

Martha Alvarez

From: Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment on Bruce's Beach

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to include the following comment in tomorrow's City Council meeting:

My name is Kelsey and I grew up in Manhattan Beach. I speak on behalf of my family and friends when I urge you to be thoughtful about the injustice that took place in Manhattan Beach in the 1920's and be a leader today to take steps to right the wrongs of the past.

The beachfront property on 26th street was unlawfully taken from the Bruce family, simply because they were African American. The city has not been accountable to the Bruce family. This story is not unique to Manhattan Beach, but we can be unique in our response today.

We support the three demands of the petition "Bruce's Beach: Justice for the Bruce family", which has been signed by more than 12,500 people (or one third of the population of Manhattan Beach).

1. The present plaque needs to be replaced to depict a more accurate history. The plaque should be larger and more visible, preferably on the strand.
2. We demand the city return the land to the Bruce family, and provide restitution for loss of revenue for 95 years and monetary damages for the violation of their civil rights.
3. We call for a public statement from the city to address the park's history and its commitment to change the current racial intolerant climate in the City Administration, law enforcement, and the community as a whole.

We also want the history of Bruce's beach to be included in the local school curriculum so students learn about the history of their community.

Thank you.

Kelsey

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Kelsey Maloney
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From: Michael Monaghan <michaelcmonaghan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 2:50 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to \$300,000 spending for painting at City Hall
Attachments: Legislation Details (With Text) (1).pdf

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Hello

I am writing to voice my opposition to the upcoming agenda item to spend \$300,000 on a painting for City Hall.

This is in no way a prudent use of taxpayer money.

Thank you,

Michael

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Michael C. Monaghan
Sand Section, MB



Legislation Details (With Text)

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On agenda: 8/18/2020 **Final action:**

Title: Selection and Approval of Artist for the City Hall Lobby Public Art Project and Disbursement of Funds from the Public Art Trust Fund (Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman).

- a) APPROVE
- b) AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT
- c) DISBURSE FUNDS

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TO:
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:
Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:
Mark Leyman, Parks and Recreation Director
Eilen Stewart, Acting Cultural Arts Manager

SUBJECT:
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RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council: a) select the artist for the City Hall Lobby Public Art Project; b) authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the selected artist for an amount not to exceed \$301,500; and c) disburse required funds from the Public Art Trust Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
At the November 6, 2018, meeting, City Council approved the City Hall Lobby Public Art Project. The project is supported through the Public Arts Trust Fund with \$250,000 allocated to produce, fabricate and install the artwork. A contingency fund of \$50,000 has also been allocated for unforeseen

conditions and/or changes. An additional \$1,500 will be allocated and awarded if the chosen artist incorporates an educational component to the project. The total cost of the project is not to exceed \$301,500.

It should be noted, the Public Arts Trust Fund balance is currently \$2,106,074, with \$1,346,822 of unallocated funds.

BACKGROUND:

In 1975, Manhattan Beach's Sister City, Culiacan, in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico presented to the City, a mural by artist Miguel Angel Vasquez as part of the dedication of the new City Hall. The artwork titled "The Men of the World Join Together to Create the New Man," installed in the City Hall lobby, was made up of lacquers and epoxy on 16 plywood panels. In 2003, the mural was covered with a temporary wall and drape system due to public complaints regarding the imagery. In November of 2018, after decommissioning, the mural was removed from the lobby and placed into storage. The family of the artist was contacted for possible transfer of the mural back to Mexico.

On September 19, 2018, City Council directed staff to follow procedures defined in the Cultural Arts Master Plan and requested the Cultural Arts Commission establish an Ad-Hoc Arts in Public Places Committee (APPC). The APPC was charged with developing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), reviewing proposals and selecting top candidates to present to the Cultural Arts Commission. After the APPC's final review, the Cultural Arts Commission recommended the top four finalists (with two alternates) to the City Council.

In addition to the RFQ, the City Council approved the decommissioning of the Miguel Angel Vasquez mural while following State and Federal guidelines regarding the decommissioning of art. Though not required by the guidelines, due to the installation date of the artwork, the artist's heirs were notified of the City's intent to decommission the mural. They requested comprehensive photographic documentation and are investigating the possibility of taking possession of the artwork.

On August 13, 2018, the APPC approved the final version of the RFQ for the Lobby Public Art Project, which was approved by the Cultural Arts Commission for recommendation to the City Council for approval and funding at their August 20, 2018, meeting. At the November 6, 2018, meeting of the City Council, \$317,000 was approved for the project. The APPC reviewed more than 90 RFQ submissions and recommended four semifinalists to the Cultural Arts Commission for approval. At their April 15, 2019, meeting, the Cultural Arts Commission approved the four semifinalists for recommendation to the City Council.

Four artists and two alternates were chosen from the initial 100 RFQ submissions to develop a specific proposal for an artwork in the lobby of City Hall. The City Council selected the top two artists at the June 18, 2019, Council meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The finalists selected were Hou de Sousa and Monika Bravo.

Artist Overview:

Hou de Sousa

Hou de Sousa is a New York based design studio whose projects span between architecture and public art. Some of the studio's recent honors include the winning proposal for the Architectural League of New York's 2016 Folly/Function competition to design and build an open-air educational

space at Socrates Sculpture Park. That same year, the office won the Re-ball! International Design competition, and built an installation titled "Raise/Raze" within Dupont Underground in Washington DC. Hou de Sousa was awarded Second Prize for their first large-scale competition proposal in 2017; the Museum of World Writing in Songdo, South Korea.

Prior to founding Hou de Sousa, Nancy Hou worked at Kohn Pedersen Fox and Slade Architecture. Hou is the Creative Director of HAAUS (Harvard Alumni Architectural and Urban Society) and a professor at Parsons School of Design.

Hou de Sousa has been featured as a "Firm to Watch" in Architectural Record and has been published domestically and internationally in media outlets such as Architectural Review, Domus, Dwell, Interior Design, Metropolis, NBC, and The Washington Post.

Monika Bravo

Monika Bravo is a multi-disciplinary artist born in Bogotá, Colombia, who lives and works in New York City, New York. Her work has been internationally exhibited, including at Stenersen Museum in Oslo; Seoul's International Biennial of New Media Art; Bank of the Republic in Bogotá; New Museum and El Museo del Barrio in New York City and Site Santa Fe. Her work has received acclaim including a 1999 New York Times review, which called her piece "Synchronicity" (from a group exhibition at El Museo del Barrio) a "standout...small, beautifully blurry video images of boats plowing through New York Harbor." In 1982, Bravo left Bogotá, moving to Rome to study fashion design, which she continued in Paris at Esmod, before traveling to London to study photography. In 1994 she moved to New York where she is currently still based.

In 2010, Bravo was one of four winning artists in New York City's "urban canvas" design competition with her work "Breathing Wall UC."

Most recently, Bravo represented the Vatican City in the Pavilion of the Holy See at the 56th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennial with her work "ARCHE-TYPES: The sound of the word is beyond sense." With this new work, she continues with her interest in coding and decoding information, the interest in the language of abstraction and an ongoing pursuit to decipher reality by means of perception. She created a parallel between the prologue of the Gospel of John, "In the Beginning," Malevich's ideas behind Suprematism, and the definition of Zaum by the avant garde Poet Aleksei Kruchenykh.

Commission and APPC Recommendations:

The Cultural Arts Commission strongly favored Hou de Sousa's design and the APPC was split with several members strongly favoring Hou de Sousa, while others favored Monika Bravo.

Several members of the APPC strongly favored Monika Bravo's vibrant interpretation of a vertical garden that integrates images of people, places, flora, and fauna of Manhattan Beach and the South Bay. Suggestions were made to reach out to the public to collect important images of Manhattan Beach to incorporate in this design. Proponents of this design loved the immersive feel of colorful mosaic and Monika Bravo's standing as an independent artist. Concerns brought up included that the design may feel overpowering in a small stairwell and that the design only addressed one wall and not the entire lobby. The artist was given an opportunity to address these concerns and submitted a revised proposal with additional options. Additional tile panels proposed by the artist in the revised proposal, may require increased funds.

Some members of the APPC and the CAC favored the Hou de Sousa design for its simple elegance, integration into the newly adopted City Branding, and a holistic overhaul of the City Hall lobbies. They felt the design would lend a clean and calm aesthetic to City Hall and could be continued throughout other areas when time for renovation came. They enjoyed the simple elegance of abstracted shapes alongside colorful edges. A concern was voiced that this design does not relate to Manhattan Beach and that renovations to the ceiling and reception desk pictured in the proposal were not included in the final cost. The artist was given an opportunity to respond to these concerns and provided an amended proposal with an additional quote for renovation of the additional space as well as incorporating images of Manhattan Beach and the City Logo into the design. It was also mentioned that the ceiling/reception renovations could be done in house for cost savings.

Considerations and Challenges:

- Shipping constraints/delays/challenges from abroad
- Future repairs/replacement of elements if damage occurs
- Artwork integration with other City Lobby elements such as furniture, signage, color palette, other artwork placement
- Artwork feel and impact on City Hall visitors
- Additional costs for some of the proposed options

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The RFQ was developed by the APPC, consisting of community members and arts professionals. It was presented and approved for recommendation to the City Council at a public meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission on August 20, 2018. The APPC selected the four semifinalists at the April 10, 2019, meeting. The Cultural Arts Commission approved to recommend the semifinalists to the City Council for consideration at the April 15, 2019, meeting. Public input was considered at both meetings. The RFQ was published with the Americans for Arts, Public Art.org, California Arts Council, Sculpture Magazine, CODA/WORX, Los Angeles County Commission of the Arts, Artist List for Manhattan Beach Centennial Art work competition, and the Public Art Coalition of Southern California. The RFQ was available for review and download on the City website.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and approved the Artist Agreement as to legal form.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Power Point Presentation

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From: Jessica Ernst <jessicaernst.la@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Nancy Hersman; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern;
List - City Council; Mike Michalski
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Thank you.

Kindly,

Jessica Ernst

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From: Carol Perrin <cplaw28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Kelly Stroman
Cc: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Derrick Abell; George Gabriel; Christopher Iniguez
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Manhattan Beach - raise the bar

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Hi Kelly,

Thank you for this.

These are important issues on which the downtown residents and businesses are definitely united. We agree that more enforcement is absolutely necessary to maintain our downtown as the incredibly special place that it is .

Best,
Carol Perrin

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 1:22 PM Kelly Stroman <kelly@manhattanbeachchamber.com> wrote:
Dear Mayor Montgomery et al,

By now you have received communication from David Slay, Michael Greenberg, and the DBPA all regarding the need for increased (visible and interactive) MBPD foot patrol in Downtown Manhattan Beach. I echo all of their messages and would like to reiterate how very important immediate action is. The City is being tested by its own residents and the visitors, of all ages and backgrounds. The tide changed back in March with the onset of the pandemic and also the prolonged presence of the blue bio tide. Combine that with the frustration of having to adapt to new routines, restrictions in activities and liberties, once so freely taken for granted, and then all the social unrest in June. Its a trifecta of a storm, one dramatic and potentially violent incident away from tragedy.

