allow these extreme law enforcement proposals to go unchallenged, sometime in the near future, the police will probably ask for an 'extra yard' in more surveillance measures that could subtly morph Manhattan Beach and other American towns and cities into neo-fascist police states.

I have nothing against fighting crime but when America's police force is being supplied military grade equipment and weapons along with randomly killing and maiming innocent people, especially against unarmed African-Americans, the homeless and the mentally ill and political demonstrators who are legally expressing their First Amendment rights, and then proceed to commit perjury about these unnecessary incidents that they violently instigate just so they can evade accountability, then the trust factor is completely destroyed. And once law enforcement's image is tainted and their trustworthiness comes into question relating to specific issues like "safety and security", then they don't deserve our approval of this plan.

Sorry but America's police force needs to first earn back our trust as well as having a renewed respect for our democracy before asking us skeptical citizens to approve this kind of "security" idea,,,plain and simple!

### Name not shown

inside City Limits

September 20, 2016, 3:09 PM

#### Question 1

\*\*This response was submitted prior to the deadline of this topic but was not posted for public view due to technical difficulties. We have added it now to include it in the conversation regarding community cameras and

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

license plate readers. Thank you for your responses.

A clear invasion of privacy and a dangerous precedent with no real safeguards civil rights or the prevention of abuse. Municipalities that implement such a system are engaging in un-American surveillance-state tactics that will ultimately lead to more perceived police abuse.

America was founded on the idea of being free from unwanted investigation by the government. The surveillance cameras and license plate reader system would allow Manhattan Beach Police to invade citizen and resident lives even further. The small geographic area of Manhattan Beach means it will essentially serve as a geographic tracking system for residents who use main thoroughfares, like GPS tracking.

It could (and we should assume would) be used to generate government revenue through targeting of expired tags, vehicles with unpaid tickets, registered owners who have any warrant for fail-to-appear in court, child support, parking citations or any number of trivial violations.

Regardless of whether the driver is guilty of any of those crimes, they would still be stopped and harassed by police under the banner of "public safety." As lower-income people are more likely to have unpaid parking tickets, liens, warrants, or other legal troubles they will become targets of this system. Even worse, imagine a spouse or child driving a car registered in the name of a family member who has a warrant -- every time they visited Manhattan Beach they would be harassed by the police.

Is this what Manhattan Beach should be? A surveillance state that harasses individuals because they have a family member who has been accused of a crime or had a trivial citation or warrant issued?

This system will ultimately be an attack on the poor families and racial minorities. It will create a virtual gated-community and prevent law abiding citizens from accessing our beautiful beach -- which is ultimately what some in this community want, their bigotry is showing.

There is a long list of negatives (A) for any implementation and (B) inadequate privacy protections and oversight. Most importantly, there is no information on the effectiveness of this system in stopping the burglaries that has been put forth as the reason for this system.

Effectiveness.

MBPD stated that most people arrested for burglary in Manhattan Beachcomber are not residents, what they left out is whether they are "previous offenders" who have a record of crime that might qualify them as experienced. Experienced criminals seem like the most likely to be aware of and avoid the ALPR locations.

Manhattan Beach is only planning for 7 locations out of 50 ingress/egress locations. The appeal of high-value targets, like those found in Manhattan Beach, makes it likely that after a period of adoption, criminals would learn to avoid ALPR and continue on with business as usual. Are there any

stats on actual effectiveness for similarly situated communities? Especially after 6-months to allow for adaptation and if there are signs alerting passerbys to the presence of the cameras.

Manhattan Beach should not make a \$400,000 bet on 7 intersections actually making a dent on crime over the long-term. It's a feel-good measure.

Expensive Bet.

Besides an outstanding question of effectiveness. There is question of legal challenges still outstanding.

A. The ALPR technology is still being challenged in California Courts. The California Supreme Court is the middle of reviewing a case brought by the ACLU of Southern California (Cal. Case No S227106) for a public records request. If the California Supreme Court rules in favor of the ACLU, these ALPR records may be subject to public requests.

B. This is probably just the beginning of the challenges. Federal law may allow the use of ALPR systems but as the network of ALPR systems grow it starts to resemble GPS tracking. The US Supreme Court has already ruled that such tracking is illegal under the 4th Amendment. They rejected the Government argument that they were using an easier version of staking-out suspects and that travel on the roads is public is not protected. The US Supreme Court rejected this argument saying that tracking people in this manner was a violation.

