Martha Alvarez

From: Chip Whitley <chipwhitley1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:59 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for Dec 15th council meeting

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Regarding the First Agenda Item in the General Business section for approving the Parks Master Plan, I would like to submit the following public comment.

"I carefully read the survey results and parks master plan. It is clear what my family and friends have been talking about for many years. Our city needs a New Pool! Trying to upgrade the school district's pool that we lease comes with a lot of red tape. It is old, small, and very impacted. It was built and intended for a limited number of middle school students, not for an entire community. Reservations for lap swim and classes fill up very quickly. The city needs and wants a state of the art large pool that can accommodate the high demand. We have the space at Marine Avenue Park. The city already has a plan from a 2008 city draft with drawings and a layout. Please approve and break ground on a new pool, so our kids can use it before it's too late. It is the number one thing our community has been asking for, for decades. Thank you.

Martha Alvarez

From: Mary Kirchwehm on behalf of Bruce Moe **Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:33 AM

To: Martha Alvarez

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Paddleboard Sculpture - No to this design and

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From: AWP Pitts

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:29 PM

To: Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Nancy Hersman; City Manager

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Paddleboard Sculpture - No to this design and location

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Dear Mayor Hadley and City Council,

The first time I read about a proposed paddleboard statue was Dec. 22, 2018, ER. Once again South Bay Boardriders Club are seeking approval during the holidays when citizens' minds are on holidays, or Covid. How many residents really know the city is planning this when the only searchable article is 2 years old?

https://easyreadernews.com/mb-council-approves-catalina-classic-paddleboarding-sculpture/

In my opinion local paddleboarders deserve a memorial that honors and recognizes the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race. After all these watermen and women athletes have helped shape California culture and created our beach culture which adds value to our homes. Paddleboarders are the real thing, not Bougie white professionals like me who bought a house to raise our kids here in this beautiful town

But in my opinion as a former graphic designer who created the MBEF logo, this statue doesn't measure up.

As an artist with a Bachelor in Fine Arts from University of Texas, and a masters in Anthropology from Cal State Long Beach, I want something enduring and timeless to represent their accomplishments but it needs to reflect our city's taste and sophistication too.

The shape of a paddle board is compelling, almost aerodynamic, like a wing. Taken alone it's a nice shape and would fit nicely into beach front and trees. And wheelchair access to the beach is commendable.

What other cities have done:

HB: Tim Kelley, Dewey Weber

RB: Chris Barela's 2/3 size bronze sculpture of Body Glove founders

MB: Volleyball Walk of Fame installed in our iconic pier

My criticism is this--

- 1. This statue is large and imposing, 18' high, 13' wide? Located on the most cherished and valuable real estate in town: the pier, the beach front, the Strand. Please protect this pristine and powerful view from clutter.
- 2. It is clumsy, see-say, describes the sport without transcending to a universal level that anyone can appreciate even if you don't know the sport. It doesn't activate the imagination, it's like a diagram of paddleboarding. Nor does it encourage people to perceive the environment more deeply. It is too obvious.
- 3. It is wasteful. It takes 3 people to describe this sport? Why not an informational plaque?
- 4. It is redundant. Catalina is depicted on statue when the actual island is visible in the background
- 5. It is not interactive. Where do you stand to take a selfie? The better solution is remove the figures, leave just the upright paddleboard and you step in front of it and snap a photo.
- 6. People are going to hump the paddler and do a wild thing on the girl.
- 7. It doesn't equal the eloquence and understated tribute to beach volleyball that the Volleyball Walk of Fame accomplishes, embedded in our most iconic image, the MB pier.
- 8. Looks like a keep up with the Jones move, considering HB Dewey Weber and Tim Kelley, and RB 2/3 size Meistrel sculptures. Even they admitted, "Well, our mom likes it a lot."
- 9. Do bronze figures and faces ever look good? Think of the most handsome man in soccer, Ronaldo, and his embarrassing bust
- 10. It has a short shelf life. It could be underwater in 10 years
- 11. The city is paying too much of the cost: SBBC fundraising only reached a third of their goal, \$100K of \$300K
- 12. If you're going to turn down sculpture like Robert Indiana's iconic LOVE sculpture which has stood the test of time, please require one of better-than or equal caliber here.
- 13. Raise the bar, uphold higher standards fitting the wealth and sophistication of this community and demand a more intelligent and transcendental art piece.

What is the purpose of public art:

It reflects and reveals our society, adds meaning to our cities and uniqueness to our communities. **Public art** humanizes the built environment and invigorates **public** spaces. It provides an intersection between past, present and future, between disciplines, and between ideas.

Public art should capture a sense of place: The heads at Easter Island, the arch in St. Louis, the totems of Vancouver. I would argue that the walkable Volleyball monument captures the essence of the sport and our community because it's incorporated into our beloved pier, not an add-on like this piece.

https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/PublicArtNetwork GreenPaper.pdf

I hope the city will hold out for a statue that is equal to that importance. Good public art can lead the viewer toward self-reflection and awareness. Unfortunately the current proposal will leave me wondering how could the city approve this.

Alternative solutions:

- 1. It begins in Avalon. Put the sculpture there!
- 2. How about a more minimalist sculpture in Metlox in the water feature
- 3. At the Point?
- 4. Place it at El Porto, parking lot area. Minimize—Less is more.
- 5. Bruce's Beach, 26th Street,
- 6. Ask an African American to create the sculpture. Are any participants African American?

Everything west of the Strand is wild. Many local stakeholders can claim a right to put a statue on the beach. I am counting on you, City Council, to say no to development and keep it wild. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ann Pitts 861 3rd St. Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



From: Grace Farwell [mailto:grace@southbaycities.org]

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:34 PM

To: George Gabriel

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment @ tonight's MB City Council meeting

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Hi George,

Attached is a pdf of the Home Share South Bay presentation.

What do I need to do to get on public comment tonight? Please let me know.

Thanks, Grace

Grace Farwell, MSG/MPA

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Introduction to





A homesharing program designed to assist the growing number of older residents who may need support to remain living in their homes, as well as aid individuals close to homelessness due to high rents and low wages.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Role

Funding

Measure H Innovation Funds

 SBCCOG received funds for regional-focused programs, including the Home Sharing pilot.

Purpose

Support activities that align with LA County Homeless Initiative Approved Strategies to Combat Homelessness. Homesharing is a prevention strategy.

Home Share South Bay

Pilot program to match homeowners with compatible housemates to assist the growing number of older residents who may be close to homelessness due to high rents and low wages or fixed income.

- Limited FREE membership for homeowners for six months
- Limited FREE background checks

Goal

Facilitate finding potential homeowners and home seekers to match through collaboration with local senior villages, service providers, and faith based and community organizations.

Complete at least 15 matches by June 30, 2021



Homesharing is NOT a New Concept

Homesharing services are the classic example of a "sharing economy" platform.

Homesharing programs come in different shapes and sizes

- LA Family Housing SF Valley program offers several types of shared housing, including
 intergenerational arrangements, matching senior participants with senior participants, matching
 seniors with community members, or participants with senior community members.
- Affordable Living for the Aging Los Angeles program matches two or more unrelated people to share a home in exchange for rent or services such as cleaning or cooking. This program is growing in popularity and the average match lasts 2.5 years.
- Home Share Oregon non-profit organization of Oregon Harbor of Hope that combines Silvernest technology and partnerships with many community nonprofits to best serve Oregon's community with a mission to prevent foreclosure and homelessness through homesharing.
- Home Share South Bay is NOT Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, Flipkey, Homestay, etc.





Why is Home Sharing So Important Now?

Homesharing is an increasingly important component in the quest to use existing housing stock more efficiently.

It creates more affordable room rental options, while at the same time addresses increasing crises in our rapidly aging society. Over the next ten years, the number of households aged 65-74 with "severe" rent burdens (where expenditures on housing account for above ½ of household income) are projected to rise by 42% (Housing America's Older Adults, Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, 2014).

Increasing homelessness among older adults is one consequence of this trend; the number of homeless older adults is estimated to increase by 33% from 2010 to 2020 (<u>Healthy Aging Begins at Home</u>, Bipartisan Policy Center, 2016).

2020 Homeless Count indicated 13% of people experiencing homelessness in South Bay are 62+.





The Home Share South Bay Online Landing Page

https://silvernest.com/SouthBay



Home Share South Bay - SBCCOG Partners with Silvernest

Silvernest is an online service to facilitate home sharing including:

MATCH and SCREEN - Matches homeowners and housemates with a unique compatibility score. They also verify everyone's identity at signup.

CONNECT - Private and secure in-app messaging lets you interview and get to know each other with confidence.



NEST EASY - Provides a lease creator, automated rent payments, and homesharing insurance coverage in one streamlined package.

HOMESHARE HAPPILY EVER AFTER - Coordinating with the SBCCOG, ongoing support is provided.





How It Works – So Easy



List A Profile

Enter the preferences for the space that you have or are looking for



Find Your Match

Securely message and agree to home-share



Prepare To Share

Build your lease and set auto rent payments



Manage The Relationship

Access home-sharing guidance



Home Sweet Shared Home®

Homeowners can earn on average \$10,000/yr (National Average)





Benefits of Homesharing to Homeowners

- Empowers older homeowners to thrive in their chosen homes & communities.
- FREE to sign up, match & message Membership Fee (to Silvernest) only starts after rent is collected (monthly fee is 5% of monthly rent).
- FREE home insurance coverage up to \$100,000 no deductible.
- The ability to create flexible & customized rental agreements with support to assist with the matching process.
- Help homeowners who may be:
 - Seeking companionship
 - Desiring to age in their home and maintain independence
 - Living on a fixed income
 - Needing help with daily tasks like grocery shopping, transportation, or home repairs

Benefits of Homesharing to Home Renters

- Can help prevent those with economic challenges from becoming homeless.
 - Many may be a paycheck or two away from losing their home.
- Addresses the lack of readily available affordable housing.
- Provides affordable opportunity to secure stable housing quickly and safely.
- Provides FREE insurance up to \$10,000 for home renter's belongings.
- It's FREE to sign up, match & message.
- Save on rent.
 - Silvernest estimates their renters save up to \$9,000 per year on average, compared to market rent rates. (Based on national average)





Benefits of Homesharing to **BOTH** Homeowners & Home Renters

- Creates income for homeowners and rent savings for renters.
 - Silvernest homeowners earn \$850/month on average by homesharing. (Based on national average)
 - Silvernest renters save \$750/month on average compared to market rent rates. (Based on national average)
- Allows more flexibility than traditional rent arrangements, including short or unconventional lease terms and option of reduced rent in exchange for help around the house.
- Creates immediate access to housing inventory that's typically much more affordable than market-rate rentals.





How COVID is Affecting Seniors

Exacerbated Loneliness

Social isolation has long been a major concern for older Americans.

The pandemic has only made it worse.

Being homebound and isolated from others can have unhealthy effects.

Chronic loneliness can worsen memory in older adults and cause other declines in mental and physical health.

Financial Fallout for Older Americans

Financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic will push between 1.4 and 2.1 million more older Americans into poverty.

Mortgage payments may not be in jeopardy—yet—but money for food, healthcare and other necessary expenses may be getting tight.

The pandemic is making it very hard for many people to cover their housing costs.