The MBPD is amazing. They always have been and they still are. The landscape of policing in the country has been challenged greatly. I am so grateful that we have our own department. They care, the city cares, the residents care and the business community cares. The system seems to be overtaxed by the onset of the pandemic, social unrest and challenges in procedure and the zero bail demands. How can we help our department? How can we empower them? How can we return to the stellar standards that have been stretched so thin across the city.? We have all been stretched so thin since March and challenged in ways we never imagined. We have been incredibly focused on so many COVID-19 related issues. Thank you! There are a few basics that are vital that need immediate attention.

From my vantage point (and hearing from so many who call upon us for change and resources) there are three areas that need immediate attention. Two appear to be quickly attainable, the third a bit more complex.

- Beach standards - when did we become a city that allows the open consumption of alcohol on the beach, by all ages, residents and visitors, everyday? Gone seems to be the days of enforcing and citing anyone with an open container, rather beachgoers of all ages are being told to just "clean up after yourself and don't leave any trash". Groups (sometimes very large) drinking at the beach are everywhere everyday. The beaches are packed. Often people drag down furniture, ping pong tables and amplified sound units. Why is this being allowed? Lets keep them safe, clean, and return to the high expectations and standards that we are known for. Masks and COVID safety is important, so are the above standards. When one is ignored, its a signal... a signal that many are taking repeated advantage of. This will help the residents and the businesses in Downtown, and even the North End.
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Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Derrick Abell; George Gabriel
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Importance: High

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Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; Steve Napolitano; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WLM (White Lives Matter) and ALM (Asian Lives Matter) Yale University Illegally Discriminates.

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**WLM (White Lives Matter) and ALM (Asian Lives Matter) - Yale University is illegally discriminating against Asian American and white applicants.
by Robert Bush**

WLM (White Lives Matter) and ALM (Asian Lives Matter)

A Justice Department investigation has found Yale University is illegally discriminating against Asian American and white applicants, in violation of federal civil rights law.

Yale denied the allegation, calling it “meritless” and “hasty”.

The two-year investigation concluded that Yale “rejects scores of Asian American and white applicants each year based on their race, whom it otherwise would admit.”

The investigation concluded that Asian American and white students have “only one-tenth to one-fourth of the likelihood of admission as African American applicants with comparable academic credentials”.

The Supreme Court has ruled colleges and universities may consider race in admissions decisions but has said that must be

done in a narrowly tailored way to promote diversity and should be limited in time. Schools also bear the burden of showing why their consideration of race is appropriate.

The university said it considers a multitude of factors and looks at “the whole person when selecting whom to admit among the many thousands of highly qualified applicants.”

The Justice Department has also [previously raised similar concerns](#) about Harvard University, which prosecutors accused of “engaging in outright racial balancing,” siding with Asian American students in a lawsuit who allege the Ivy League school discriminated against them.

A federal judge in 2019 [cleared Harvard](#) of discriminating against Asian American applicants in a ruling that was seen as a major victory for supporters of affirmative action in college admissions across the U.S. That ruling has been appealed and arguments are scheduled for next month.

In the Harvard case, the Justice Department had argued that the university went too far in its use of race, but the judge disagreed. Though the Supreme Court has ruled that colleges’ use of race in admissions must be “narrowly tailored” and can be only a “plus factor,” past rulings still give colleges wide latitude in considering a wide range of factors, including race, as they build their classes.

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From: Michelle and Neil Erickson <MandNErickson@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Nancy Hersman; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; List - City Council
Cc: husband Neil Work
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear Councilmembers,

We live at 2904 Highland Avenue and walk our dog at Bruce's Beach at least once a day. As you know, it is a wonderful community space and we are grateful to have this park in our neighborhood. We agree the full history of what happened to people of color during the Jim Crow Era in Manhattan Beach should be recognized in our City but we are opposed to any sort of financial settlement today with the heirs of the Bruce Family.

We have lived in Manhattan Beach for more than 35 years, and dutifully paid local taxes. We do not see the logic in asking/requiring the current residents of Manhattan Beach to pay for wrongs committed by our community that occurred more than hundred years ago.

While we understand this is complex matter, we believe it would be unfair if the City is required to defend costly litigation when so many years have passed.

We hope you continue to look after the city's best interests today by focusing on public safety and financial stability during these challenging times.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the Manhattan Beach community.

Michelle and Neil Erickson

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From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
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Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

Site Visitor Name: STEVE BRAUDO
Site Visitor Email: stevebraudo@gmail.com

I urge the City Council to develop a comprehensive plan to compensate the descendants of the Bruce family and any others who were forced to abandon their property due to the city's past racist practices. A full and objective analysis of exactly what happened will provide the appropriate guidance for the city of Manhattan Beach and its residents to make amends, including if deemed necessary, financial compensation (reparations).



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From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
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No way in hell will I pay one dime to the Bruce family heirs. Let the 12000 people who signed the petition pay them if they have such strong feelings.

My grandparents emigrated to America from Italy in the early 1900's and had to overcome discrimination. They worked hard and learned English, and instilled in their children strong family values and great work ethics.

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From: Susie Miller <susiemiller2222@gmail.com>
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The plaque at the location must be changed to accurately reflect the history, restoration and restitution to the Bruce family, and public statement from the city.

Also, the history of Bruce's Beach must be taught in schools across the South Bay. Our children should be learning about the history of Bruce's Beach and how it was a Black-owned resort that was harassed by the KKK, and driven out of the city by racist residents. Please include Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson, who is a specialist in African-American leisure in the Jim Crow era, in your research.

In terms of reparations, the Bruce family deserves to be paid the current fair market value of the property for being driven out of town given the reason of "eminent domain." To help with these reparations, one idea would be to build a memorial on the site of Bruce's Beach. Families in Manhattan Beach and surrounding beach cities would be encouraged to donate money to the Bruce Family Project, and these families would be recognized on the memorial as contributors. A contributor would need to donate a certain amount to be recognized visually on the memorial. The larger the contribution, the more prominently that donor's name would appear on the plaque. This would help to recognize and reward those of us in the community that want to contribute and help to achieve justice for the Bruce family.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and step toward achieving racial equity in the South Bay.

Susie Miller
Redondo Beach, CA

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:39 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel; robertbush @dslextreme.com; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Plaque - Yes Reparations - No

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Bruce's Beach Plaque – Yes Reparations – No

by Robert Bush

("Value of Bruce's Beach parcels," *The Beach Reporter*, 8/6/20). Mayor Mark Burton – "Compensate the Bruce family."

Bruce's Beach Plaque – Yes Reparations – No

Black Lives Matter DEMAND (not Request) that Manhattan Beach provide restitution to the founders of Bruce's Beach. REPARATIONS (not Restitution) because Reparations remains a "political hot potato."

RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH - NOT ONE OF US CURRENTLY LIVING ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SLAVERY AND BRUCE'S BEACH.

The residents of Manhattan Beach, the small beach town, will not be blackmailed, bullied, intimidated or threatened by the Black Lives Matter protesters that want to defund our police forces (city and schools) and demand Reparations and fund Black community programs.

Manhattan Beach is going through rough times, financially and COVID-19, and can't afford Reparations. Any payment will result in a backlash from the residents. Surge in COVID-19 cases and deaths, city's finances in a coronavirus-

induced free fall, record unemployment, businesses are closed and sales revenues are down.

Bruce's Beach Plaque, Reparations and next Defunding of Police (city and schools).

Residents of Manhattan Beach - not one of us currently living are responsible for Slavery and Bruce's Beach.

Here are a few examples of what the Black Lives Matter are capable of doing in their pursuit of funds for Black community programs: (1) Seattle - illegal occupation of city (2) Santa Monica - looting, vandalizing, arson, burning police cars and damage to city hall (3) Los Angeles - defunding of police LAPD and LAUSD (4) Minneapolis - abolition of police department.

Where is the Restitution for the damages that BLM protesters caused?

Value of Bruce's Beach parcels

There has been much written in the local papers and, now, in the *Los Angeles Times* about Bruce's Beach. In hopes of adding a little discipline to the process, I offer the following: The U.S. Constitution provides that the government cannot take private property without just compensation being paid. Simple enough. So, the starting point to any analysis of Bruce's Beach is "Was just compensation paid?"

To answer that question, you would have to review the eminent domain file, which all who have opined have not done! I am certain that historical records would facilitate this analysis.

Now, we know the Bruce family owned two parcels of beachfront property, right on the Strand. Whatever you think of the Bruce family,

they were pioneers, entrepreneurs in every sense of that word. Like enterprising Americans have done in our capitalist system, the Bruce family developed their two parcels into a resort, a beachside resort for Blacks. Yes, they knew a "niche" market when they saw one. And, remember, the Red Line Trolley had a stop right there and Mr. Peck had built a pier at that location as well. All the other lots were undeveloped, except for three lots near Highland that Black families had built homes close to the resort.

As I understand the argument from their descendants, the Bruce family was not compensated for the lost "economic opportunity" for their resort. Now, I don't know if they were, were not, or even if that aspect of damages was recoverable at that time. I urge city council to instruct the city attorney to provide the eminent file and provide the just compensation analysis. And, staff should assist as well in the analysis of "just compensation."

We need clear thinking and rigorous analysis in regard to Bruce's Beach. Right now, there is so much hyperbole, political posturing and rank partisanship. Let's stop it now and move forward with common sense judgment.

—Mark Burton, Manhattan Beach

Details about Bruce's Beach petition

Last week Mark Burton wrote a letter about Bruce's Beach saying we needed to "move forward with common sense judgement" ("Value of Bruce's Beach parcels," *The Beach Reporter*, 8/6/20).

There is a petition demanding the city give the Bruce family back the two lots they owned along the Strand, (hard for the city to do as the land is owned by L.A. County), be paid remunerations for 95 years of lost earnings, and have the city commit to "change the current racial intolerant climate in the city administration, law enforcement, and the community as a whole."

According to his Facebook comment, Mark Burton signed that petition. It sounds like he has already made up his mind about "moving forward."

There was another Facebook question on how much the Bruce family should be paid. Mr. Burton's comment was "My initial thought is the difference between fmv [fair market value] and what the city paid in the eminent domain proceeding...." The court one hundred years ago determined that fair market value was paid, so Mark must be referring to fmv today, which would be around twenty five million. The only way the city could pay that would be to tax the residents.

Mr. Burton, please answer the following two questions. 1) You have already signed the petition demanding the Bruce family be paid. How much? 2) What specific changes to the "racial intolerant climate" of all our present residents would you like to see?

As you are running for city council again it is only fair that you answer these questions.

—Tom Nordberg, Manhattan Beach

Compensation for Bruce descendants

Concerning the parcel of the re-named Bruce's Beach, The land was taken over a hundred years ago, whether or not it was taken under Eminent Domain or not remains to be seen. The property should not be given or compensation paid to the Bruce descendants. The current residents of Manhattan Beach had nothing to do with it. Doing so would be a mistake that we may well regret by a knee-jerk reaction to current events.

—Neil Snow, Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:59 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 20-0254 Consider Request by Councilmember Hersman and Councilmember Stern to Discuss the History of Bruce's Beach

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Regarding the Bruce's Beach discussion

The activist Kavon Ward is friends with Dr Jefferson, so any recommendation for Dr Jefferson to speak on behalf of Bruce's Beach is biased. Additionally Kavon Ward is an advocate for the Bruce family.