C. It is very likely that ALPR will be challenged in the same way. If GPS tracking without a warrant is a violation of the 4th Amendment than expansive view use of ALPR presents the same issue. Spending money on a system that hasn't passed legal muster in the courts is a wasteful bet.

D. In fact, it seems courts have only blessed "alerts" using ALPR systems, not the logging of license plates for use later.

Inadequate Protection Policies

MBPD published ALPR Privacy and Usage - Policy 462. It provides no real protection -- except the promise that video will be deleted after 30 days and license plate logs deleted after 1-year.

There have been verbal promises about the usage of the ALPR system but they are only worth the paper they're printed on. The residents of Manhattan Beach should expect the system to be used in any way that will generate revenue to justify the price tag.

For example, Chief Irvine stated it would be used for misdemeanor and felony crimes but Policy 462 states there is no limit on use except "law enforcement related" and there are specific provisions for animal control officers and parking-ticket officers to access the system for "investigative purposes." A phrase so general as to be meaningless. Essentially, the entire police department may access the system as long as they claim to be investigating something.

The policy allows the dog-catcher to investigate all cases of illegal defecation. There are no limits.

## Community Cameras & License Plate Readers

Do you think community cameras and license plate readers at points of egress/ingress will enhance public safety and make our community safer?

The Sharing Policy is especially concerning. The policy allows sharing of all data with other law enforcement agencies without any requirement that they delete that information. MBPD could dump the entire database for LA County Sheriff or California Highway Patrol and they could keep that information indefinitely. Those agencies are not accountable to the residents of Manhattan Beach and may not have the same oversight and protection. This loophole means there are no real restrictions of privacy protections.

Policy 462 also only provides for Internal Police oversight. In other words the same people who could abuse the system would be responsible for guarding against abuse. Who is going to report themselves? Manhattan Beach should have a policy of external oversight, otherwise how can you claim there is any oversight at all.

It's worth noting that any court would be able to order discovery into the ALPR records. Civil or criminal. This policy doesn't prohibit that.

Police or Revenue Agents?

The best argument for this system is for generating additional revenue for MBPD.

It has the potential to turn Manhattan Beach Police officers into "collections agents" -- There are millions of unpaid citations in California, do we really want to devote police resources to pulling over every vehicle that has a parking or speeding ticket? What criteria will MBPD use to decide who to pull over or not? Will they only pull over those who don't live in Manhattan Beach? Only pull over those who fit their profile of criminals? If they are faced with two alerts, a white man driving an expensive car or a black man driving a beater, who are they going to pull over? (The policy provides no guidance).

There are so many trivial crimes in California that could justify investigative use of the ALPR system. Did you know it's a crime for those under-18 to be truant from school? Courts can even suspend student driving privileges from missing school. The MBPD would have every legal right to investigate the student truancy using this system.

Expired tags? There are no restrictions in the written policy!

The lack of written limitations leads to the worst effect of implementing the ALPR system: More systematic bias in policing activities. It is very likely that the prime targets for police-stops will be the most economically disadvantaged while residents of Manhattan Beach who are driving expensive cars will be spared because they do not fit the "criminal profile."

Manhattan Beach should reject the installation of the ALPR system until the technology is proven and a policy of real privacy protection, bias protection and abuse prevention is presented.

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Kamala Horwitz <kamalamh@icloud.com>  
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**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Community Forum with the Police Chief of Manhattan Beach

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council

In light of the recent deaths and growing awareness of the impact of institutional racism on the lives of people of color, it's important for our community to discuss the policies of the police within our community here in Manhattan Beach.

It would be helpful for the community to come together and learn more about the policies within the Manhattan Beach police department in addition to having the opportunity to share concerns.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your leadership.

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**From:** Shelby Phillips <shelbyconnects@gmail.com>  
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**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] TEDxMB 2020

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Hello City Council!

We are beyond thrilled at your support and willingness to work outside the box with us!!!

Thank you so very much. It's sure to be a memorable experience for all!!!

Be well~  
Shelby\*

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**From:** Claire Worch <claire.worch@gmail.com>  
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**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thank you!

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A warm thank you for approving TEDx 2020 in a new format.

We all have adjusted to the ever changing effects of the CoronaVirus. It has pushed us to think outside norms and be our best selves as individuals and a community. By maintaining our beloved events, to come together, explore curiosity and feel communion while staying safe speaks to your dedication to the health of the community and its people.