Addressing COVID Concerns Minimizing Risk of Exposure to the Virus with Homesharing

People need more ways to earn or save money each month, ease their social disconnection and somehow do both while minimizing their risk of exposure to the virus.

The profile includes questions related to adhering to COVID guidelines.

Homeowners can communicate with potential housemates to discuss additional safety concerns.

Interviews and home inspections can be conducted virtually.

Profile COVID related questions to start the conversation

- When around non-household members, do you wear a mask?
- What are your expectations of a roommate in terms of mask-wearing and other pandemic safety behaviors?
- What does your current social/work life look like?
- What are your Covid house rules?





Artwork Available to Assist in Outreach Efforts

pdf format is available for websites, newsletters, and hard copy fliers jpg format is available for all social media platforms









Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are the home seekers in this program people who are currently living on the streets now with possible drug or alcohol use problems?

A: NO. The program focus is on individuals who are self-sufficient, gainfully employed, but may be close to becoming homeless due to economic hardship such as rent increases, medical expenses, etc.

Q: How can a homeowner know how much to charge for renting a room?

A: Home Share South Bay profiles includes a suggested rent amount to charge based on the homeowner's information on the room size, available shared amenities, and geographic location.





Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is this program designed for short term or long-term rentals?

A: The lease can be set up as month to month for short term, or longer if desired. The online lease process is very user-friendly with many options to customize to the needs of the participants. Long-term leases will be encouraged.

Q: What if an older adult does not have access to a computer or understand how to do this online?

A: At this time, the program is only online so adults may need assistance with the process from a relative, friend, or senior center.





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From: RICK LEOFF <rleoff@pacbell.net>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paddle board statue

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I know it's been a tough year and I'm sure this would not be something that's inexpensive but having lived in MB and been a part of the race as a escort and friend of some of the racers I think it would be a highlight and awakening for the city and the race.

Thank you for your consideration Rick Leoff Sent from my iPad



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It's a beautiful and perfect statue commemorating all those who have participated and will continue to participate in this great event. Just as great as the Manhattan Open Beach volleyball tournament. The South Bay is about watermen and women. Please make it happen.

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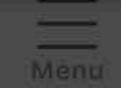
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From: Tom Horton <tom@southbayboardriders.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 4:58 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item #20-0365 Catalina Classic Statue

Attachments: Catalina Classic Statue Progress Set_12.03.2020.pdf

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Happy Saturday, City Council Members!

The purpose of this email is to provide you the attached letter from Buddy Bohn, Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race Committee, in response to Ms. Kathryn Tubb's email to you all, as well as share my own perspective on the statue and why we began this process back in 2016.

For me, there are 4 main objectives of the statue:

- 1. to commemorate all of the women and men who have completed the 32 mile open ocean Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race since its inception in 1955
 - o I highly recommend taking a look at Catalina Island from MB Pier on a clear day to get a sense of this accomplishment and imagine for yourself what it must be like on race days with suboptimal conditions to paddle all 32 miles using only your arms. Those who have made it to the Finish line deserve recognition and acknowledgement no matter what place they finished in.
- 2. to be inspirational and aspirational for females and males of all ages
 - o SBBC is introducing the sport of prone paddleboarding to girls and boys, women and men, to grow the sport and suggest it as a healthy and fun activity when there is no surf
- 3. to celebrate this historic, iconic, and "grand daddy" of all paddleboard races that was created in 1955 by lifeguard Bob Hogan and the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, led by Cliff Webster at the time
 - o Manhattan Beach and the rest of the South Bay should be very proud of this historic event which attracts people from across the US as well as international competitors
 - o the statue will be one of a kind throughout the US and possibly the world
- 4. Enhance and beautify the empty sandlot near the strand where the statue will be installed and provide a public area for residents and visitors to enjoy, as well as improve safety and access to the beach from the Strand by constructing stairs and a wheelchair ramp.
 - o If you have ever been to the Tim Kelly statue at Hermosa Pier and seen how people flock to the statue, you can imagine the attraction this statue will produce and I imagine it being a standard in many photos of Manhattan Beach

Finally, I want to add one piece of information that is important to take into account when reading Ms. Tubb's letter. She suggests that the fact there are 2 men and 1 woman paddler making up the statue is representative of sexism and discrimination in the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race. This is not accurate and I really do feel insulted by the insinuation. In an earlier statue design concept there was 1 female and 1 male paddler knee paddling side by side. Martin Betz of the Manhattan Beach Arts and Culture Dept suggested adding a 3rd figure because it is common for an odd number of figures to be used in public art projects like this. That is the only reason a 3rd figure was added, and I must say it enhanced the statue design greatly.

I hope that information was worth your time reading. We look forward to addressing any questions you may have before the Tuesday meeting or during it. Thank you very much for your time and consideration to allocate Art funds to this worthy city project that will stand for decades to come.

Respectfully,

Tom Horton President, Board of Directors South Bay Boardriders Club 310-502-9658

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PADDLE BOARD RACE COMMEMORATIVE STATUE