Thirdly, the drive for this reparations and deed granting is derived from 2 groups ARM anti racist movement around the South Bay and MB/HB/MBUSD equity committee the second of of which Hildy Stern is a member.

Dr Jefferson can not be paid to speak because she is biased and it can not be trusted that she present a fair discussion.

Thirdly, this agenda item was brought forward by 2 lawyers, why do not two lawyers want to present legal documents to illustrate the case? Why do two lawyers want a biased historian to present.

The facts of the case must be presented in a fair and neutral fashion.

A city employee/attorney can present the Council minutes regarding eminent domain and Declaration of Necessity, minutes authorizing the expenditure; The Notice of Taking by Eminent Domain and initial Offer; Court file and litigation; Deeds which the City currently hold title.

Activists from outside the city should not determine how the city proceeds.

There has been a call to action from ARMS to submit comments to the City council, I want CC to be aware that speakers from outside the city will try to influence local issues. It is noted that anyone can speak at meetings.

The primary purpose of the City Council is to represent the residents of the city. (Hard stop).

Vicky P

Martha Alvarez

From: Xochitl Acebedo <xacebedox@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 8:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reparations for Bruce's Beach

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Members of the City Council,

I am writing to call on the City Council to repay the Bruce Family for the property the City of Manhattan Beach seized from them.

At the turn of the 20th century, Bruce's Beach was a flourishing resort run by a Black family for other Black families not welcome anywhere else. The Bruces purchased their seafront property in 1912 and built their business from the ground up. They worked to make it a hallmark of the community and their success brought business, reputé, and a community to Manhattan Beach. They accomplished this despite harassment by the Ku Klux Klan and sympathetic white residents, despite at least one cross burned on their lawn, despite legal harassment on the part of the City, and despite the systemic barriers and difficulty for a Black family of amassing sufficient capital to start and operate a business in a segregated area.

In 1924, giving in to racism at the urging of white residents, the City of Manhattan Beach condemned Bruce's Beach on false pretenses. The City then began the process of and ultimately succeeded in seizing the Bruce Family's land by eminent domain. The Bruce Family fought the seizure in court, but the city ultimately constructed a park on the land to ensure that it could never be returned to the Bruce Family.

Manhattan Beach feels the effects of its past wrongs today. Our population is overwhelmingly white and actively hostile to people of color in significant part because the City Council advanced an agenda of racial segregation that was as wrong then as it is unacceptable now. We've seen for years that our community consistently harasses and demeans people of color; even though today it's high property prices that predominantly keep people of color out, the city has never wanted them in. By wielding the power of government for discriminatory ends, people of color are still kept out. It didn't start in 1924, and if the City Council still refuses to do anything about it now, we'll see it long after 2020.

Making reparations for past wrongs is the right place to start. The city must return the land it stole from the Bruce family to its rightful owners, and provide restitution for loss of revenue for 95 years and monetary damages for the wanton violation of their civil rights. The city should also replace the current plaque, which fails to address the full history of Bruce's Beach, and issue a public apology taking responsibility for the theft of the Bruce family land and acknowledge that Manhattan Beach is not only not immune from racism, but also has actively participated in it.

I join the thousands who have signed the petition calling on Manhattan Beach to address the full history of Bruce's Beach, and I join them too in calling on the City Council not to miss this moment.

Xóchitl Acebedo
Riverside, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Ed Balazs <ebalazs4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Nancy Hersman; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern;
List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Mask Fines

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Dear Council Member:

This will be a shorter request than the email I just sent regarding the Bruce Family matter.

No disagreement that everyone should wear masks when going inside a public indoor space or standing outside in a congested public area (for example, on line to go into a supermarket).

There is no science or medical reason for me or anyone else to have to wear a mask when I'm OUTDOORS walking my dog or nowhere near another person (outdoors). The fact I can potentially be fined for doing so is over-reaching and has no impact on holding down Covid-19 #s (which happen to look pretty good in our community).

I've lived in this town for 22 years. I've loved it for its sense of community. The direction we are taking is divisive and encouraging adult "tattle talers" to socially shame people on Facebook and Nextdoor because they saw a person 100 yards away who didn't have a mask on. Perhaps I should record video on everyone who blows through the stop sign at 27th and Blanche where I live because those people could kill someone trying to cross the street. Of course I could then post that video on Nextdoor because that is what too many citizens want to do today. It's ridiculous and you're encouraging it with over-reaching rules..

Ok if you want to fine people who violate mask rules in public indoors spaces or congested outdoor public venues, but please reconsider what you are doing beyond that. (Stick to sensible rules.)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ed Balazs
585 27th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Ed Balazs <ebalazs4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Nancy Hersman; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern;
List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach & Potential Reparations

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members:

It is disturbing to see what is going on in Manhattan Beach regarding the Bruce family and potential reparations for land taken away in 1924 through Eminent Domain.

Frankly, it looks like opportunists taking advantage of Manhattan Beach by attempting to dovetail off of recent Black Lives Matter protests and the movement to eradicate racism in our country.

I have no doubt the Bruce family experienced racism 100 years ago, but I'm not seeing where racism was involved here. It is my understanding they owned two lots of 30 that were taken away by Eminent Domain and that many white families, along with a few other black families, were also impacted.

Furthermore, it looks like the Bruce family received better compensation than many of the others. I have also read that the two lots the Bruce family owned are not even in Manhattan Beach today, but rather belong to LA County. Thus, they are barking up the wrong tree to begin with!

Please don't let guilty feelings get in the way of common sense and the law. Frankly the whole matter appears to be absurd. Manhattan Beach does not have the budget to award large sums of money for frivolous allegations given the time that has elapsed, the fact the lots are not situated on City of Manhattan Beach property, the fact the Bruce family received 22% of the total Eminent Domain award, etc. What about the other families who lost their lots?

I reiterate that clearly the petitioners are looking to take advantage of the current political climate and white guilt. There is little to no evidence the Bruce family was treated different from any other MB family (including 4 other black families) that lost any of the 30 lots in question.

Guilt that some of you may feel over racism that has taken place in our country over the years (or this year) is no reason to dip into our City coffers to make amends and cleanse your guilt.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ed Balazs
585 27th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266'

(For what it is worth, I have been a resident here for 22 years.)

Martha Alvarez

From: Jay Simpson <dirgraphic@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:50 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop the Bruce's Beach Blackmail

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Dear City Council member,

I subscribe to this view:

There is no legal precedent or moral justification that would require a community that is generations removed from an alleged wrongful deed to compensate the heirs who are generations removed from those to whom the deed was done.

Jay Simpson
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy Taylor <taylorkathymb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 6:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bruce's Beach & The Big Payday, Part II

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Hi all,

I wholeheartedly endorse the missive from Mike Michaleski below with regard to Bruce's Beach.

Thank you,
Kathy Taylor

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From: Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>
Date: Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 10:07 AM
Subject: Bruce's Beach & The Big Payday, Part II
To: <taylorkathymb@gmail.com>

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Admit it, we're just saying what you're thinking

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**Bruce's Beach & The Big Payday
Part II**



eminent domain, for what might be the likely outcome of any civil litigation initiated by the Bruce family heirs in the Bruce's Beach dis

ouldn't hold out much hope for a successful prosecution of their claims against the city in a court of law.

s likely to fail. But this is clearly not the Bruces' end strategy.

y" that has garnered over 12,000 signatures to date (almost entirely from nonresidents of Manhattan Beach).

descendant, demands the return of the two Strand lots that the Bruces owned back in the 1920's prior to their condemnation by the c

ery big payday indeed.

demands. Mr. Shepard responded, "you (Mr. Lesser) and Manhattan Beach should start (a go-fund-me campaign) to pay the bill you

[here.](#)

, are determined to use the current climate of race relations throughout the country (and in some misguided liberal progressive quart

ly divert a large sum of money – well into the tens of millions – to them from the city coffers, perhaps as a settlement of any pending

ve know of. And, as for a parcel assessment, that is probably not even legal.



beral Council members Stern and Hersman to put the issue on last week's Council agenda.

e California Dream: African American Leisure Sites during the Jim Crow Era," speak on the history of Bruce's Beach.

m was greenlighted for Dr. Jefferson.

n Bruce's Beach available to the public (which thesis is cited extensively in her book), the good doctor suddenly declined to appear,



...ntation of historical facts surrounding Bruce's Beach Park for this Tuesday's City Council meeting.

...e any more illuminating than Brigham's 64-year-old thesis which itself relied, in large part, on questioning witnesses about events that
...n or, (3) *the suggestive power of the question*," writes Brigham.

...hich was less than 50 years removed from the Emancipation Proclamation, I think we can stipulate there was racism in Manhattan B
...likely played a part in the eventual condemnation of the Bruce properties, even if we acknowledge the majority of the properties that
...as settled by agreement of all the parties and has never been challenged legally since then.

...ot pursue them in a timely manner, for obvious reasons. A society cannot function if every productive use of property can be undermined

...r market value. As the thesis notes, "(W)ithout exception, surviving members of the(black) families involved agree that the referee
...tion argument, separate and apart from the unenforceability of a dormant 100-year-old claim.

...k, starting with a more accurate plaque at the park itself and perhaps even an exhibit in a public venue that displays the full history, w
...ght also be considered.

...ur opposition is based on moral as well as legal grounds.

...ed here a century ago. It would be immoral to force us to pony up or to see our city's budget gutted (a budget we fund in large part w

...of nebulous and long-dormant claim of restitution to someone whose ancestors were allegedly wronged a century ago would destroy

...rn of which is public safety, particularly as property and vehicle crimes are spiking citywide. Public safety and our overall quality of life

...is generations removed from an alleged wrongful deed to compensate the heirs who are generations removed from those to whom th

...posal.

Speak Up

in favor of restitution and land restoration to the Bruces (even though the land in question appears now to be owned by LA County).
at the meeting (3 minutes for public comment) or you can email the Council members individually or collectively as follows:

lar agenda item for the Tuesday, August 18 meeting. In this case, Bruce's Beach is Item 16 - just click on this live link to [SpeakUpM](#)

Sign Up

s for their outstanding efforts in creating and distributing the "Thank you MBPD & MBFD" yard signs and window posters (that's me a
tribution of 1000 yard signs and 700 window posters.

mail address listed below and I'll personally deliver you a yard sign (already mounted on a bracket for easy display) and/or window poster.





Thomas Sowell
@ThomasSowell

In the schools and colleges, the intelligentsia have changed the role of education from equipping students with the knowledge and intellectual skills to weigh issues and make up their own minds into a process of indoctrination with the conclusions already reached by the anointed.

1:27 PM · Aug 7, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

6.4K Retweets and comments 16.8K Likes

Things That Are Now Racist in 2020 Part IV

awareness" course: "Expecting people to show up on time is racist."

th them as I'm a natural procrastinator. Does that mean I'm guilty of cultural appropriation? Very concerned.

ial intelligence risks exacerbating racial inequality, study suggests.

r are being remade with all new lines dubbed in. Example: "I'll be black."

ater cancels a screening of the Arnold Schwarzenegger comedy because it promotes systemic racism by "romanticizing over-policing

-policing.