The CoronaVirus will continue to change the playing field. TEDxMB has a successful track record of bringing new, creative ideas worth sharing directly to our community. A bonus is TEDxMB, modified for the times, will convey not only to our hamlet but the larger TED community...effectively the world...that Manhattan Beach is an innovative and resilient community.

Thank you again,  
Claire Worch



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**From:** Marisusan Trout <marisusan.trout@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thank you for TEDx

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Hello City Council,

Thank you for your considerate and solution-driven conversations to facilitate a safe and successful TEDx this year!

Best,  
Marisusan Trout

## **Martha Alvarez**

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Masks - Death Threat

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### **Masks – Death Threat by Robert Bush**

**Don't like mandatory mask rules to protect you from COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, then do what they did in Orange County – issue Death Threats to the Health Officer and her family that issued the rules.**

**Dr. Nichole Quick Orange County Health Officer resigned after weeks of attacks — and a death threat — over her mandatory mask rules. . Her replacement Dr. Clayton Chau rescinded the rules amid intense pressure from the Board of Supervisors. Instead, Orange County “strongly recommends” wearing masks in public settings.**

**Orange County Medical Assn. called Quick's resignation a “dangerous precedent that should concern all of us” and “we must ... not allow bullying to drive the health recommendations that can keep us safe and healthy.”**

**L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer has routinely touted the health benefits of wearing face coverings in public. That, along with other practices like**

**physical distancing and regular hand-washing, can stave off a spike in coronavirus infections.**

**Experts rejected the unfounded charge expressed by opponents of mandatory masks that face coverings pose a danger to people’s oxygen levels. “No, there’s nothing to that. There’s all sorts of conspiracy theories about low oxygen and high CO2 levels,” said Dr. Otto Yang, an infectious diseases expert at UCLA. “It’s really not an issue.”**

**Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, UC San Francisco chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics – “masking is the element that changes the trajectories of the COVID pandemic.”**

**Another study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, concluded that “wearing of face masks in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent interhuman transmission.”**

**California Medical Assn. has said mandating face masks is an appropriate public policy.**

**Many health officials say that face coverings are an integral tool in the fight against COVID-19 — as they can block transmission of the respiratory droplets released by asymptomatic people when breathing or talking.**

**Research published by the journal Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness in 2013 found that homemade cloth masks “significantly” reduced the amount of potentially infectious droplets expelled by the wearer.**

**Dr. George Rutherford, a UC San Francisco epidemiologist and infectious diseases expert said “Masks provide a hell of a lot of protection. And I’m more comfortable relaxing things if everybody is wearing masks than if they weren’t”.**

**Places that have kept coronavirus transmission under control, such as Hong Kong and Taiwan, have virtually universal wearing of masks in public.**

**A recent study out of Germany found that face masks reduce the daily growth rate of reported infections by around 40%.**

**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**

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**Los Angeles County cases COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic**

**June 14, 2020 68,875 cases 2,813 deaths**

**Please contact the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to tell them the only way to stop the spreading of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is using masks, social distancing, washing hands and not touching face until scientists can have a vaccine.**

**Don't let bullying and death threats force you to change the wearing masks in public settings from "mandatory" to "strongly recommended" as Orange County did.**

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Kate Bergin <kate\_bergin@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 7:51 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thank You!

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for approving the TEDxManhattanBeach sponsorship for 2020!

We are currently working on a TEDxMB Drive In for Saturday, November 7th, and we are collaborating with Beach Cities Health District to ensure a safe event.

Our city needs unifying events like TEDxManhattanBeach more than ever. Thank you for your vision. We are excited for TEDxManhattanBeach 2020!

Best  
Kate

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**From:** Rochelle Alley <rochelle.mackey@gmail.com>  
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**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council

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Dear Manhattan Beach Council,

I am writing to request that you consider returning the land at Bruce's Beach (see [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce%27s\\_Beach](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce%27s_Beach)) to it's rightful owner, the Bruce Family, or compensate the Bruce family for the current market value of the land.

Manhattan Beach unjustly took the land for no reason other than racism, and it is time for the injustice to be remedied.

Other governments in similar circumstances have done so (for example, please see Germany's policies regarding financial compensation for land taken from Jews).

There are more than enough resources in the city to do so, whether out of current budgets, via special tax/bond, or via voluntary strategic fundraising among city residents, led by you as the esteemed city council.

Please help our city be on the right side of history.

Thank you,

Rochelle Alley