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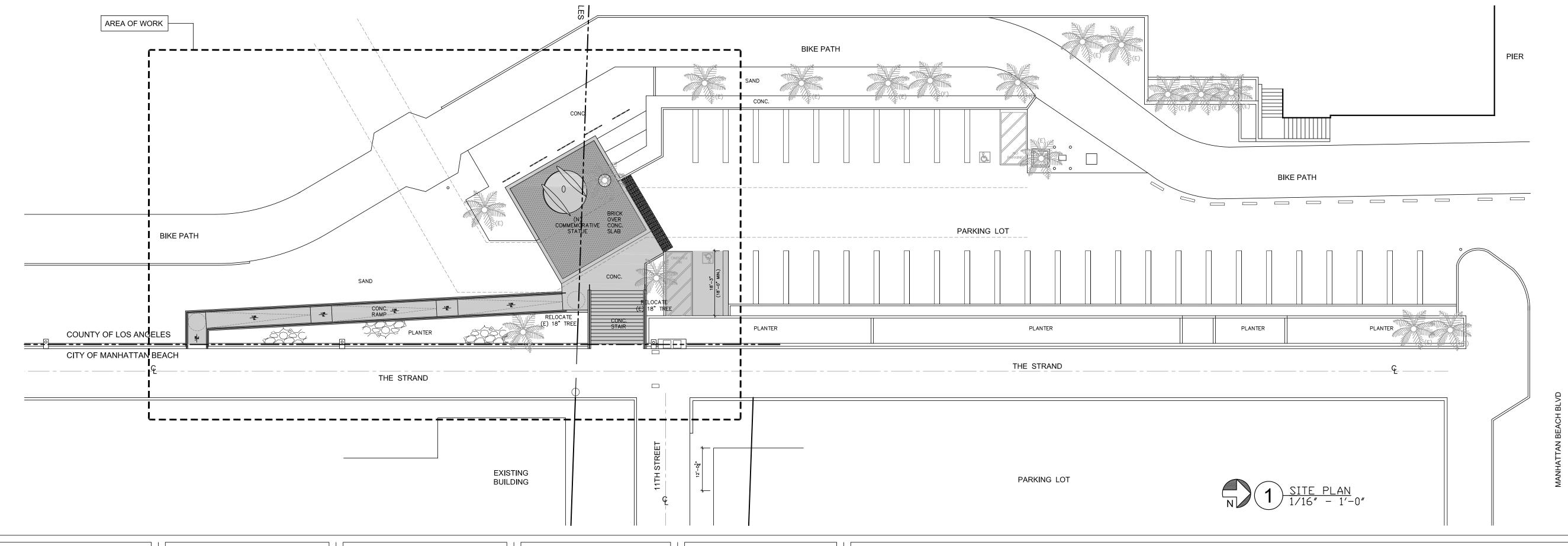
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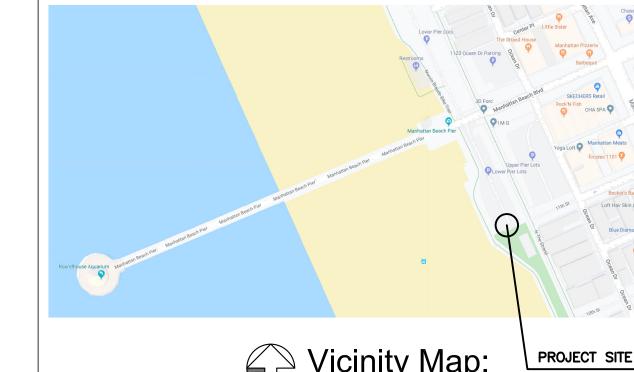
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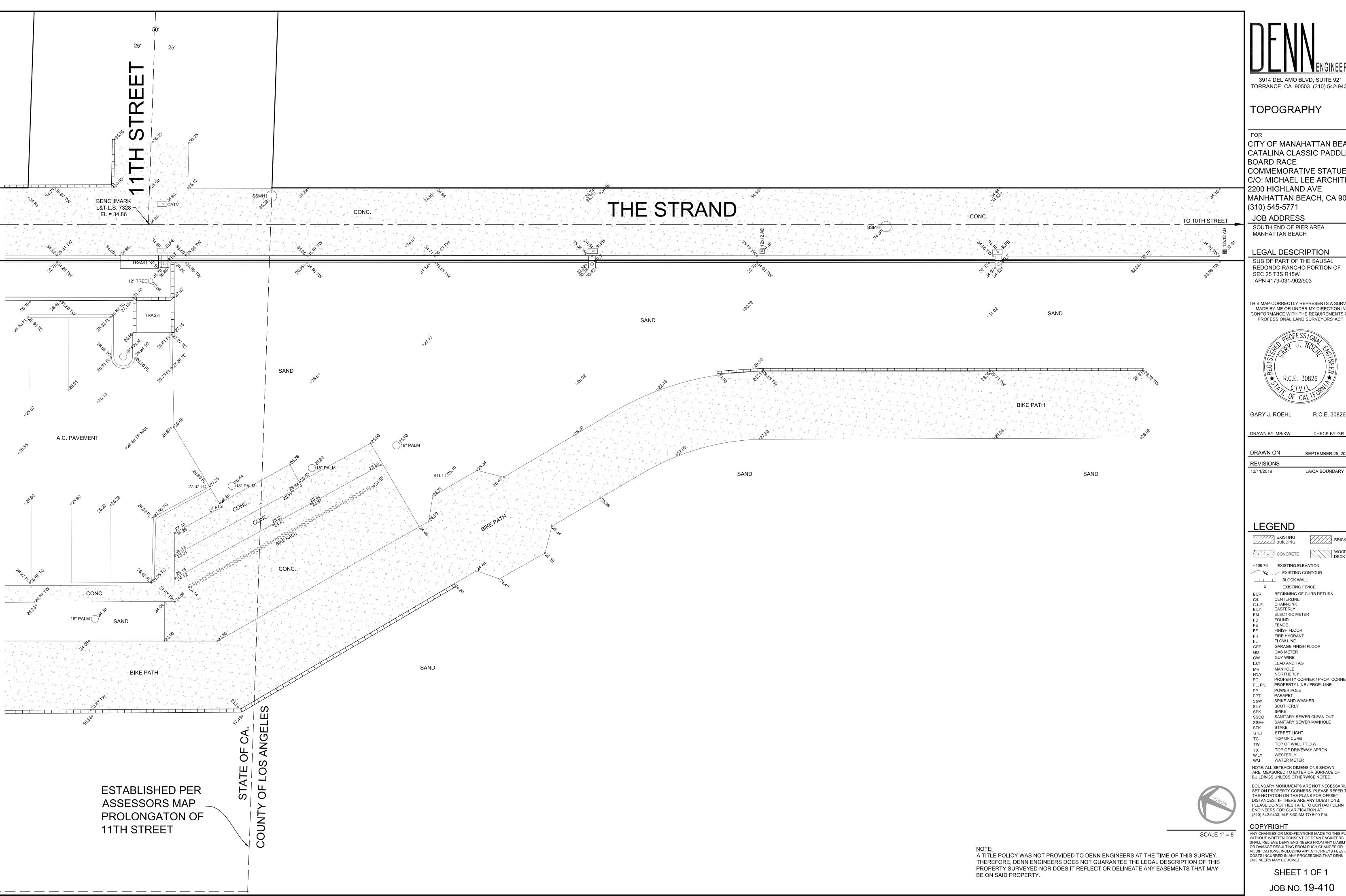
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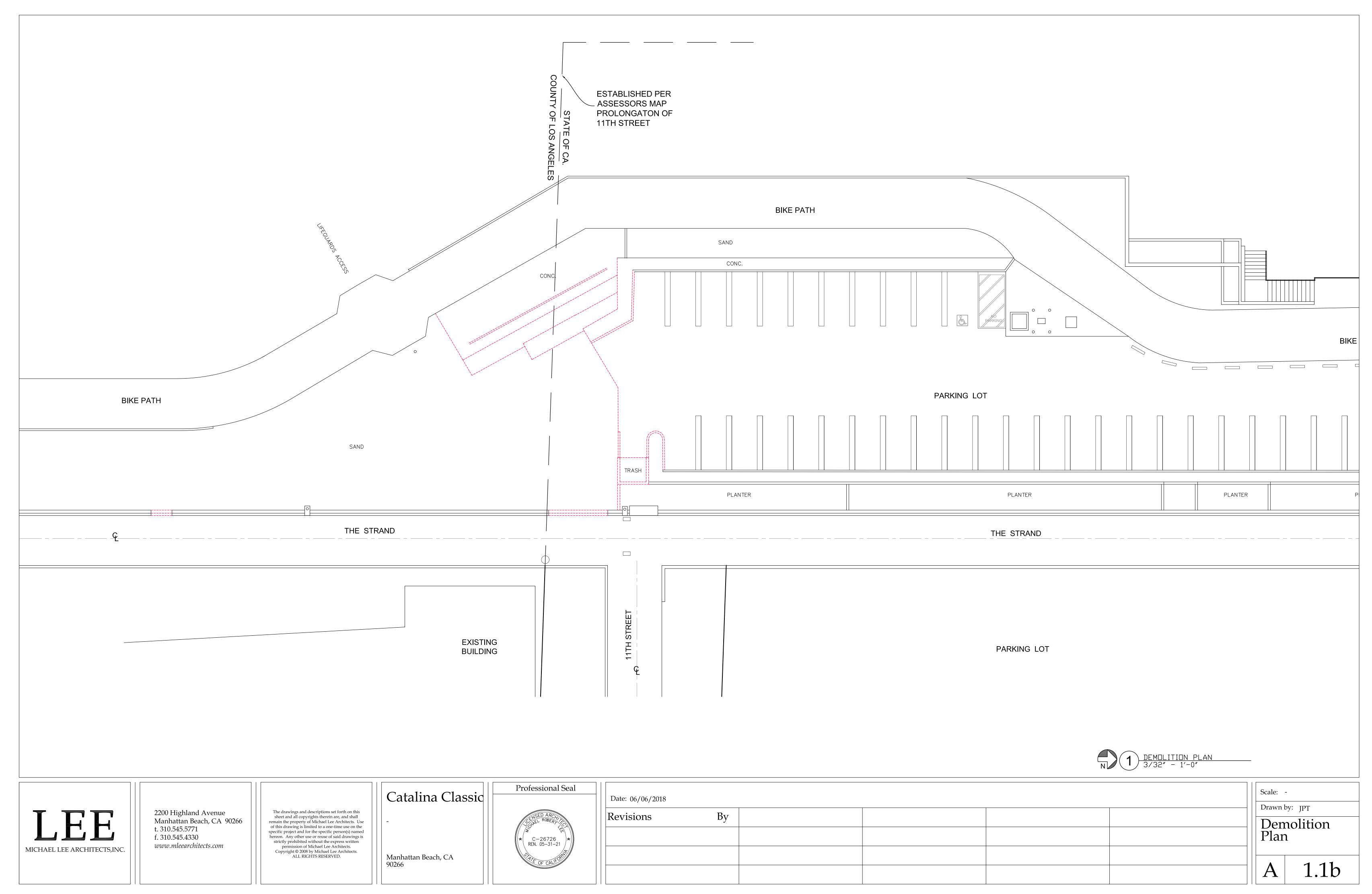
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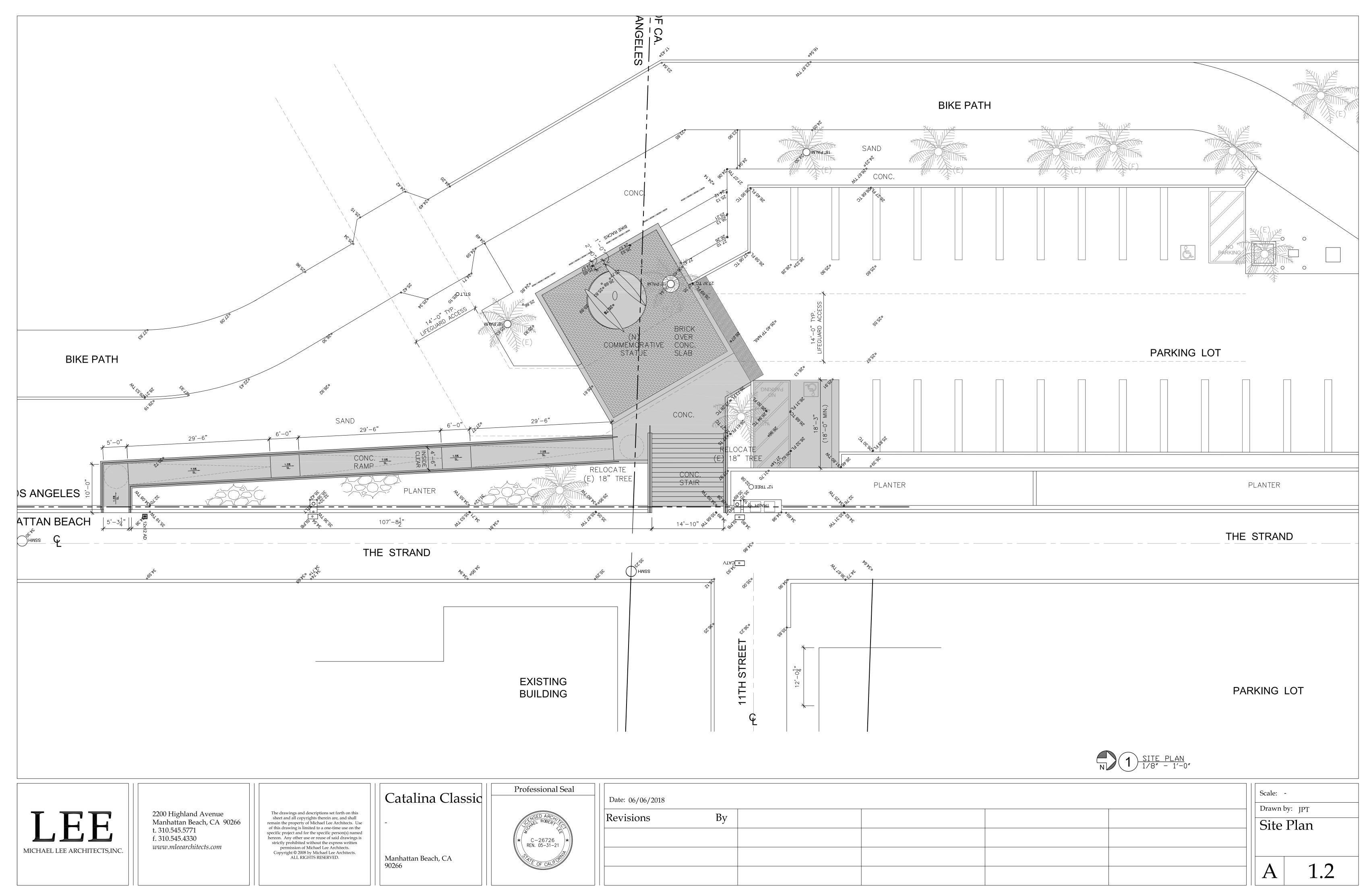
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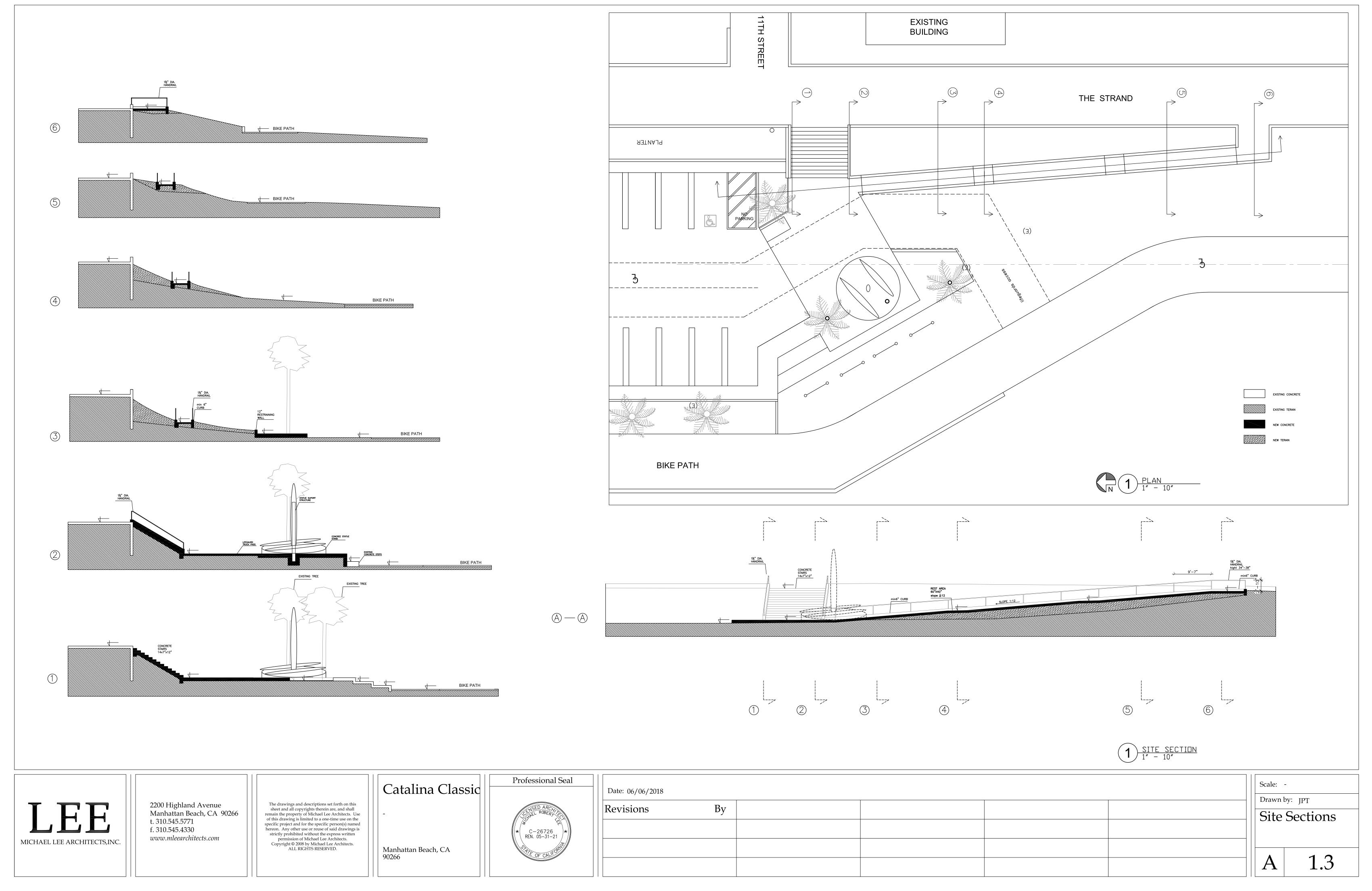