News' Tucker Carlson for pronouncing her name CAM-el-la (correct pronunciation is Comma-la), even though Joe Biden, in referring

nd her as Kalamata Olive.

es ire of Twitter users and is accused of sexism, racism and privilege after saying roundworms are 'overhyped.'

st be easier at this point to list the things that aren't racist?

Thought For The Day



I'm busy packing as much love, joy, and beauty into my life as is humanly possible — now more than ever, as I fear we are dangerously close to an ahistorical precipice none of us can understand.

10:22 PM · Aug 7, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

In a related development, Darwin is now questioning his theory of evolution after seeing the current state of society.

Livin' The Dream



James Lindsay, has a massive... evil following
@ConceptualJames

I used to have time to make healthy food for myself and my family. That said, I just ate a peanut butter sandwich made with blueberry poptarts in place of bread.

8:16 AM - Aug 8, 2020 - Twitter for Android

I Read Protein And Antioxidants



Barton Fairfax
@BartonFairfax

Replying to @hale_razor

Fewer than three months until Americans again can vote on whether they want "journalists" selecting our President. They didn't take the "no" vote well in 2016.

8:47 AM · Aug 13, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

The Most Deserving Recipient Since Barack Obama

 The Babylon Bee
@TheBabylonBee

BLM Rioters Awarded Nobel Peace Prize



recipients of this year's Nobel Peace Prize: Black Lives Matter peaceful protesters who burned down communities and violently beat peaceful protesters," a Nobel Committee spokesperson said. "Every thrown brick, every bloodied citizen, and every burned-down Sta

Disney's Home Alone Remake

on for them to re-cast the 39-year-old Macaulay Culkin as 9-year-old Kevin McCallister and have nobody in the film



Couldn't they use actors and actresses who are all over 6' 8" tall and build a giant house so no one notices?

Fake News Headlines

Biden Seeks "Broad Support, And Men Too"

Portland Adopts New Tourist Slogan: Experience Caracas Without Leaving The States

Trump Estimates It Could Take Four Years To Accurately Count All Votes

Chicago Holds Giant Back To School 100% Discount Sale

In Teleprompter Gaffe, Biden Announces His Vice Presidential Pick Is 'Insert Woman Of Color Here'

Experts Predict Winner Of Presidential Debates Will Be Candidate Who Talks The Least

Exclusive: Oprah Discusses What She Plans To Do With Her Reparations Check

Some Biden Team Frustrated As Kamala Harris Refuses To Wear A Mask, Keeps Bringing COVID Patients Over To Her

We're Local and We're Vocal!

City, intends to forge ahead on the 'clean energy' front by converting all remaining city energy accounts not currently using 100% green energy previously used under the cheaper 50% green energy standard.

because the state of California doesn't require city facilities to be powered with 100% green energy until the year 2045.

stretched budgets but apparently not.

OR

OR

two previous newsletters. Please pass along.

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Mike & Sachi | 1040 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Sent by mike@realestateedge.com

Martha Alvarez

From: greppu@verizon.net
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Why California's Climate Policies Are Causing Electricity Blackouts

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Dear Council Members,
California must have more than just solar, wind and hydro powering the grid.
I highly recommend Michael Shellenberger's new book "**Apocalypse Never**" which provides a more positive view of our energy future than climate alarmists now project. If we ensure that we have available in the future other energy sources, such as environmentally clean nuclear fusion, our world economy will be able to lift millions from poverty and elevate the quality of life for many electricity starved populations around the world.
George Reppucci

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Shellenberger <michaelshellenberger@gmail.com>
To: George Reppucci <greppu@verizon.net>
Sent: Sat, Aug 15, 2020 2:49 pm
Subject: Why California's Climate Policies Are Causing Electricity Blackouts

Dear Friends,

California says its climate policies are needed to prevent heat-related illness and death.

But by trying to rely on unreliable renewables, and by shutting down both natural gas and nuclear plants, Ca

Below is my latest column for *Forbes* — please share!

Why California's Climate Policies Are Causing El

Millions of Californians were denied electrical power and thus air conditioning during a heatwave, raising the

The blackouts come at a time when people, particularly the elderly, are forced to remain indoors due to Covid

At first, the state's electrical grid operator last night asked customers to voluntarily reduce electricity use. But

The immediate reason for the black-outs was the failure of a 500-megawatt power plant and an out-of-service
the grid."

But the underlying reasons that California is experiencing rolling black-outs for the second time in less than a

In October, Pacific Gas and Electric cut off power to homes across California to avoid starting forest fires. The

And yesterday, California had to impose rolling blackouts because it had failed to maintain sufficient reliable p

It may be that California's utilities and their regulator, the California Public Utilities Commission, which is also
raised them.

California saw its electricity prices rise six times more than the rest of the United States from 2011 to 2019, c
in the name of climate change.

Even though the cost of solar panels declined dramatically between 2011 and 2019, their unreliable and wea
as the blackouts began, with no help available from the states to the East already in nightfall.

Electricity from solar goes away at the very moment when the demand for electricity rises. "The peak deman

The two blackouts in less than a year are thus strong evidence that the tens of billions that Californians have spent on California's anti-nuclear policies also contributed to the blackouts. In 2013, Gov. Jerry Brown forced a nuclear plant to shut down that would have been significantly larger. The capacity of San Onofre was double that of the lost generation capacity that was replaced. California's current and former large nuclear plants are located on the coast, which allows for their electricity to be transported inland. There has been [very little electricity from wind](#) during the summer heatwave in California and the broader West with very high temperatures.

Things won't be any better, and may be worse, in the winter, which produces far less solar electricity than the summer. California's electricity prices will continue to rise if it continues to add more renewables to its grid, and goes for more. To manage the increasingly unreliable grid, California will either need to keep its nuclear plant operating, build new nuclear, or build more gas. After the blackouts last October, Gov. Newsom attacked [PG&E Corp.](#) for "greed and mismanagement" and named it "the most hated company in California." "This is not the new normal, and this does not take 10 years to solve," Newsom [said](#). "The entire system needs to be replaced."

Michael Shellenberger is a *Time Magazine* "Hero of the Environment," and president of Environmental Progress. Follow him on Twitter @ShellenbergerMD.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Keith P <keithrp2568@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:

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This is a FINAL explanation of things to come -
for the Saints of Manhattan Beach.

Love

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From: Keith P <keithrp2568@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020
Subject:
To: office@nativitytorrance.org

Final furtherings :

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From: Keith P <keithrp2568@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020
Subject:
To: Sabrina <beany1955@aol.com>

The first item of the summary:

Take note of the " synopsis " - sent to you via email - 12 10 2018.

" Furtherings " :

(1)

Age 62 - mentioned in Daniel 6 - important.
It is the age that the " Anointed " assumes his God-given abilities.
(Daniel 9)

(2)

Daniel 7 - mentions that the leader of the fourth kingdom (synopsis) -
Will want to change the feast days and the law.

Opus Dei - already mentioned to you - has surrounded Trump.
They have their own " Catholic " sanctuary. (in Spain)

They , therefore, Have the desire
to change the feast days and the law.

(3)

Daniel 8 : Prince of the Host - Michael (the archangel - Catholic church)
This passage connects to Revelation 12. (after Satan is thrown down to earth)

Prince of Princes - Jesus

(4)

Daniel 9 : Everything is now satisfied - leading to the destruction
of the sanctuary.

(5)

Daniel 11 : king of the North - Republican president
king of the South - Democratic president
prince of the covenant - Satan

Everything satisfied - leading to the destruction of sanctuary. (verse 31)
[BY THE MILITARY]

Verse 37 - one in whom women delight - JESUS.
(In other words - handsome)
Precedent : Moses, Daniel ,Joseph, ...
David (in an athletic - warrior manner)

(6)

Daniel 12 :
Last two verses:
There will be 75 days between the end of the 3.5 years of
distress and the final battle (Rev. 19)

Revelation 12: (verse 3)
Satan - depicted as a red dragon - China
Coronavirus - Wuhan

Everything through the Book of Revelation 12 (to the point of the woman -
and Satan), has also been satisfied.

As of tomorrow, begin " ascent " to work of this period :
direct preparation to a victory in a Final Battle to come.

Therefore, the need to send you above - now.

Martha Alvarez

From: Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 3:55 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] please be more accurate

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City Manager and Council

Executive summary:

Yesterday's Covid-19 Situation Report (8/13) boldly says "**Face Coverings Prevent Viral Spread**" and that the City's face covering requirements are supported by the WHO and CDC. Neither statement is accurate; they are misleading at best. Put politely.

Physical distancing (a meter per WHO, 6' in the US) is key.

Tacking on "avoid crowds, confined spaces, and close contact" at the end of a paragraph, right before the come-downtown-to-shop-and-dine message, does not excuse the "just remember to wear a mask" messaging.

Face coverings "*may help* prevent" the spread; important qualifiers there.

Face coverings are not a substitute for distancing.

The City's universal masking is not supported as a short cut for responsible distancing, and masking when appropriate (close contact).

Please improve the clarity and accuracy of your messaging.

Thank you.

Gary

Gary D. McAulay

Longer version with links:

Today's Covid-19 Situation Report says flatly:

The [City's Face Covering Requirements](#) are supported by the [World Health Organization](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) who recommend the use of face coverings.

Really?

City:
"[All persons shall wear a cloth face covering](#) over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence...[except] Persons who are seated at a restaurant... [who] ... are eating or drinking."

WHO:
"...there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, [including universal community masking](#), can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."

Yes, WHO goes on to give advice to "decision makers," that may legislate for local conditions, on the use of masks for healthy people in community settings, but it includes this:

“...the wide use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not supported by current evidence and carries uncertainties and critical risks.”

CDC:

“[CDC recommends](#) that people wear masks in public settings and when around people who don’t live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.”

“Public settings” is not explicitly defined by the CDC but seems to be described when explaining that:

“COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of masks is particularly important in **settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain.**” [emphasis added]

This has been the CDC position for some time.

The CDC also specifically states that

“People who are engaged in high intensity activities, like running, may not be able to wear a mask if it causes difficulty breathing. If unable to wear a mask, consider conducting the activity in a location with greater ventilation and air exchange (for instance, outdoors versus indoors) and where it is possible to maintain physical distance from others.”

So, the CDC actually allows mask exemptions, in certain circumstances, that the City does not grant.

Neither the WHO nor the CDC say “except persons who are seated at a restaurant who are eating or drinking.” This City exception is based on 6’ distancing. Clearly a brief and physically-distanced passing on the Greenbelt, or a family picnic away from others in a park or on the beach, is as safe as a one-hour meal in a filled-to-capacity restaurant patio. **If not, shut the restaurants down for public safety.**

The flat statement that “Face Coverings **Prevent** Viral Spread” is not accurate.

LACo Department of Public Health

“[Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing](#) and washing hands and staying home when ill, but they [may be helpful](#) when combined with these primary interventions.”

CDC

“Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.”

The City’s mixed messaging and short-cut directives only create confusion and divisiveness in the community.