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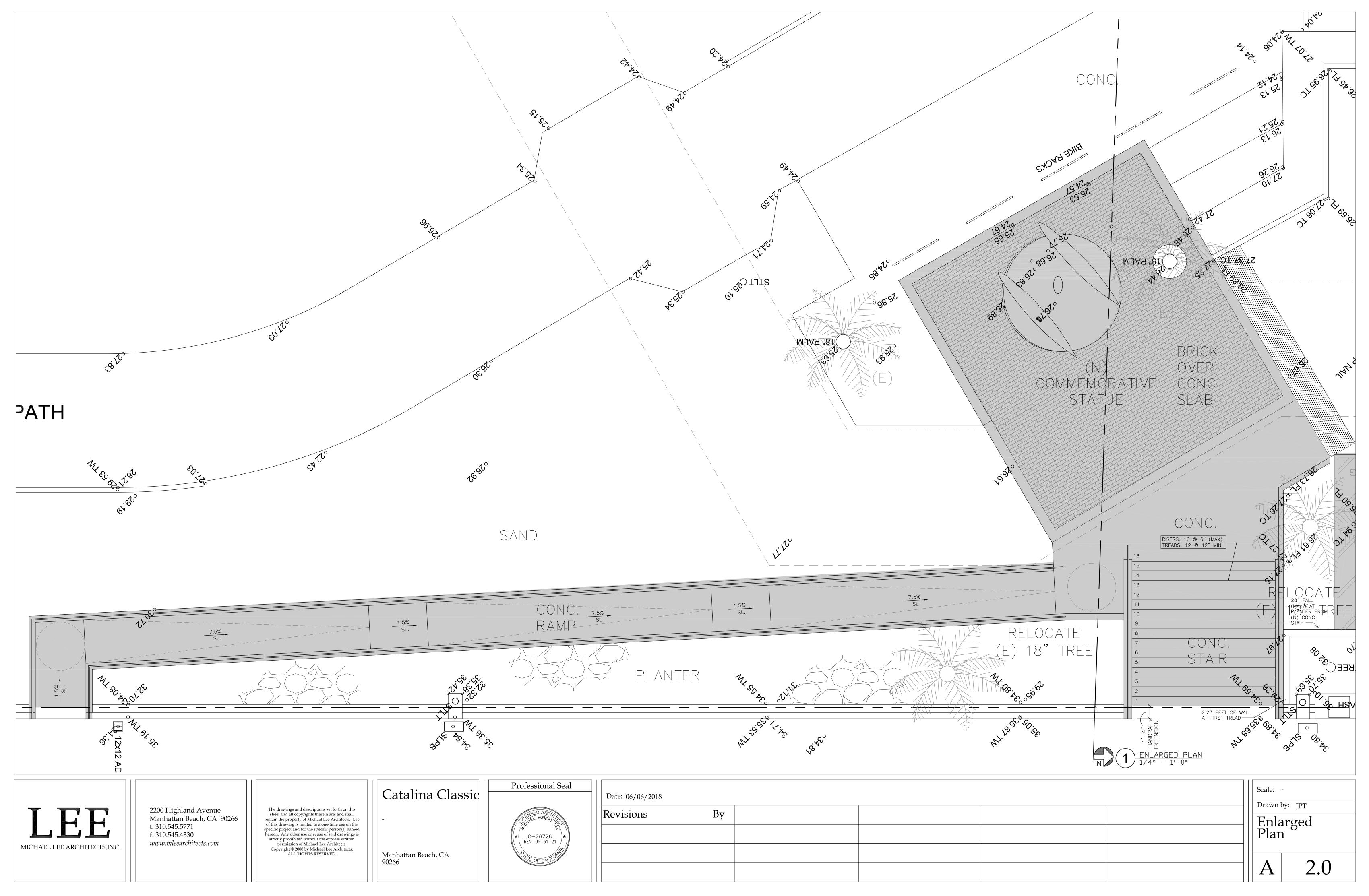
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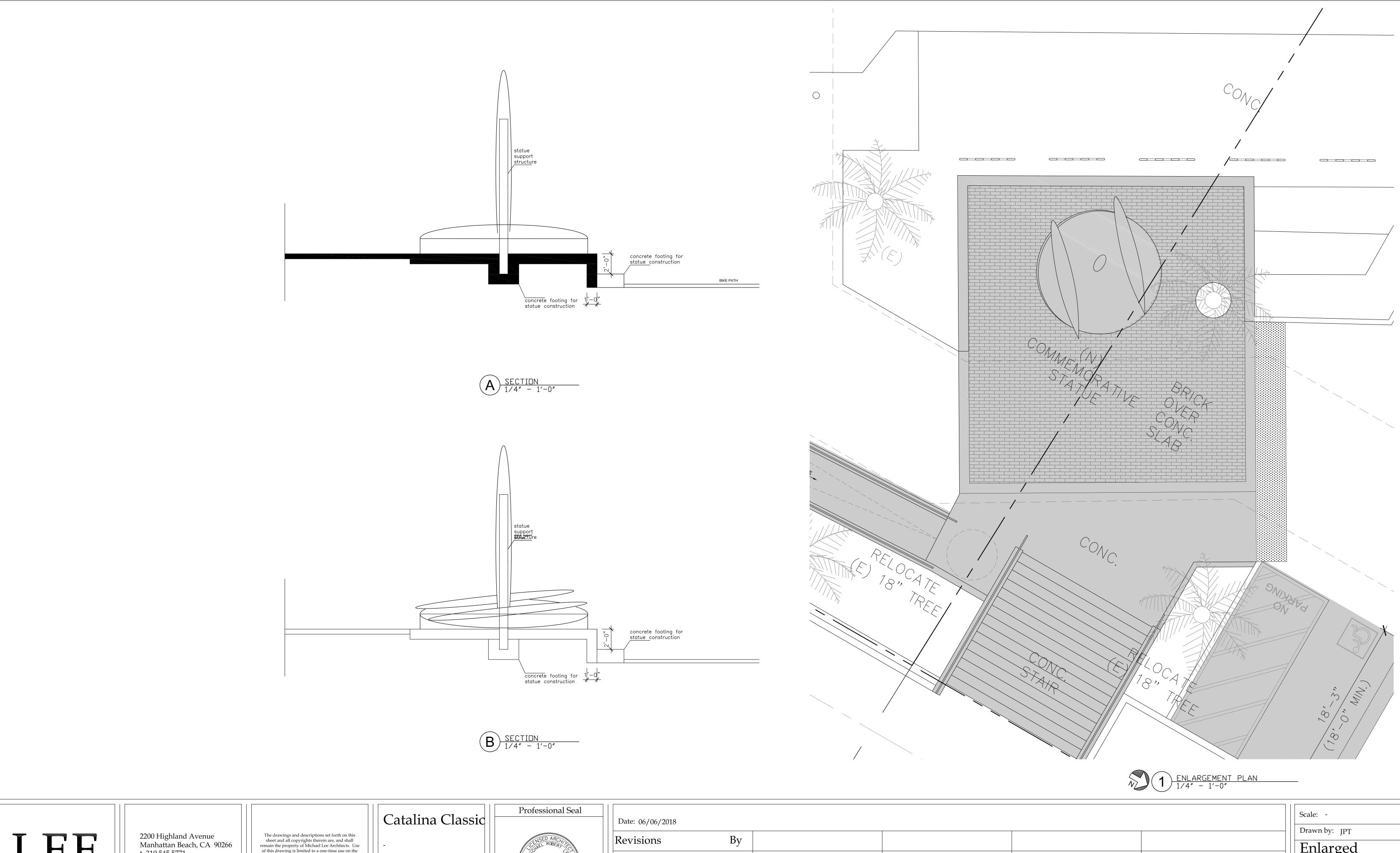
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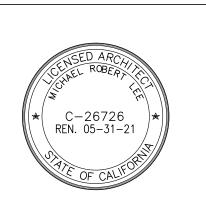
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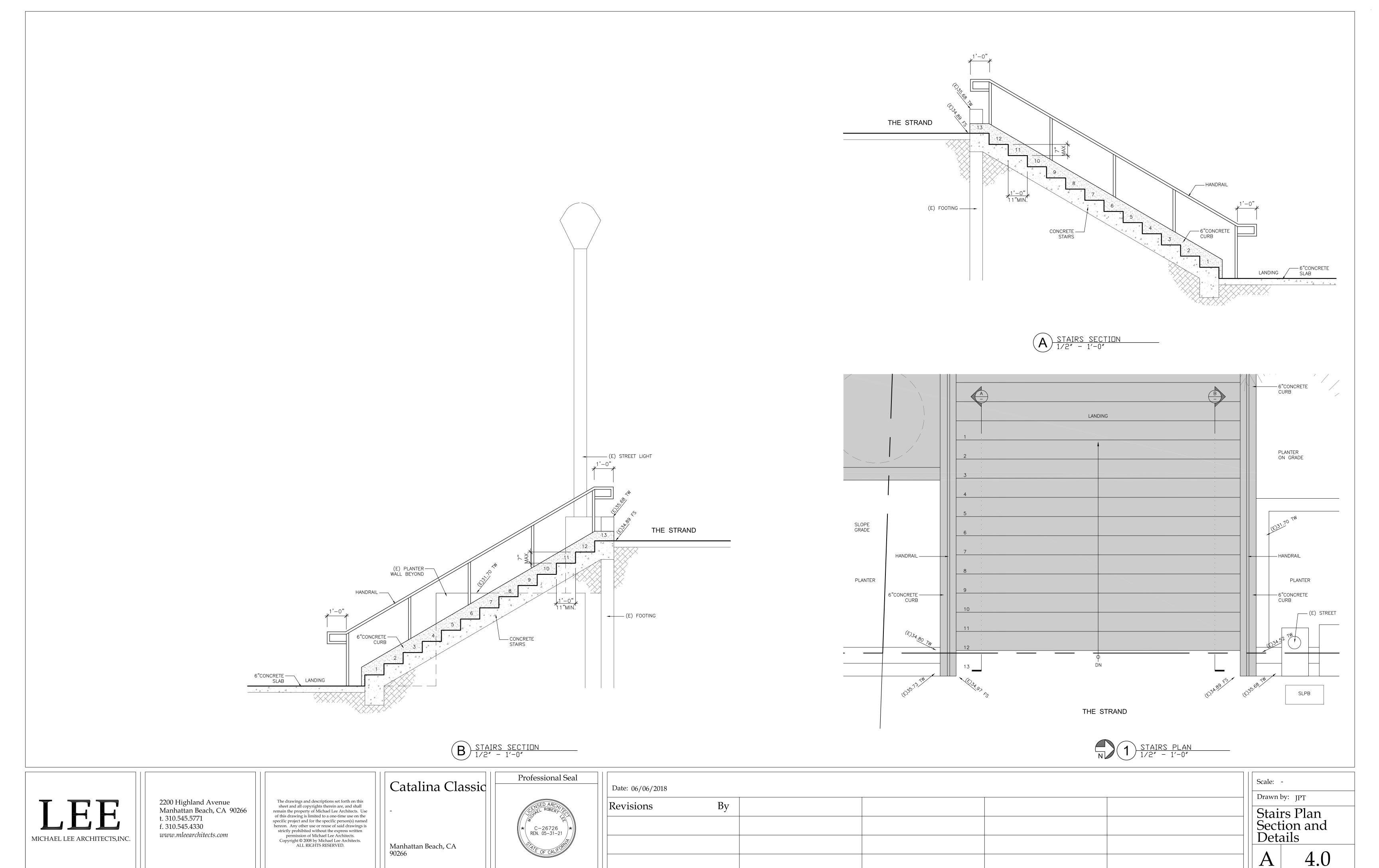
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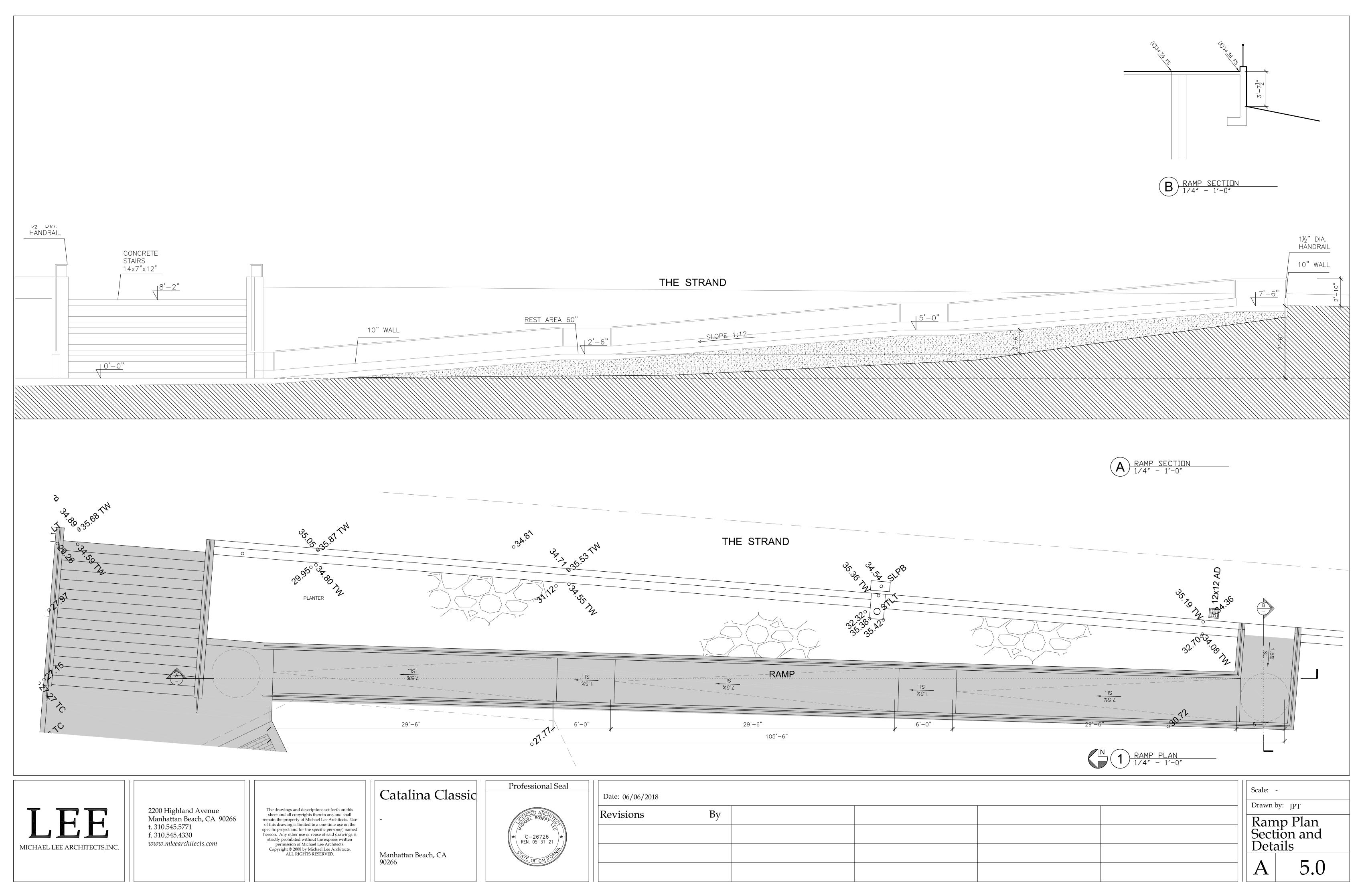
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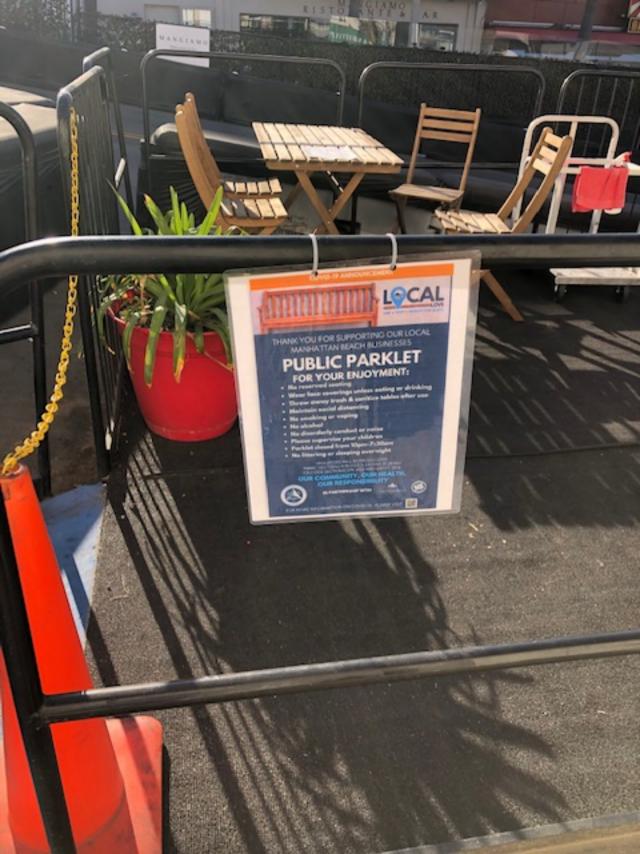