The City’s “Current Initiatives and Updates” contain two bullet points:

- **Face Coverings Prevent Viral Spread**
- **Beautiful Time in the Neighborhood to Shop and Dine Locally**

While I absolutely fully support responsibly keeping our businesses going, the two bullet points taken together send a bad message:

“Avoid crowds” the Situation Report briefly notes; but “Whatever you do and wherever you go, **just remember to wear a face covering!**” [emphasis added].

Understand that **simply wearing a face covering does not prevent viral spread.** It *may help*, but it is not a substitute for social distancing.

CDC

“COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) [for a prolonged period.](#)”

Wear a mask indoors, inside any business.

Outside, **keep your distance**, and wear a mask *if you cannot socially distance.*

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 3:15 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 250,000 People 80th Annual City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

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250,000 People - 80th Annual City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

by Robert Bush

80th Annual City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally – 10 days of drag racing, music concerts and other festivities - 250,000 people (The celebration - which usually draws about 500,000 people -- will take place during [the coronavirus pandemic](#))

Sturgis, S.D. Sturgis 7,287 South Dakota - 903,027

South Dakota [9,000 cases](#) of the virus, among the lowest state tally in the country. Meade County -- home to Sturgis -- has recorded about 78 infections.

Some 60% of Sturgis residents, when surveyed, told the city they'd rather the event not proceed as scheduled this year.

"Sturgis Good Deeds" program, which for months has recruited volunteers and city employees to deliver groceries for free to those who have underlying conditions or who are concerned about their

health. The city will offer mass testing to any resident who interacted with the visitors.

The city will provide personal protective equipment to businesses that will be working during the rally and recommend sanitizing stations and 50% capacity at bars and restaurants.

Sturgis Buffalo Chip campground prides itself on giving attendees the "[authentic rally experience](#)" In a campground about three miles away from Sturgis that's become central in the rally's festivities, music concerts are scheduled every day of the rally. **But the Buffalo Chip is not mandating masks. And those familiar with the rally say mask-wearing and social distancing will not be common.**

Those who attend are mavericks and they think they are cool because they don't do what society tells them to do. This attitude might seem fitting in South Dakota, a state that never imposed a lockdown.

Sales tax revenue from the rally brought Sturgis, a town of 7,287 people, \$26 million last year, according to City Manager Daniel Ainslie. "The money the city takes in is a number that Ripley wouldn't believe."

The event generated \$655 million in 2019 across South Dakota, because many of the visitors spend time and money throughout the state as they travel to the rally, and often buy big-ticket items like motorcycles and motor homes while there.

Martha Alvarez

From: Ken Thompson <kentfrmca@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:12 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council

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Dear City Council Members

Torrance, Hermosa, El Segundo have opened their park picnic tables and benches for public use. Since M.B. has enabled local restaurants to utilize open air seating via parking areas, the logic to keep park facilities closed escapes me.

I have a small bubble of friends (4) that would like to get together for a masked up, board game. It seems silly to have to go to crowded Valley Park in Hermosa when we live in M.B. We would bring our own sanitizer to pre clean anyway. Please consider opening those tables up. I think currently there are signs for masking up. Thanks for listening

KennethThompson

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:04 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel; robertbush @dslextreme.com; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) - polio-like disease that causes paralysis

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Acute Flaccid Myelitis (APM) - polio-like disease that causes paralysis

by Robert Bush

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (APM) – here’s another disease that the Anti-vaxxers can refuse to take a vaccine.

anti-vaxxer - someone who discounts scientifically [valid](#) medical research pertaining to vaccines in favor of [data](#) produced by a discredited [researcher](#).

The anti-vaxxer [movement](#) has negatively [impacted herd immunity](#) and resulted in outbreaks of presentable diseases.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), the polio-like disease that causes paralysis in kids to peak this year. The devastating disease could be caused by this strain of respiratory virus.

AFM cases are still exceedingly rare, but the results are devastating. It can paralyze a child's arms and legs. Some need ventilators to breathe. It can also cause muscle weakness, slurred speech and difficulty moving eyes and swallowing.

“Recognition and early diagnosis are critical,” said CDC director Dr. Robert Redfield. “CDC and public health partners have strengthened early disease detection systems, a vital step toward rapid treatment and rehabilitation for children with AFM.”

A safe and effective coronavirus vaccine is the best hope to ending this pandemic, and yet, more than 30% of Americans say they will not get themselves vaccinated. The survey by tech PR firm Bospar.

Vaccines have eradicated the following diseases: polio, measles, whooping cough, mumps, smallpox, tuberculosis, rabies, rubella, flu, tetanus, hepatitis B and meningitis.

Martha Alvarez

From: alydar99 <alydar99@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:50 PM
To: City Manager; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Accident waiting to happen. Needs fixing ASAP

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I live in redondo but frequent the MB ?Butcher, Becker's, uncle bills as well as a few other places. This time of year you have a bunch of tourists driving around MB. The other day I saw a car blow thru a stop sign and almost hit a kid on a bike. I circled back and found out why.

If you drive west on 1st street and you approach the morningside st intersection the stop sign at the corner is 100% obscured by a full tree. The tree needs to be cut back before someone gets hurt. I've been down that block before but being from around here when I drive down the small blocks in the South Bay I stop. Hopefully you can have someone fix ASAP. Thanks. Pat

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:43 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Senate Bill 1120

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Council,

I read a Letter to the Editor of the Easy Reader (just picked up issue today in a medical bldg lobby) about housing bill – Senate Bill SB1120 and I am at a loss to understand why citizens are just now learning about this bill. This bill portends a huge change to single-family neighborhoods. Has the Southern California Association of Governments taken a stand on this bill? Has MB's Community Development Director looked at the currently amended version of this bill?

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell
1018 Duncan Avenue, MB

Martha Alvarez

From: MICHAEL JARVIS <mjarvis880@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Dining Security Request/Email to Suzanne Hadley

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Dear MB City Council,

I sent the below email to Suzanne Hadley this morning and I would like to share my concerns with the entire Council --

Hi Suzanne,

As our society continues to plunge into an abyss, I thought I would drop you a quick note *only speaking for myself*. I have lived in MB for 40 years. For the first time ever, I am alarmed by the recent rise in crime. I am sure you know many more very recent examples than these -- 2 young blacks break into a home in MB a couple of weeks ago and are arrested and released (because of the stupid no-bail policy in CA). They break into another MB home **the next night** and are caught! Last week we were roused from sleep for 3 hours (helicopter overhead) as a young black man was chased, while armed, for stealing a car. I also know of another robbery at the hands of a black youth.

Last night, an owner of 2 MB restaurants walking home after work with his wife and a celebrity (who also lives in MB) were all threatened with sexual assault by 2 black youths because one of them was wearing a red-white-blue belt!

I am not being racist here -- just stating the facts. Our affluent community is under attack. Our police are doing a great job as always. Instead of reducing the funding to the police, it should be increased if possible. Also, I don't know how much appetite the local restaurant owners would have in funding this -- I think it would be a good idea to have a couple of security guards roaming around the area from Love in Salt to Fishing with Dynamite down through Slay then Strandhouse past Rock n' Fish and Brewco then toward Slay Italian. Then back. From 5-11 it would cost under \$500 per night for 2 people. Just an idea.

I don't think I am overreacting but more security is needed now that everyone is outside. I welcome any comments.

Thanks...Mike Jarvis

Martha Alvarez

From: Robert Valentine <robertvalentinelaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:49 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking Permits - Upper Pier South Parking Lot - Extension of Metered Parking Downtown MB Required

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Greetings City Council Members and City Manager:

As many of you know I reside immediately south of the Pier and for years, I along with my tenants and neighbors have purchased parking permits for the Upper Pier South Parking Lot.

As a result of the parking crisis created by the dedication of street parking space to outside restaurant dining downtown, we were advised our permits would be usable in any metered parking space in downtown MB. That has been the case until recently. When that allegedly changed no one I know of was notified. One resident received 3 tickets in a short period of time. He is currently in communication with Parking Control/enforcement.

All existing tickets should be cancelled forthwith. The ability to park in any metered space should be extended forthwith to coincide with restaurant outside street dining. If terminated at a future date, adequate written notice should be given to each permit holder.

This is simply the logical extension of the prior well-considered action to accommodate downtown residents residing adjacent to the business area during these unusual times.

I solicit your prompt, positive response and thank you for your attention.

Cordially.

Bob Valentine

robertvalentinelaw@gmail.com

310.545-6565

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:35 PM
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Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; jfenton; Steve Napolitano; speel; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 17,600 California Inmates Released Early Due to the Coronavirus

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17,600 California Inmates Released Early Due to the Coronavirus

by Robert Bush

California Proposition 62, the Repeal of the Death Penalty Initiative, was on the [November 8, 2016, ballot](#) in [California](#) as an [initiated state statute](#). It was defeated.

No	7,318,625	53.15%
Yes	6,361,788	46.85%

On March 13, 2019, [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) (D) signed an executive order placing a moratorium on the death penalty.

California Governor Gain Newsom Proposition “Kill Again” Release of Life Sentence Murderers Yes or No

State prison officials say as many as 17,600 California inmates may be released early due to the coronavirus, 70% more than previously estimated and a total that victims and police say includes dangerous criminals who should stay locked up.

The releases also are causing consternation as probation officers and community organizations scramble to provide housing, transportation and

other services for inmates who may pose a public health risk because several hundred have been paroled while still contagious.

Among those released was Terebea Williams, 44, who served 19 years of an 84-years-to-life sentence for first-degree murder, carjacking and kidnapping. She was freed last week after being deemed at high medical risk for the virus.

Williams' victim, Kevin "John" Ruska, picked her up to drive her to work in 1998 but the pair argued and Williams forced him into the trunk of his own car at gunpoint. She shot him when he tried to escape, then brought the wounded man more than 700 miles from Tacoma, Wash., to a motel in Davis. There she gagged him and tied him to a chair. He died from the infected wound.

"Why is an inmate's rights more important than a victim's?" said his outraged sister, Dena Love.

Yolo County Dist. Atty. Jeff Reisig, whose office prosecuted Williams, and the advocacy group Crime Victims Alliance complained that victims and prosecutors are given little notice and no opportunity to object to the releases.

The virus is spread by coughs and sneezes and can quickly sweep through a prison setting. So far 51 inmates have died, and there have been more than 8,400 cases among prisoners.

Nearly 2,000 state prison system employees also have been infected and eight have died. The latest, Sgt. Seeyengkee Ly, who worked at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, died Sunday from pneumonia complications after contracting COVID-19.

Demonstrators who chained themselves to the fence outside Gov. Gavin Newsom's home last week said he has "presided over dozens of preventable deaths in state prisons" by not freeing far more inmates. California Police Chiefs Assn. president Eric Nuñez said he understands the urgency of reducing the prison population but is alarmed by the release of some violent criminals "without a consideration for the larger impact on public safety."

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:52 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marijuana is Bad for your Heart

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Marijuana is Bad for Your Heart

by Robert Bush

California Proposition 64 legalized marijuana - California can collect excise tax revenue and recreational marijuana is legal, but the smokers of marijuana are the losers because of potential harm to your heart, lungs and blood vessels.

About a dozen cardiologists are warning Americans to put down the lighter and give up smoking marijuana for good because of potential harm to your heart, lungs and blood vessels.