From: Charles <csouthey73@gmail.com>
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Team, this is just a brilliant solution! Well done!



From:	chris druliner <druluggage@yahoo.com></druluggage@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:03 PM
To:	List - City Council
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member,

Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you!

Thank You,

Chris Druliner Sr. Account Manager Mizuho OSI

Sent from my iPhone so please pardon any type-o's

From: Lance Honea <lance.honea@yahoo.com>
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To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue Funding

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The Catalina Classic is a part of our city's history, a part of our city's fabric, and an event that happens each year. Let's honor these athletic, adventurous, strong, hardworking, watermen by placing a statue in their honor. Please vote YES to fund this important project.

Sincerely,

Lance Honea 857 8th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

From:	Kevin Neal <kevinmneal@yahoo.com></kevinmneal@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:45 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member,

Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jay Gleason <jay@insitefulpros.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:39 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support For Statue

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Please support the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue!!! Catalinaclassicstatue.org

Jay Gleason Insitefulpros.com

From: Andy Dellenbach <andydellenbach@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:34 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Sculpture

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Dear MB City Council – Growing up in Manhattan Beach and recreating in our local ocean and on our beach has been an amazing experience. Our ocean and beach are one of our greatest and most valuable resources. Manhattan Beach and the MB Pier are the finishing line for the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race. I fully support the MB city council allocating funding to support the creation of the Catalina Classic Commemorative sculpture designed by legendary South Bay surfer Chris Barela.

Thank you, Andy Dellenbach Robinson-Center-Mira Costa graduate

From: kpbate@yahoo.com

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:31 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member, Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund. Thank you!

From: Dan Flynn <danflynn4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:09 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member,

Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you!
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From: Karin Coye <kkcoye@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:10 PM

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Thank you!

-Karin Coye

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jason Weber <weberjaj@gmail.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:26 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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Dear Manhattan Beach City council members,

I'm writing to you today in support of funding for the statue honoring the Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race.

I'm both a lifelong Manhattan Beach resident and 10 time Catalina Classic finisher. I believe the statue will not only honor the history of the race and paddle community, but will also inspire people to enjoy the ocean and see that anything is possible--even paddling 32 miles from Catalina to the Manhattan Beach Pier with your own bare hands!

Thank you for your time, Jason Weber

From: Matt Walls <mattwalls16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:11 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Matt Walls and I am a lifelong resident of Hermosa Beach and a graduate of Mira Costa High School. I wanted to reach out today and thank you for considering building a statue honoring all of the finishers of the Catalina Classic. Growing up a surfer here in the South Bay all the surfers I looked up to all had paddled and finished the Catalina Classic. It is a true rite of passage here in the South Bay. Never did I think I would still be racing the race when I was 53 years old. The race has played a huge roll in my life and the lives of all of my friends for the past 25 years. The race is such a positive authentic Manhattan Beach event and is something the City should be very proud of. Paddlers from all over the world travel to Manhattan Beach to compete in the Catalina Classic, the most historic paddle board race in the world.

Thank you for your consideration,

Have a great day,

Matt Walls 55 16th Street Hermosa Beach, Ca

From: Jhermbch < jhermbch@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:41 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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To the Manhattan Beach City Council,

My name is Jay Russell and I'm writing you in regards to this evening's City Council meeting and discussion for funding of the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue. I am a Mira Costa High School graduate and a 17X Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race finisher. So, as you probably can assume, this community, race and statue are dear to my heart!

This statue will beautifully represent a race that is unique to our culture and lifestyle, not only in Manhattan Beach, but throughout the South Bay. For most of us that have grown up here, and surfed our local beaches, racing and completing the Catalina Classic is a rite of passage. This "Rite" still runs strong among our young ocean athletes. I've mentored a few young surfers throughout the years that have raced and done quite well in the Classic. I'm currently training with two female Mira Costa High School students who plan on competing this coming summer. This statue will not only be something for those of us that have completed this race to look upon with pride, but will provide as a source of motivation for our youth to leave their own mark in the channel.

I truly believe this statue will not only serve as a source of pride for the residents of Manhattan Beach, but will represent another exceptional aspect of the city and our lifestyle as tourists gaze upon it. Aside from the pier, I'd be very surprise if it doesn't become the 2nd most photographed landmark in the city! I can also tell you that it's already serving as a source of jealousy. I've talked with friends and fellow paddlers in the OC, San Diego and over in Hawaii, and after seeing the artist renderings...they couldn't stop talking about it without envy!

Thank you for your time and I look forward to the results of tonight's meeting!

Sincerely,

Jay Russell

From: Morse, Patrick <pmorse958@g.rwu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:32 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365

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Good Morning,

I wanted to take a minute to write to the Council about the Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race Statue and its significance.

11 years ago I took a vacation to the Southbay and had the opportunity to surf some amazing waves, followed by hiking Mount Baldy, and being back in time for dinner in Manhattan Beach. The combination of City, Beach, and Mountains was something I had never experienced before.

I grew up surfing the fickle, cold waves in the Northeast and chased snow into New Hampshire and Vermont.

Once I got a feeling for the Southbay I quickly realized this is where I wanted to build my life. I packed my bags, moved across the country and started a new chapter of my life. I wish I could say the adjustment was easy and I felt at home right away, but, with any big change, the adjustment took time.

I often felt like an outsider, not able to work my way into the community. I wondered if I should pack my bags and head home to the people that knew me.

One summer afternoon I was surfing in front of 16th Street in Hermosa Beach when Jay Russle and a crew of paddlers showed up for their evening workout. Jay invited me to join the workout and use his board. At the end of the workout I asked everyone what this sport was, what were they training for. Someone pointed out into the ocean towards Catalina Island and said, "That, we are training for that!".

Fast forward a year and I was able to purchase a prone paddleboard from a friend and begin training.

I crossed the channel for my first time in 2017 and have done so each year since. I started paddling solo and over the course of time found training partners that turned into friends, and friends that turned into family. The sport of prone paddling and the catalina classic brought me a sense of community and belonging, it challenged me both in and out of the water, and ultimately made me feel at home in the Southbay.

I dont think I could ever find the right words to convey how I feel about the sport of prone paddling, the catalina classic or the south bay community...but the thought of a statue commemorating all of those who have challenged themselves or the thought that this statue might motivate others within the community to challenge and better themselves is pretty special.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Patrick K. Morse pmorse958@g.rwu.edu 781-264-7612

From: janette ocampo <janetteocampo@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:10 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365

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Dear City Council,

I am writing you to let you know that I am in support of the statue honoring the Catalina Classic. This race is a long time tradition in our community. It creates community in our neighborhoods, promotes a healthy lifestyle, awareness to our ocean and it is honorable for the participants to be able to finish this grueling and fatiguing race.

Best Regards, Janette Ocampo Peter Ocampo 105 Bayview Dr., MB

Sent from Outlook

From: Kevin Coye <kevcoye@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:50 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue: Agenda Item #20-0365 -

December 15, 2020 City Council Meeting

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I am writing to the members of the Manhattan Beach City Council to graciously ask for their support in funding the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue. As a member of the paddling community, a competitor in the Classic, and a resident of the Southbay community I couldn't be happier to potentially see an installment at the foot of the pier which reflects so much history and tradition, as this particular one does. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kevin Coye Kevcoye@me.com (310)902-7519

Smile Laugh & Live

From: Sheehan Chris <chris.sheehan9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:39 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

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Hi Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing in support of the construction of the Catalina Classic statue. I am a born and raised Manhattan Beach native, have completed the Classic 3 times and escorted it many times. It is truly one of the cornerstones of this city's beach, surf and lifeguarding heritage and this statue would be emblematic of the blood, sweat and tears that every paddler, escort, lifeguard and volunteer puts in to this grueling race every year.

Please count this email as support for this project and I look forward to seeing this amazing piece of artwork created by local and lifelong Manhattan Beach residents at some point down by the Pier!

Chris Sheehan 2516 Palm Avenue Manhattan Beach 562.688.8502 chris.sheehan9@gmail.com

From: Kelly Zaun < Kelly@kbinsurance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:08 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

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Hello!

I have raced in the Catalina Classic two times, and it has been life changing for me. It was something that I grew up aspiring to accomplish, and crossing the finish line both times have been the highlights of my life. This statue would be such a great thing for kids and all people to see the feat that these paddlers have accomplished.

I know I will be proud to take my kids down to that statue someday.

Thank you!!!

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From: Robert Harder <rtharder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:06 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

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Councilmembers.

It is my honor to support the great men and women that have gone before and will be the future of the unique event that is the Catalina Classic.

I have happily been a part of this group of paddlers for nearly 30 years and will continue to do so as it has become part of my life just as the event and people are an important part of Manhattan Beach and the entire South Bay/Southern CA.

Please consider this request from the South Bay Boardriders Club for the City to Purchase the 20-0365 Catalina Classic Paddleboard Statue from the Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you very much for your support and leadership.

Robert T Harder Manhattan Beach

From: Matt Singley <singleymatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:02 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding For Statue Honoring Catalina Classic

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Hello,

I'm writing in regards to Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race - Agenda Item #20-0365...I believe this statue would be an amazing tribute to the time honored Catalina Classic Race commemorating the paddlers, organizers, and community of Water-men and Water-women who have participated over the years...

The race has been a time honored tradition to not only our South Bay Community but has extended all over the world to paddlers from many countries looking to test their skills in one of the most challenging ocean races...

Thank you for your consideration...

Best, Matt

Matt Singley

Los Angeles | NorCal | PNW Phone: 310.748.7196

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From: Joel Bloom <joel.bloom@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:42 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue: Agenda Item #20-0365

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to voice my vote IN FAVOR of this amazing commemorative statue, for a sport that is near and dear to the South Bay community. As a dedicated prone paddler, seeing this statue evokes love for the sport, pride, respect for hard work, and achievement of great things. It would do nothing more than beautify the community, bring awareness to one of the most revered races in the world, and just overall add greatness and uniqueness to the Manhattan Beach pier area.

Please consider this one more vote, imploring the city council to move forward with this beautiful art installation.

Joel Bloom UNLIMITED www.strenghtonwater.com Direct 310.560.0691

From: Aaron Osten <AOsten@gbw.law>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:40 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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Council, this letter is in support of funding the Catalina Classic statue. The Catalina classic is the most prestigious traditional paddleboard race in the world, and it's literally in our backyard. The race draws unique characters from around the globe, demands months of prep and tests the mental and physical limits of everyone who competes. The race truly brings out emotions from everyone, young and old. As an 8-time finisher of the paddle, I can say this with certainty. To honor this accomplishment with the statue is the perfect way to capture the tradition and promote this historic race for our City. We should embrace this opportunity to highlight the classic!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Katie Shea <sheakatie@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:16 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes on commemorative funds

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I vote yes for funding of art statue

From: Loralie Ogden <logden456@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:15 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Loans and Sand Dune Park Signage

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Happy Holidays to all of you and thank you for your service.

Since I don't know who to reach out to regarding the directional signage in Sand Dune, I'm going to ask you to forward this message. Someone has torn down the brilliant directional signage and mask notification at all the entrances and exits around the park and various stairs and ramps. It was very helpful in keeping us safe. Please ask someone to replace it as soon as possible.

I read the article about the City loan to small businesses in MB. I fully support that idea! I hope it's interest free and a meaningful amount. I also hope you have reached out to the landlords asking them to defer the rents to the back end of the leases or, at minimum, reduce the rents temporarily during the time.

Keep those ideas coming!

Best, Loralie Ogden

From: Pam Sousa <pam@jimmymillerfoundation.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:47 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue purchase and Installation

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Dear City Council,

I vote YES for funds to be allocated to purchase and support the installation of the Catalina Classic statue created by Chris Barela.

Thank you, Pam Sousa Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation 907.491.4652

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Gene Rink < gene443@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:14 AM
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To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue Support

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To the honorable members of the Manhattan Beach City Council.,

I write to give my support to the proposed statue commemorating the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race at the Manhattan Beach Pier.

As a previous participant in the Catalina Classic, longtime Ocean lifeguard and public Servant to LA County Fire Dept for over 30 years, I now serve on the Board of the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race.

The statue would commemorate far more than the racers depicted in the bronze, the Catalina Classic celebrates every participant who crosses the channel and is a testament to the endurance, perseverance and teamwork that allows them to cross. No one does it alone, and all who participate are honored.

Manhattan Beach is the origin of this unique sport. Athletes around the world recognize the historical significance of Manhattan Beach in Paddleboarding history.

As Newport, Rhode Island is to America's Cup Sailing, Princeton, NJ is to US Crew Rowing, so Manhattan Beach CA is the original home of Paddleboarding in the US.

The statue would honor Manhattan Beach as well as the athletes themselves, cementing the town's role in History and it's significance to Ocean Sports.

Sincerely,

Gene C Rink

From: Jake <jakemiller28@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:15 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

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I am in support of funding the statue honoring Catalina classic paddle board race. I grew up in Manhattan Beach and would always attend the finish of this historic watermans race. I am now an Ocean Lifeguard and have worked at the Manhattan Beach pier for the past 5 summers and competed in the race 4 times as well. I think it is important to continue to foster the growth and development of our youth by encouraging them to get in the water and aspire to one day compete in the race like I once did. Please allocate funding for this statue!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruce Timmer

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:39 AM

To: John & Ann MacEachern; List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statute!

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John,

Have you seen Doug Weeks' Facebook post asking for support for a bronze statue recognizing the Catalina Classic? I think it's a great idea and I'm going to email the MB City Council letting them know I support this! I'm sure you and your son Mark do too as he has done the Catalina Classic more than once!

Bruce Timmer

3D printed model of what will be a life size bronze statue created by local surf legend and MCHS grad Chris Barela and installed on the sand lot south of lower MB Pier parking lot. SBBC has been working on this project since 2016 to commemorate all the women and men paddlers who have completed the 32 mile open ocean Catalina Classic Paddleboard race, originated in 1955. Tuesday, Dec 15th, MB City Council will vote on allocating funds from the city's Art fund to help pay for the statue. We need your support! Please email citycouncil@citymb.info to encourage them to allocate funds to this project. Thank you! @catalinaclassic @oceansprone @pronepaddlers @thepronezone_shop @barkboards @miletwentytwo @newportbeachpaddlecoalition @southbay_prone @lacolifeguards @molokai2oahu #southbaystrong @chrisbarela

From: Misha Di Bono <mishadibono@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:47 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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This is a time honored amazing event that encourages inspires and transforms watermen of all ages! Please let build this statue and honor the sport for years to come.

Sincerely

Misha Di Bono

Born and raised in Manhattan Beach

From: Nancy Miller <nancy@jimmymillerfoundation.org>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:51 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Paddle Statue

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As a South Bay Community member, the Co-Founder of the Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation, and mom of two Catalina finishers, I hope you will vote yes for the beautiful statue that represents all of the men and women who have made that incredible journey. It's a gift to the community and will always be a reminder of Jimmy and Jeff and all their friends who put their hearts and souls into that grueling challenge.

Thank you for considering this positive remembrance for the ages.

Nancy Miller Co-Founder Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation nancy@jimmymillerfoundation.org 310-266-0400 Sent from my iPhone

From: William Stavropoulos <wstavrop@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:59 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] We support the Catalina classic commemorative statue

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We support the use of funds from the art fund to create the Catalina classic commemorative statue!