Although cannabis has therapeutic benefits for people dealing with muscle pains, nausea, opioid addiction and age-related diseases such as Parkinson's, the American Heart Association said Wednesday that [no known benefits exist for cardiovascular diseases](#), which it says involves many of the "concerning health implications" of the drug.

The group cites observational studies that have linked marijuana to increased risk of heart attacks, heart failure and heart rhythm disorder, while comparing the inhalation of cannabis smoke to that of a tobacco cigarette.

The report comes as marijuana use soars, especially among younger adults, and as its legality continues to make its way from illicit to legalized at the state level. However, many unknowns remain, such as the drug’s association with cancers and how differences in doses and delivery — smoking, vaping, eating, drinking — can mitigate potential harms.

Study of marijuana has been limited because of its listing as a Schedule 1 controlled substance, meaning it’s illegal federally and labeled “as having no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse,” according to the group.

Manhattan Beach in 2008 banned smoking at the beach, parks and inside all public buildings. That prohibition expanded in 2014 to [all public areas](#) including streets and sidewalks

Manhattan Beach City Council approved an ordinance banning the sale of all tobacco products and electronic smoking devices within city limits. The ban will apply to all tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and hookahs. It also applies to all e-cigarettes, vaping devices and flavored tobacco products.

Councilwoman Suzanne Hadley voted against the ban on tobacco products but [Manhattan Beach is given an "A" rating by the American Lung Association for REDUCTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCT SALES.](#)

Councilwoman Suzanne Hadley “I think it’s the purest form of modern government overreach to deprive the sale of tobacco within city bounds,” Hadley said Tuesday. “President Obama couldn’t buy a pack of cigarettes, a soldier, a Chinese tourist. It puts hardworking small businesses at risk.”

[Manhattan Beach is given an "A" rating by the American Lung Association](#)

On February 3, 2016, the American Lung Association announced that the City of Manhattan Beach achieved an “A” rating for its Overall Tobacco Control grade in

the “State of Tobacco Control 2016” report. This rating took into account quality of outdoor air, smoke-free housing,

California Proposition 64, the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative, was on the [November 8, 2016, ballot](#) in [California](#) as an [initiated state statute](#). Supporters referred to the initiative as the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. It was approved.

Yes	7,979,041	57.13%
No	5,987,020	42.87%

Medical and recreational use cannabis businesses, collectives, cooperatives and other commercial cannabis activities are not allowed within the city limits of Manhattan Beach.

Governor Gavin Newsom's budget lowered its expectations for the cannabis excise tax, to \$288 million in the current fiscal year and to \$359 million in 2020.

California Proposition 64 legalized marijuana - California can collect excise tax revenue and recreational marijuana is legal, but the smokers of marijuana are the losers because of potential harm to your heart, lungs and blood vessels.

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextre.me.com <robertbush@dslextre.me.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:02 PM
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Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; Steve Napolitano; robertbush @dslextre.me.com; robertbush @dslextre.me.com; speel
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Utah - BLM Protesters Face Life in Prison for Gang Sentencing Enhancement

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Utah - BLM Protesters Face Life in Prison for Gang Sentencing Enhancement

by Robert Bush

Some Black Lives Matter protesters in Salt Lake City could face up to life in prison if they're convicted of splashing red paint and smashing windows during a protest.

The felony criminal mischief charges are more serious because they carry a gang enhancement. Prosecutors said that's justified because the protesters worked together to cause thousands of dollars in damage.

Madalena McNeil who is facing a potential life sentence over felony criminal mischief and riot charges. Charging documents say she bought red paint at a Home Depot before the July 9 demonstration sparked by a ruling in a fatal police shooting case. She later yelled at police and shifted her weight as if to slam into them during the demonstration, the charges state.

The top county prosecutor arguing that vandalism crossed a line. There's some people who want to engage in protest, but they want to be absolved of any behavior. This is not about protest. This is about people who are engaging in criminal conduct.

Penal Code 186.22(b) PC, the gang sentencing enhancement.

This part of the law provides that anyone who commits a felony for the benefit of a gang will receive a mandatory prison sentence . . . *in addition and consecutive to the penalty s/he receives for the underlying felony.*²

Depending on the circumstances of the offense, Penal Code 186.22(b) PC could mean an additional two (2) to fifteen (15) years, or even twenty-five (25)-years-to-life, in prison...even if you're not a gang member, and even if you aren't the individual who was most directly responsible for committing the underlying felony!³

So, as you can see, California law, through the STEP Act, punishes gang members...and those who associate with gang members...much more harshly than people who have no gang ties.

Martha Alvarez

From: Elenie Opffer <elenie.opffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:46 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking Issue

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Hello Council Members and City Manager,

I recently got my car locked in the municipal parking lot near the Manhattan Beach Pier. Walking around trying to understand why the parking area was closed, I was assisted by a fellow citizen who was also locked in the lot. He had called the police. An officer came to let us out in about 35 minutes. I am writing because I question the reasonableness of such restrictions in a municipal parking lot with businesses open and diners eating in restaurants when the lot closes. I want to report the circumstances for your consideration about the parking restrictions in a busy restaurant district and request a refund on the \$53 ticket I had to pay.

It took me 40 minutes to get to the Manhattan Beach Blvd restaurant district and it took me about 10 minutes to find parking. That day was my first visit to your city. The other citizen who was locked in the lot lives even further, in Glendale. Neither of us saw any sign about the parking lot closing. When I mentioned that to the police officer, she pointed at the sign way up high. It was a small sign far above eye level at the corner where you enter the area.

It took me quite a while to find parking. The street was fairly crowded and it was a Sunday evening, so there was pressure to keep moving. I noticed the parking lot to the left of the pier. I need to park close to restaurants as my mother is 96-years-old and disabled. The other citizen probably had similar concerns about finding parking with his 3 small children.

I attended a birthday party for a friend. We had a table of 6 and we had a bill over \$1000. I alone spent \$154 for my mother and I, the most I've personally ever spent for a meal. It was a large expense for a teacher like me. To come back and find my car locked-in and a ticket on the windshield was a shock.

I assume you want people to support your local businesses and appreciate the additional revenue to your tax coffers. So, I don't understand why you have such a draconian parking policy. Rather than return to your restaurant district which my friends and I talked about doing at the end of our meal, I am moved to boycott your town and encourage my friends and contacts to do the same.

I urge you to reconsider your parking policy in a business district. When one parks at a meter, one assumes you are legally parked as long as you pay the meter. If you aren't willing to allow parking in your municipal areas when businesses are still open, then I urge you to place highly visible signs at eye level at the entrance to the parking area. When people are driving, they are not going to look high above to the left or right for signs placed near the top of telephone poles. I also request that you refund the \$53 I had to pay to your city for a ticket that is very unreasonable.

Sincerely,
Elenie Opffer

Martha Alvarez

From: Candis Duke <candisduke@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:58 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of letter sent to mayor

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Please know that I and many others support this. I very much hope you choose to respond. I had my personal space dangerously invaded just this morning. They were maskless and aggressive and I thank goodness I had on a shield as well as a mask. They were 0 distancing.

We pay a fortune to live in this paradise. And being forced to stay inside all the time because council isn't ensuring the law is enforced is unfair and upsetting. I read in your own survey results that this was the most frustrating issue people in our community currently have. Please provide a clear plan to us to immediately resolve the situation. Perhaps a Zoom town hall meeting wouu you do be helpful.

From Nextdoor:

A short update... I received a personal note from Mayor Montgomery yesterday informing me that the MBPD is not tasked with issuing citations to those not wearing masks. He went on to say that "In the last three weeks", "community service officers (CSO's) and third-party contractors have handed out over 260 citations on the strand, bike path, downtown and our parks. I felt compelled to respond to him... below you'll find my note.

Good Morning Mr. Mayor –

You sent me a note on Nextdoor yesterday regarding the distribution of citations in Manhattan Beach. I was the person whose personal space was invaded by a woman on rollerblades.

I appreciate the information regarding how citations are being handed out here in MB. I honestly had no idea that my post would create such a firestorm of responses, alas we are living in troubled times.

While I understand that police are not being tasked with citing those choosing not to wear masks, I do wonder where these “third-party contractors” you speak of are being placed. I have a clear view of Bruce's Beach from my home and this morning alone, I counted no fewer than fifteen people walking up and down the hill, in the park, and through the parking lots NOT WEARING MASKS.

C'mon, let's get real...260 citations is a drop in the bucket. I alone counted over 100 people this weekend from my window not wearing masks. Manhattan Beach has around 35,000 residents... 260 citations is .7% of the population, not 7.0%, .7%. Frankly Mr. Mayor, the fact that you sent me a note using that statistic is disturbing. The no-mask ordinance has been the law for almost 30 days – 260 equals out to less than three citations a day.

From what I can tell, there are at least five “third-party contractors” blocking surfer traffic from entering the El Porto lots. I ask, is this the best use of resources when dozens of people are walking around the Bruce's Beach area, and other locations, maskless?

I'm sure you and the council have been working hard to solve this puzzle, but it seems to me that there is a simple solution right before our eyes:

In my opinion, there are six key locations that are the epicenter of putting us locals at risk:

El Porto
Bruce's Beach
Downtown and the pier area
Pollywog
The Strand
The Greenbelt

If the city assigned two "third-party" officers to each of these locations as well as two officers to walk the strand and two to walk the greenbelt, 12 in total... The citations handed out in three hours would pretty much pay for the cost of these short-term employees. Here's how I am doing the math:

Private security guards -- \$50.00 an hour. 12 officers totaling \$600 an hour - hired during peak hours. Assuming each of these employees gives out one \$100.00 citation per hour, the initiative would pay for itself. Toss in second and third infractions and the city could actually MAKE money, all while keeping locals safe. If there were two officers in the Bruce's Beach area this morning alone the city would already come close to making money.

Once commenced, word would spread quickly -- visitors and locals would be forced to respect the personal space of their neighbors and unsuspecting people like me would not be put at risk as I was on Friday.

Honestly Mr. Mayor, I understand the complexities of this situation BUT the flagrant abuse of the mask ordinance is unacceptable. Would it be that hard for you and the City Council to lay down the gauntlet in spite of a small group of vocal rebels who make their case by spreading scientific falsehoods and their warped perception of their rights?

What's the worst that can happen? You save lives and have to suffer a short-term political punch? Seems worth it to me, but then again, I am not a politician, just a homeowner who would like the chance to safely walk through my neighborhood.

Chuck

Candis Duke

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Sharon Marino <sharonsmarino@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:16 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Picnic tables

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Council Members, I am pleading with you to open up the park picnic tables. Please allow families to gather outdoors in order to help them maintain some semblance of mental health during this insanity. There is no reason not to do so.

Thank you,
Sharon Marino

Martha Alvarez

From: Paul Hiney <pauljhiney@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Call to pull back on mask restrictions and open picnic benches at parks

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Good evening,

I am a resident in the city of Manhattan Beach and have 2 young children under 4 years old.

I find the mask restrictions to be completely over the top and not at all science based.

There is zero science that shows that I will contract or pass along COVID-19 if I maintain a safe distance (6+feet) from others in an outside space.

This whole situation is already difficult on my family and adding unnecessary and unscientific laws to the books only makes it harder for us.