Best,
Jane and William Stavropoulos
~29 year residents

From: Macy McKeegan <macymck@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:01 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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Dear members of the MB City Council,

My name is Macy McKeegan and I'm a local swimmer, surfer, and paddler. I just wanted to send over my support for the Catalina Classic statue being worked on in Manhattan Beach. I've known about the statue for a while now, as my dad has been working on it, and it's truly something that I'm proud of, both as a daughter and as a local waterman.

I've had my fair share of experience with both the Classic race and prone paddling in general. My dad inspired me to start, welcoming me into a community full of dedicated, impressive, and welcoming athletes, all eager to introduce me to a sport that may not be well-known, but is certainly beloved by the people who compete in it. These paddlers pushed me to compete on relay teams in both the Rock 2 Rock as well as the Catalina Crossing race.

This is a sport, and a race that I am proud to be affiliated with. I think a statue commemorating the competitors of this race is a brilliant representation of what Manhattan Beach is all about- hardwork, good-naturedness, and of course, everything ocean related:)

Best, Macy M.

From: Christy Miller <christymil@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:20 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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Dear MB Council Members,

My family is in support of the Statue Honoring the Catalina Paddleboard Race. We've been residents of MB for almost 40 years. My two sons, Bryce and Jake Miller, both completed the Catalina Classic in 2016-2019 years. Jake finished with a 3rd place and 5th place finish. The Catalina Classic is almost a right of passive for young men who have grown up surfing, paddling and participating in the Junior Guard Program. We see prone paddlers out in the ocean training for this race 10 months out of the 12 months. The amount of training, commitment and will to want to paddle this 32 mile race should be honored. To be on the ocean from 6-8 hours paddling from the isthmus to Manhattan Beach is not easy. A statue commemorating this yearly event would be welcomed.

Thank you! Christy and Doug Miller 229 27th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

From: Charles Southey <charlessouthey@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:50 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fully Support Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue

Importance: High

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Dear Council,

I am writing to support the allocations of MB's Art Fund to support the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue. Although I am not a participant, I am in awe of every participant. This event is unique to our great city and we should celebrate it! Our Art Fund has the opportunity to bring some culture to our town while inspiring young and old as well as reinforce that our beautiful city has a very unique history.

Thanks,

Charles Southey

From: Doug <douglaurin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Doug <douglaurin@yahoo.com>
Monday, December 14, 2020 4:39 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina classic commemorative statue

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am very supportive of using money in the art fund for the Catalina classic commemorative statue. The paddle is unique to our community and many people have been involved in the race over all these years. The statue would serve to commemorate everybody involved in this amazing tradition.

Thank you

Doug Laurin Sales Director Lumen Technologies 310 739 3249

From: adam.buckley@yahoo.com

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:28 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365

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Hello City Council,

I wanted to write and let you know that me and my family strongly supports the Catalina Classic Paddleboard commemorative statue. I grew up in Manhattan Beach, surfing and being a long time MB jr lifeguard - and the Catalina paddleboard race was this awe inspiring mythic feat that we grew up hearing about and witnessing the older generation we looked up to finishing. As an adult, I was able to compete in the race and learned so much more about the time and work it took to compete and this race, and how much respect the race had around the world with ocean lovers and athletes. Not too mention how special it is to actually finish and the great people that surround this race and it's history.

We have donated to the statue project and plan on doing so again. I know this race is respected by all in the South Bay and this would be such an amazing tribute to the history, tradition and uniqueness of this ocean marathon. Please approve this project.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Adam Buckley & Family (310) 383-2997 adam.buckley@yahoo.com

From: Rebecca Inskeep <beckyinskeep@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:16 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365.

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The Catalina Classic is an amazing race by both men and women. I've gone to the Manhattan Beach Pier for years to watch the athletes paddle to the finish line. It amazes me how strong they are both physically and mentally. I believe a statue honoring this race would be a wonderful addition to the city.

Thanks,

Rebecca Inskeep

From: Tim Ritter <tritter60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:10 PM
To: List - City Council; Tom Horton; Tom Horton
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Pier statue

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Members of the MB city council,

My name is Tim Ritter. My family has been MB residents for over 100 years. I am reaching out to you to help fund the paddleboard statue proposed at the MB pier in conjunction with the South Bay Board Riders Club Manhattan Beach is the birthplace of organized long distance paddleboard racing in the United States and the World. This piece of art designed by Chris Barela will stand as a iconic legend praising the athletes that have completed the grueling 32 mile trek from Catalina to the MB pier. This is ocean and beach culture that we are all proud of. I would like to see this great sport celebrated with this art piece so locals and tourists alike can have a understanding of its unique history born in Manhattan Beach. Please consider funding the balance of the piece to make this come to fruition.

Thank you, Tim Ritter Race Chairman Hennesseys Paddleboard Race Series

Sent from my iPhone

From: Troy Campbell <thetactical1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:07 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paddle boarders Commemorative statue

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Please vote in favor of the paddleboard's commemorative statue as it will be a pleasant sight for all to view in the beach area Sent from my iPhone

From: Casey Annis <cmannis@parabolicapub.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:17 PM

To: List - City Council

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To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to take this opportunity to strongly encourage the City Council to vote to support the Catalina Classic statue currently under consideration. With a history that dates back to the 1920s, this grueling test of a waterman's endurance is a unique, global event inextricably linked with the city of Manhattan Beach and it's iconic pier. While perhaps not on the scale of a professional sport, this event has brought honor and name recognition to Manhattan Beach from ocean enthusiasts all over the globe. The installation of this stylish memorial would both honor that long history and perpetuate it far into the future.

I strongly encourage you to support this project.

Sincerely, Casey

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From: marcella piersol <marcella.piersol@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:36 PM

To: List - City Council **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Art funds

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On behalf of our entire Southbay community please allocate art funds towards the Prone paddle statute that has been proposed.

In Fitness there is Strength!! Sent by Marcella.

From: Donald McVicar <donald@domorealestate.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:35 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue Funds

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Appreciate your support in putting finds towards this terrific, appropriate statue by the pier in MB. Thank you Donald

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From: Elaine Keller <elainemkeller@me.com>
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Dear Council Members,

Thank you in advance for your support of the statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race.

Beautiful, meaningful art on display for the public and tourists alike creates an iconic South Bay vibe. We live in the South Bay for the beauty of the ocean and ocean sports. Let's reflect our lifestyle in our community art.

The statue is well balanced in its participator representation, and reflects well on the many years the race has been in existence.

Please support the funding of this project.

Flaine Keller

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From: Chastel Tamaye <chastelt@icloud.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Art monument

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Hello,

I believe the monument would be a great addition to the city and encourage to allocate funds to this project.

Mahalo

Sent from my iPhone

From: Frank Stepczyk Jr <frankstep17@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:57 AM

To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Art Project

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MB City Council,

As a lifelong resident of Manhattan Beach since 1972, I appreciate your service on MB City Council.

The purpose of my email is to encourage MB City Council to vote for the allocation of funding to help pay for the Art Project at the base of the Manhattan Beach Pier, commemorating the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race.

Manhattan Beach has a rich tradition of hosting the Finish of this World Famous Event since 1955.

The artist's rendition is truly tasteful and pays homage to decades of superior watermen/women that have crossed the Channel from Catalina to Manhattan Beach.

Chris Barela has been a local living surf legend in his own right, but has a keen understanding of capturing the spirit of the event and the competitors.

Here's to living with more "Aloha Spirit" in Manhattan Beach and thank you for your consideration.

Best, Frank M. Stepczyk, Jr. Frankstep17@verizon.net

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From: Merrill , Cameron @ @ South Bay <Cameron.Merrill@cbre.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:57 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365

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Goodmorning,

I'm writing you today to request your support for the Catalina Classic Memorial Commemorative Statue. As a long time Manhattan Beach resident, and a 5 time Catalina Classic Finisher, I think that this statue should be part of Manhattan Beach's history. The Catalina has since 1955. I think it will drive conversation about the historic event, increase community togetherness, as a place to remember one of the most historic things in Southbay, a right of passage into the world of the waterman/woman. I along with all my paddling brothers and sisters hope you will allow this statue to be remembered for generations to come, and all the new memories that will go along with it, and the history of Manhattan Beach.

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Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:54 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] New monument

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Hello,

I believe the monument would be a great addition to the city and encourage to allocate funds to this project. Thank you.

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:16 AM

To: robertbush @dslextreme.com

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COVID-19 – Junk Science by Robert Bush

Junk – worthless things We have Junk Food, Junk Mail, Junk Bonds (Michael Milken) and Junk Science.

Junk Science isn't found in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) courses taught in the MBUSD schools.

Sweden & Great Barrington Declaration — Herd Immunity and Anti-maskers and Anti-vaxxers (Anti-vaccine) are prime examples of Junk Science used in the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Sweden & Great Barrington Declaration – Herd Immunity **Covid-19: Sweden's herd immunity strategy has failed, hospitals inundated.**

Great Barrington Declaration's argument in favor of herd immunity — a stance which would protect the most vulnerable while allowing a certain percentage of the otherwise healthy population to become infected with COVID-19, thereby eventually stopping its spread.

Anti-vaxxers (Anti-vaccine) believe certain vaccines are unsafe, with their chief worry appearing to be that the MMR vaccine causes autism, a claim which stems from research by British former doctor Andrew Wakefield. Andrew Jeremy Wakefield (born 1957) is a British former physician and academic who was struck off the medical register due to his involvement in the Lancet MMR autism fraud, a 1998 study that falsely claimed a link between the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism.

Vaccination protects against these 14 diseases, which used to be prevalent in the United States. Polio, Tetanus, The Flu (Influenza), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Rubella, Hib, Measles, Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Pneumococcal Disease, Rotavirus, Mumps, Chickenpox and Diphtheria.

A whopping 63 percent of Americans surveyed said they would get an <u>FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine if</u> <u>offered</u>—a marked increase from 50 percent who answered affirmatively in September, according to a new poll released Tuesday by Gallup.

Dr. Anthony Fauci (member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force) said scientists are hoping for a vaccine that is 75 percent effective — but even a 50 or 60 percent success rate would be considered a win.

The leaders of the South Bay Cities - Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo **B**each, El Segundo, Palos Verdes and Torrance and Los Angeles County Supervisors should endorse the COVID-19 vaccine and state they are willing to take the vaccine injection. It will be a shot in the arm and a shot in the South Bay economy and health. L.A. County Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer, L.A. County Supervisors, Mayors, Councilmembers, City Attorney and Managers and School Board members should go on Zoom to show their approve of COVID-19 vaccine.

Orange County healthcare system 'in crisis' as COVID-19 hospitalizations hit recorAnti-maskers have caused problems in effort to control the COVID-19 Pandemic, especially in Orange County.

Dr. Nichole Quick (Orange County Health Director) who issued a mask mandate in late May requiring cloth facial coverings in public as the county eased its <u>coronavirus</u> restrictions, had received pushback on the order from officials and residents for three weeks. She's also received death threats and protesters have shown up to her family home.

After Dr. Nichole Quick's resignation, Orange County Supervisors stated that masks are optional and not mandated.

From: doug <doug@brosnanassociates.com> **Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 10:39 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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Dear City Council Members,

Regarding, Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race - Agenda Item #20-0365.