I have never complained about this city in the 8 years I've lived here but this is frustrating and important. Please stop adding to the hysteria and make more common sense laws.

If this was enforced by the letter of the law as I understand it, I couldn't take my trash out to the curb without getting a ticket if I was bare faced. That's insane! I understand that won't realistically happen, but no law should be that strict in this country!

I understand, base on what I read on the Nextdoor app, that people are mostly worried about social distancing and wearing masks the strand. However, the biggest possible transmissions that would happen on the strand are people running, jogging, biking(which is actually annoying and I see all the time despite there being a rule against it), etc. They get close to people when they run around others and they breathe pretty heavily. Why not crack down on that instead of this giant blanket rule to wear masks "always"?

That's just one example but there are many other ideas that will help residents feel safe and are good common sense laws.

Lastly, and I'll keep it short, please open the picnic benches at the parks. There aren't many places for my family to eat and enjoy each others company. We'll sanitize the table, I swear.

All the best and good luck navigating this crazy political climate,

Paul Hiney

Martha Alvarez

From: Kristin S <texaskristin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Richard Montgomery
Cc: Jessica Vincent; Mark Leyman; List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request to Reopen MB Park Equipment

Thank you Jessica!

I didn't realize it was part of the LA County Health order. I wish we had more individual say as a city, especially given our covid numbers relative to LA County. Thank you for the quick response- I greatly appreciate it. I hope we're able to reopen our playgrounds soon...my 2 year old is in dire need of a swing.

☺ Thank you all for the work you have done supporting local businesses and allowing outdoor dining- it has been wonderful for them and for us as residents.

Hook 'em Richard! I've been in Manhattan Beach since 2008 but I refuse to give up my 512 or email address. I'm in Austin right now taking care of my mom and enjoying the balmy 100 degree weather.

I'm not sure how things work within the City Council, but if you all are in need of help with a task force or if there's any way I can provide input on reopening, I'm happy to be a part of it. I have been running my own consulting business since my older son was born (minus the hiatus as Kindergarten teacher this spring), and my MBA could be put to more use.

I am most interested in getting the younger kids back to some sense of normalcy given how little covid is impacting them and that they are not transmitting the virus. I know it harder with middle and high school kids since they are more like adults with regards to transmission, but I would like to help kids of all ages stay connected during this difficult time. We are starting to see increases in depression and self destructive behaviors in the teen set and I feel for what they are going through. They don't have the same coping skills that we do as adults.

I'm keeping fingers crossed that we can get the county numbers down and kids are able to return to school soon!

Thanks,
Kristin

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On Aug 7, 2020, at 9:07 PM, Richard Montgomery <rmontgomery@citymb.info> wrote:

Thank you Jessica for your detailed information.

And Kristin, i am a Native Texan! I recognize the 512 from my UT Austin days!

Well to Manhattan Beach !

Richard

Sent from my iPhone



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On Aug 7, 2020, at 6:59 PM, Jessica Vincent <jvincent@citymb.info> wrote:

Hi Kristin – Thank you for your inquiry regarding opening play equipment and picnic pads. I understand your frustration and can empathize with you as I have a six and an eight year old; however, the City of Manhattan Beach continues to follow the LA County public health order, which requires public park play structures and other amenities to remain closed until further notice (see attached). Additionally, picnic pads remain closed to ensure gatherings do not take place in the parks as gatherings outside of your household are still not permitted in LA County. Staff is continuously monitoring the health order and will seek direction from City Council to re-open play structures and picnic pads when the health order is updated.

Should you have any additional questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Jessica.

Bcc: City Council

From: Kristin S <texaskristin@yahoo.com>

Date: August 7, 2020 at 4:41:11 PM PDT

To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@citymb.info>
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I ask you to please consider opening park seating and playgrounds. Here are the reasons why with supporting links below:

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From: Shannon Robley <robleys@manhattanacademy.org>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:59 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Operating Educational Pods

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Hello City Council Members,

I am the director of Manhattan Academy, located on Manhattan Beach Blvd. We are a small private school serving children ages 6 weeks-5th grade. As I am sure you know, the directive from the governor to not operate schools (both public and private) within counties on the COVID watch list has thrown many people for a loop. While we will be able to continue operating our Infant-Preschool programs, we will not be able to open our elementary school this fall. We are a small school with less than 12 students per class.

I noticed many "academic pods" opening up all over the South Bay, and I was wondering if this is something our school can do as well. We were able to meet all of the guidelines for the reopening of schools presented by the Department of Public Health on July 13. We will also limit the number of students on campus. We will not be teaching them in-person, we will still be offering distance learning, but will have support staff here to help students with this. We will also be able to offer child care for our own staff who have students in the Los Angeles County School System. We typically operate a before school and after school program as well as offer child care during winter and spring breaks, and summer. I was wondering if this is something we could continue to offer in the fall.

I already reached out to our local congressman and he referred me back to the Department of Health and City Council.

Please let me know if this is something we can continue to offer our current families and families in the community.

Thank you,

Mrs. Shannon Robley, Director

Manhattan Academy

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From: robertbush dslextre.me.com <robertbush@dslextre.me.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:42 PM
To: robertbush @dslextre.me.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; bfournell; jfenton; Steve Napolitano; speel; kkomatinsky; robertbush @dslextre.me.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] United States vs Canada COVID-19

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United States vs Canada – COVID-19

by Robert Bush

Most Americans can't visit Canada these days. Because of the coronavirus threat, both countries have [closed their borders](#) to nonessential traffic.

A couple had dual U.S.-Canadian citizen were allowed in — as long they agreed to quarantine themselves for 14 days.

Not a symbolic, wear-a-mask-and-keep-your-distance-but-go-about-your-business quarantine; a real one — no venturing beyond the cabin and the dock. No shopping trips, no long walks, no visitors and no swimming in the lake.

Public health officers who telephoned almost every day to check on them explained “It's a public lake. You might run into someone out there. And if you got into trouble, someone would have to fish you out.”

Ontario Provincial Police could show up at any time to make sure we weren't breaking the rules — and that we could be fined the equivalent of U.S. \$206 to \$1,125.

It's one reason Canada is doing so much better in this pandemic than we are: Unlike Americans, they set tough rules — and mostly obey them.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set guidelines to help governors decide when it was safe to reopen their states for business. But President Trump [urged governors](#) to ignore those rules, and many did — producing COVID-19 outbreaks across more than half the country.

That didn't happen in Canada. Just as in the United States, most decision-making on health is at the level of provinces, not the federal government led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. But Trudeau urged caution, not recklessness, and provincial leaders followed suit — even those from the opposition Conservative Party.

The result: The United States has suffered almost twice as many COVID-19 deaths as Canada on a per capita basis.

Canada's response to the crisis hasn't been perfect. Its two biggest provinces, Quebec and Ontario, saw severe outbreaks in April and May. A wave of infections swept through nursing homes, claiming some 7,000 dead, about 80% of the country's total.

Quebec, which allowed bars to reopen in June, may have acted a little early; the province suffered a mini-outbreak in July.

But elsewhere, reopening has been more deliberate. Toronto, the country's largest city, allowed bars and restaurants to resume indoor service — with lots of spacing — only last week.

As a result, the epidemic's spread has slowed. Canada reported 3,043 new cases last week; California, whose population is only slightly larger, reported more than 55,000.

It's hard to avoid giving some credit to the elusive notion of national character: Canadians — unlike Americans — pride themselves on being a nation that generally follows the rules.

Martha Alvarez

From: Eileen Neill <jejneill@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to unfence MB city picnic tables

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I request the City Council vote to unfence our City's picnic tables to allow MB families to enjoy outdoor dining. To maintain proper social distancing, a process could be set up so that table reservations must be made with the city and limitations of up to six family members. Hermosa and Redondo have their respective park tables open to their citizens and Manhattan Beach should follow this example. Thanks, in particular, to Suzanne Hadley for her leadership on this issue. While I did not vote for her, I have to say I think she has exhibited good resident representation in recent debates and is earning my vote for the next time she runs.

Sent from my iPhone
Eileen Neill

Martha Alvarez

From: Jim Burton <jburton@ecokai.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:48 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Manhattan Beach City Council Recaps - August 4, 2020

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Thank you all for your tireless work during these unprecedented times.

I have been traveling for business and unfortunately not able to actively participate in CC mtgs.

Really appreciate Mayor Montgomery on the opposition to the latest housing bills.

These are very difficult times and completely support what we need to do to keep our City Vibrant and thought Kelly had a great email n how wonder MB is compared to many of our neighboring cities – thx Kelly!
This is in large part due to the leadership allowing open dining in public R/W – thank you.

Only One Negative - VERY disappointed in Council decision to approve “Zero-ing Out Parking Meters”. Not because I really care but because it is COMPLETELY OPPOSITE or what a previous council committed to and PROMISED when, we approved the expenditure to buy the “intelligent” meters in the first place – tax dollars approved based on a Council promise. Your action just shows proof to our small community that one can NEVER trust council action. Unfortunately - y’all just proved this statement true –largely because you weren’t there in the original meeting. Very sad governance.

Reach out if you have questions –

Respectfully,

Jim

Jim Burton
328 11th Street
(310) 376.8939

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info [mailto:CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info]
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:46 AM
To: jburton@ecokai.com
Subject: Manhattan Beach City Council Recaps - August 4, 2020

City Council Recap/Highlights

Date: 08/07/2020 8:45 AM



Thank you for your interest in Manhattan Beach City Council meetings.

As a service to those who are unable to attend the City Council meetings but would like to know what decisions were reached by the City Council, these items provide a recap and a quick summary of the most recent City Council actions. For all official actions of the City Council, please refer to the City Council's agendas and minutes page [on the City's website](#). A full video recording of the meeting can be found [here](#) within 72 hours of the meeting and meeting minutes are posted upon City Council approval.

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BELOW ARE THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

- Presented certificates of recognition to Mira Costa High School Students for receiving the 2020 Circle Award for Excellence in Poetry Composition.
- Received a City Manager Report on EOC (Emergency Operations Center) activity and updates on COVID-19 response.
- Took additional measures to address business impacts during COVID-19 that include:
 - Directed the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the 10:00 PM operating curfew for businesses participating in outdoor dining;
 - Revised the enforcement policy for outdoor dining to fine violators \$1,000 and suspend services for 2 days if a third citation is given and suspend services for 4 days if a fourth citation is given;
 - Revised the street striping plan to allow most restaurants and retail shops in the downtown area to extend their outdoor business usage into additional areas of the public right of way;
 - Extended the deadline for businesses to pay business license taxes without penalty until August 31;
 - Directed parking meter rates to be increased to help offset lost revenue resulting from private use of public parking spaces. On street meter rates will increase from \$1.75 per hour to \$2.00 per hour, and City Lots from \$1.50/hour to \$2.00/hour;
 - Approved zeroing out parking meters after the patron leaves the parking space (if there is any time left on the meter); and
 - Waived \$51,300 for businesses utilizing the right of way (i.e. dining decks) from June 15 - July 31.
- Approved [Consent Calendar](#) item nos. 4-8.
- Received a [report on homelessness initiatives](#).
- Adopted a resolution approving a [Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Manhattan Beach, the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Hermosa Beach](#) regarding the implementation of the South Bay Beach Cities Homelessness Project.
- Received an update on the [Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Council Work Plan](#).
- Approved the request by Mayor Montgomery to oppose the following housing bills currently under consideration by the California State Legislature:
 - AB 725 (Wicks) General Plans: Housing Element: Moderate-Income and Above Moderate-Income Housing: Suburban and Metropolitan Jurisdictions;
 - AB 1851 (Wicks) Religious Institution Affiliated Housing Development Projects: Parking Requirements;

- AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Planning and Zoning: Density Bonuses: Annual Report: Affordable Housing;
- AB 3107 (Bloom) Planning and Zoning: General Plan: Housing Development;
- SB 902 (Weiner) Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density;
- SB 995 (Atkins) Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: Housing Projects;
- SB 1085 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: Qualifications for Incentives or Concessions: Student Housing for Lower Income Students: Moderate-Income Persons and Families: Local Government Constraints;
- SB 1120 (Atkins) Subdivisions: Tentative Maps; and
- SB 1138 (Weiner) Housing Element: Emergency Shelters: Rezoning of Sites.
- Requested to agendize a resolution celebrating Women’s Equality Day.
- Adjourned the meeting in memory of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia’s Mother, Gaby O’Donnell.

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From: Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:49 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I believe the discussion planned on Bruce's Beach by a historian will be subjective in nature. A thesis and a book are interpretive.

Did you hear during the meeting advocates now want a black historian. That makes me wonder, why does a black historian have to tell story. Another interesting point is story, history is a story I want facts.

Before the "Story Time" planned for city council to placate advocates, many who do not even reside in the city, the CC should make clear the facts.

In order to be more objective the following should be reviewed and presented at the CC meeting.

1. Council minutes debating the subject of eminent domain and authorizing the Declaration of Necessity.
2. The Declaration of Necessity and minutes authorizing the expenditure
3. The Notice of Taking by Eminent Domain sent to the property owners and initial Offer made to all impacted property owners
4. The entire Superior Court file regarding the Eminent Domain litigation.
5. The Deeds by which the City currently hold title.

Thomas Chang

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From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:21 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Discussion of Bruce's Beach

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I understand there is a request to discuss Bruce's Beach and a historian is desired to lead the discussion.

However the discussion should be neutral and factual. Historians are just historians, they tell a story based on their interpretation of evidence, which can be subjective.

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From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 5:12 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; speel
Subject: [EXTERNAL] California faces an eviction catastrophe, Newsom, lawmakers need to act now

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California faces an eviction catastrophe. Newsom, lawmakers need to act now.

by Robert Bush

More than 30 million U.S. workers are receiving unemployment insurance (extra \$600-a-week benefit) that kept many Americans current on their rent ended last week. Eviction moratoriums are also expiring,

As the downturn continues and safety nets weaken, we could see a tidal wave of evictions and foreclosures and a jump in homelessness even as the pandemic rages on.

There are two major tenant relief bills pending. [Assembly Bill 1436](#) would extend the eviction moratorium until 90 days after the COVID-19 emergency ends, then give tenants 12 additional months to make any missed payments before their landlord could sue for the unpaid rent. And even then, the landlord could not evict a tenant for unpaid rent accumulated during the COVID emergency.

But AB 1436 could have devastating effects on landlords, particularly mom-and-pop operators who rely on their rentals for income and retirement. In California, about half of rentals are in properties with five units or less. If two tenants in a small complex can't pay the rent, that's a serious financial hit. AB 1436 now requires mortgage companies to let landlords delay payments for six months to a year, depending on the size of the property. That helps, but landlords still have to cover property taxes, insurance and maintenance.

Newsom and lawmakers have to pair a long-term eviction moratorium with landlord assistance. One proposal is [Senate Bill 1410](#), which would give landlords tax credits if they agree to forgive missed rent payments from tenants who had COVID-related financial hardship. Landlords could sell the tax credits for cash immediately. Tenants would have to repay their rent debt to the state starting in 2024.

The challenge? SB 1410 could cost \$10 billion over the life of the program. California may have little choice but to spend its limited dollars.

Martha Alvarez

From: Brandon McCall <bmccall1988@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:37 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reconciling History

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request that your city council act in the name of justice and take the following actions,

1. Replace the present plaque at Bruce Beach with a breakdown of the true history of how the KKK with support from City officials harassed and excluded African-American beachgoers.
2. Make restitution to the Bruce family for seizing their land for eminent domain at a rate equivalent to what the land would appraise for today.
3. Make a public statement acknowledging and apologizing for the acts that were done.

As a Master of Public Administration graduate from USC I understand that fiscal constraints may delay items 1 and 2 but at the very least the City should make a statement acknowledging the hatred that occurred, which played a role in shaping why the city of Manhattan Beach is extraordinarily Caucasian.

Best,

Brandon McCall, MPA

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 11:52 AM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: Nancy Hersman; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; kkomatinsky; bfournell; jfenton; Carol Perrin, Allen Fulmer; speel; robertbush @dslextreme.com; robertbush @dslextreme.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] California Proposition 15 - "split roll" Property Tax Measure

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California Proposition 15 – “split roll” Property Tax Measure

California Proposition 15 - Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative (2020)

by Robert Bush

California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 would remove one of Proposition 13’s most important protections - the limitation on annual increases in taxable value - from business and commercial properties. The increased tax burden would be passed along to consumers and taxpayers who are already struggling with California’s high cost of living.

The measure to revise California’s landmark property tax law created in 1978 by Proposition 13. The measure would allow for higher property taxes on commercial properties while keeping existing tax rules in place for single-family homes, multifamily properties, standalone businesses and agricultural land.

California voters enshrined a strict limit on property tax in 1978, when they passed Proposition 13. It allows reassessments only when a property changes hands or undergoes redevelopment. It also restricts annual tax increases.

The so-called “split-roll” initiative would change how California taxes properties, retaining a limit on tax increases for residential properties but allowing new assessments of commercial sites worth more than \$3 million.

A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price.

The state fiscal analyst estimated that, upon full implementation, the ballot initiative would generate between \$8 billion and \$12.5 billion in revenue per year.

The measure raising property taxes on businesses is just the first step in the complete dismantling of the 42-year-old measure, which is often described as the "holy grail" of California politics. Even if we resolve the health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, higher taxes are the last thing California needs. The state already has the highest income tax rate, highest state sales tax, and highest fuel tax.

Martha Alvarez

From: Robert Case <rcase.law@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 8:19 AM
To: List - City Council; Carrie Tai, AICP; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Adding and hour ?

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I am stunned that two of the biggest violators are asking the council for an 1 hour extension of outdoor dining. I certainly hope this is not an action you are considering. We the residents are being forced to give up parking to make these owners money. Maybe if the restaurants failed, we would get lower rents downtown bringing back shops we need.
R Case

Martha Alvarez

From: Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) <menelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 7:55 AM
To: cityclerk@redondo.org; List - City Council; citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov
Cc: Charlie Velasquez
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment to Redondo, Manhattan and Hermosa City Councils - Re: Updated - Re: PRA Request - 40 programs

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Mayors and Councils:

Please see the following communication to BCHD. BCHD found ample time and budget to prepare a larger (700,000+ square feet) and taller (243 feet above sea level) campus redevelopment plan during COVID that it represented to the public as a downsizing. Now, BCHD pleads poverty and COVID when questions are posed by California Public Records Act requests that are needed for the public to validate the Purpose and Need of its self-certified CEQA filing. If in fact the programs that are asserted by Board Member Poster do not have net value to the community, then the environmental and economic injustice that BCHD intends to continue inflicting on the surrounding area cannot be justified. However, BCHD is unable or unwilling to provide responses. Furthermore, the LA County Department of Health recently noted that BCHDs LiveWell Kids program had no formal evaluation, despite BCHDs misrepresentation of LA County's findings asserting that the program was responsible for student weight loss. That is simply not true, and casts down on BCHDs assertions regarding their "40 programs" and its evidence basis. It is essential that the taxpayer-owners of BCHD and their governmental units are aware of BCHDs non-responses and the inability of the public to meaningfully participate in the oversight of BCHD and BCHD's CEQA process. As participating agencies in the CEQA, you have an obligation to make an independent assessment of BCHDs EIR and not merely accept their findings. Data such as these are an integral part of such assessment for your agencies and the public's right to know.

Thank you.
Mark Nelson
3-year volunteer, BCHD HLC Community Working Group
Redondo Beach property owner

CORRESPONDENCE TO BCHD FOLLOWS

TO BCHD:

Given the non-response by BCHD to the valid CPRA requests below, I can only assume that BCHD has failed in its fiduciary responsibility to evaluate these programs, in the same way that it failed to provide a program evaluation of the LiveWell Kids program, as noted by LA County Health in their anecdotal case study of the program that is explicitly stated to no be an evaluation by LA County.

BCHD is well beyond state law requirements for completion of these CPRA requests that were triggered by Board Member Poster's assertion that the BCHD campus redevelopment and need for continued funding were a result of the 40 evidence based programs of BCHD. This is nothing more than a request to show evidence supporting the assertion.

BCHD and only BCHD elected to move forward with extensive revision and preparation of a never-before-seen plan during COVID. BCHD has a \$150,000 communications consultant budget for this project and a \$7.6M overall pre-development budget. BCHD has no basis to claim that it is impacted by COVID for California Public Records Request responses, when it clearly was able to work on its own real estate development project during COVID. BCHD and only BCHD controlled the timing of its 3-day public review, analysis and input prior to approval of its most recent 700,000+ square foot commercial real estate redevelopment plan. With only 3-days of public review on their never-before-seen plan (Note: I'm a 3 year volunteer on BCHD HLC Community Working Group and I was blindsided by the plan) BCHD should have reasonably foreseen the need for CPRA request responses and staffed accordingly.

On Thu, Jul 23, 2020 at 2:21 PM Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) <menelson@gmail.com> wrote:

The PRA below is now 35 days old and outside the time limits allowed by state law for response.

It is updated to add Question 5 - Provide all cost-benefit analysis and ratios of the aforementioned 40 programs.

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 6:22 PM Charlie Velasquez <Charlie.Velasquez@bchd.org> wrote:

Hi Mark,

We are in receipt of your request.

Best Regards,

Charlie Velasquez

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From: Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) [mailto:menelson@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:49 PM

To: Charlie Velasquez <Charlie.Velasquez@bchd.org>

Subject: PRA Request - 40 programs

Last night during the Board meeting, the Board made a specific point of referenced 40 evidence based programs. The following questions refer to those programs.

1. Provide all documents necessary to fully describe each of the 40 programs.
2. Provide the 2018-19 budget for each of the 40 programs
3. Provide all research relied upon to develop each program.
4. Provide all evaluation reports or analysis of each program.

Martha Alvarez

From: eszde@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:11 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council of Manhattan Beach,

I would like to address the issues surrounding Bruce's Beach. I feel it is important to follow through on a few ideas. Now is the time to take another step in the right direction. Do what is right for the family who had to suffer the racial injustice of having their land taken away through eminent domain, make a reparation to the family. I understand a new plaque is in the process of being made. The wording on this plaque should be developed with the family, and out line how the City to a hard look at the past and decided to make things right.

Thanks,
Eszter Delgado
Redondo Beach