As a lifelong resident of the South Bay, and a member 9f the paddling community,, I really hope that you approve this amazing project. The CC is the most prestigious paddleboard race in the world and the proposed statue would be a great addition to the pier. MB should be proud to be the home of such a long standing event that finishes at our iconic MB pier.

Thank you in advance!

Doug Weems

From: Ed McKeegan <edmckeegan@meirealty.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:31 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

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Dear City Council Members;

The South Bay Boardriders Club (SBBC) over the past four years has spearheaded the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue Initiative.

But, before getting into this effort I want to introduce myself to the Council. I moved to Manhattan Beach in 1987 and while not a native I have come to enjoy the benefits of this wonderful "small town" community, initially as a young single man, then as a husband and perhaps most fulfilling as a father of two athletic daughters. My wife and I, both being athletic, raised our daughters to enjoy the benefits of athleticism on the pitch, in the pool, on the beach and in the ocean!

Through example we have encouraged our daughters to give back to their community in a way that they each feel inspired to do so. My wife and I chose to do so by coaching my daughters in their grade school and MBMS years and then becoming active participants in both the academic and athletic support groups at Mira Costa. I acted as Booster Club President for several clubs at Costa and eventually worked closely with Gary Wayland in transitioning the Manhattan Beach Athletic Foundation into MBX. Together, with the encouragement of the District, Gary and I, along with a great deal of dedicated MB parents, created the MBX Advisory Board where I served as it's Chairman for the initial 2 years. To this day the MBX Advisory Board oversees and supports the 36 +/- Mira Costa athletic and non-athletic Booster Clubs. I continue to serve on the MBX Board of Governors where we are active in supporting the District in running a summer school program, after school program, overseeing the booster clubs, and providing funding for large and small capital improvements at Costa.

Through the years I have also become close friends with not only those in the community who, like me, moved here, but with many who were born here and who's parents were born and raised in this community. Most had and have an affinity toward the ocean and enjoy the many wonders of our beach and sea. To them I owe a great debt of gratitude for getting me into surfing and ultimately paddle boarding.

Some twelve plus years ago I was invited by Derek Levy, a friend, to come to Tommy Horton's house one night to discuss the idea of creating an organization to promote surfing and the ocean environment. To my surprise, perhaps 100 locals showed up, and the South Bay Boardriders Club was born. While initially being solely focused on surfing, the Club as grown into the mandate of its mission statement: "dedicated to celebrating the rich history of the South Bay surfing culture, introducing families, youth, & our community to all aspects of ocean activities and being guardians of our local shoreline."! What this club has done in its short 10 years of existence is very impressive. Through the events we have put on (check it out @ https://southbayboardriders.com/) and the programs we have inspired we have supported young families in getting involved not only in ocean sports but learning of local traditions/history and how to care for this environment. Part of this has been to focus, through a variety of programs, on encouraging young ladies to become more active in the ocean community. For my part, Jim Sepanek, and I have run the Velzy Stevens Pier to Pier paddleboard race for the last 10 years. This event, mainly for young boys and girls who have participated in the LA County JGs program, encourages these young folks to get active in a competitive way. Perhaps because I have two daughters I have always pushed, cajoled, and motivated young ladies to do the race. The race has grown in numbers

throughout the years with the last race in 2019 being our largest in numbers (240 racers) and in the percentage of young girls who participated (40%)!

Through this Covid era, SBBC has stepped up in ways that I am very proud of. Through our Surfer Down program we have given over \$10,000 to folks in the community who were economically impacted by the pandemic; with our local surf shop partners we are in the midst of our first annual toy drive to support local organizations, our surf committee has organized its first virtual surf contest, and in conjunction with the Beach City's Health District we are beginning to discuss ways to support young adults who may experience drug addictions. And, as we are here before you the SBBC has over the past four years worked with local professionals, community, and political leaders on the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue Initiative to honor the athletes who have competed in the Catalina Classic Race, a uniquely Manhattan Beach race since 1955.

The Classic is the culmination of the race season, with events from Santa Cruz to San Diego and as far away as Hawaii. Competitors train for this race like no other and as such come together as an incredibly close knit community. Now 62, I have competed in this race over the past 6 years and have met some truly terrific people who I will be friends with for life. And, I am proud to say I have introduced my daughter to the sport and she has begun to train for and hopes to compete one day in the Classic! For a small glimpse into the race and the competitors check out this short video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RPluSp5JCc&feature=emb_title.

I have served on the committee that has spearheaded this effort and feel that it is one of the more important and lasting things that I have been involved with in this community. This Statue is about honoring those men and women who have competed in this race over the years, inspire those would-be future competitors, and acknowledge an important part of Manhattan Beach History. I can't think of a better way to do so than through the installation of this Iconic piece of art befitting of this town.

I apologize for the long-winded, perhaps unnecessary history that I have with Manhattan Beach, but I felt it was necessary to convey, perhaps a unique experience that I have had in my years here and my varied involvement in the community and in a small way give weight and reason to my support of this Statue. I hope the City Council is inspired to look favorably on allocating the Art Fund dollars to this piece of art; and perhaps as importantly to get on a paddle board one day and go for a paddle. I'd be honored to take any or all out!!!!!

Kind Regards

Edward J. McKeegan III, JD, CPM., CCIM.

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From: Peter DeAvila <pdeavila@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] ncil@citymb.info Please reference: Funding for statue honoring Catalina

Classic Prone Paddleboard Race - Agenda Item #20-0365.

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Hello,

I support the statue and all it represents as a 5x Catalina classic finisher and escort captain. This would be a beautiful piece to the community!!

To all who have come before and after in the ocean.

From: Stacy Rusher <rusher429@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:01 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council.

I am writing you in support of the proposed Catalina Classic Paddleboard Statue. I have seen the mock up and think it looks great, and represents the sport well.

I have spent some time paddling over the years and find it enjoyable. I would never aspire to do something such as the crossing, and greatly admire all of those who have done it. My husband has paddled the Classic 15 times and has shown me what a special sport and community it is.

The sport has been a part of the community since 1955 and deserves a statue that represents the sport and it's athletes.

I support it enough to donate to it's funding.

It is my hope that the City Council sees the support behind such a statue and stands behind it.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Stacy Rusher Manhattan Beach

From: Rodney Ellis <yendor.sille@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 7:06 AM

To: List - City Council

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Dear council,

My name is Rodney Ellis and I reside at 1214 1st Place in Hermosa Beach.

I am writing to express my support for Agenda item #20-0365 for a statue honoring the Catalina Classic Paddleboard race.

Regards, Rodney

From: Lars Viklund <lv90266@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 7:58 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race Statue

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Dear City Council.

I LOVE the idea of this bronze statue in Manhattan Beach. I grew up going down to the beach and watching the paddlers come in. Looking out at Catalina from the Manhattan Beach Pier I was always in awe of these amazing athletes. I never imagined that I could actually accomplish this, but put it on my bucket list and trained hard, qualified, and finished the 32 mile race a few years ago. The Catalina Classic has always been such an iconic event for me and I always associate Manhattan Beach with the Catalina Classic. I think it would be a unique piece of art to add to our wonderful town.

Lars Viklund 126 4th Street Manhattan Beach, CA

From: Buddy Bohn <surfbuddy1@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item#20-0365

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12/12/2020

Honorable Manhattan Beach City Council,

I'm writing to you in full support for Agenda item #20-0365

As the CEO of the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race, I am humbled and so very grateful to learn of the proposed commemorative statue to honor the history of women & men who have paddled in our Manhattan Beach hometown race!

In 1982, when the race was resurrected, ten paddlers started the race. The field was made up of two women & 8 men. Today, the race has grown so much in popularity that we've had to cap the race at 100 participants for safety concerns.

We actively seek out the best paddlers in the world, and encourage all of our own homegrown talent. Champions have come from Australia, Hawaii, France, and Manhattan Beach (of course!) The sport continues to grow through the development and support of our youth, be it our Jr. Lifeguard Program or our surf club's youth competitions. It is a beautiful and rewarding site to behold, they are the future of our race and through their training and dedication our beaches are safer!

We have conducted this race as a non- profit every August since 1982, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic. It is important to us that proceeds from our race are put back into the community. Over the years we have donated to the LA County Junior Lifeguard program, the Roundhouse Aquarium, the Jimmy Miller Foundation, and countless others.

The Catalina Classic is the oldest, most prestigious, original marathon paddleboard race in the world, hence the name, "The Classic" a Manhattan Beach original. Crossing the channel from the isthmus of Catalina Island to the Manhattan Beach Pier is a feat of 32 miles of open ocean. Many young people grow up aspiring to challenge themselves to do this race. We have seen generations of families paddle the race. So it's only fitting that a statue be erected near the Manhattan Beach pier. The Classic is an all inclusive race. Anyone meeting the qualifications (listed on our website) may enter and paddle any class.

We adhere as closely as possible to the bylaws of the first races of the 1950's and our mission is to promote the healthy sport of paddleboard racing for all and give back to the community. I encourage all council members to view our website, catalinaclassic paddleboard race.com, and learn about the history and soul of this event.

We are very humbled that the City of Manhattan Beach, the Southbay Boardrider's Association, and numerous other citizens see the value in creating a statue to commemorate the women and men who have paddled the Catalina Classic since 1955. So much has changed in Manhattan Beach since I first called it home in the 50's.

This statue will be a wonderful reminder to the Southbay community of a "Classic" tradition and what is possible when you put your mind and body to the challenge.

We wish your project great success and offer our assistance in any way you see fit.

Sincerely,

Buddy

Karl "Buddy" Bohn, CEO, Catalina Classic Paddleboard Association, Inc.

LA County Fire, Lifeguard Division- Retired Section Chief

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From: Kretschmer, Hugh <hkretschmer@customersbank.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 5:03 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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Dear MB city council,

I don't know of any gender discrimination in the prone paddleboard community. We are a family that supports each other. If you have done the training and qualified for the Classic, you can participate. There is a limited number of paddlers that is a safe number to manage across the channel. This is a serious race and can be dangerous event and if you are not prepared. Unfortunately, not everyone can qualify. Preparing to paddle 32 miles is no small feat. It is hours and hours of training. You have to complete a serious distance race to be considered to compete in the event. There are years where the race committee struggles to get the 100 paddler limit and years where they are over subscribed and have to make tough decisions on who can compete. The decision is about who is truly prepared based on performance (not time) in the qualifying race or previous year's race. It is never about gender.

I support MB embracing a part of its history and recognizing a race that represents both the beginning of the surf festival as well as honors one of the preeminent paddleboard races in the world. I think the the statue presents both an example of how the participants ride the boards (male and female) as well as provides the scale of the size of the boards. I also think the new steps and handicap access will greatly benefit the community and allow MB 10K finishers a way back up to the post race venue without having to climb up the dirt and over a wall.

The paddleboard community is made of both men and women and families. The Classic draws paddlers from around the world. Wold class paddlers (both men and women) come from Hawaii, Australia, France and South America.

Thanks for your efforts to make MB a great place.

Hugh Kretschmer 420 27th Street MB

Hugh Kretschmer Customers Bank 310-308-3076

From: Loraine Gruber < lorainegruber@gmail.com>

Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:45 PM Sent:

List - City Council To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race -

Agenda Item #20-0365

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To Manhattan Beach City Council,

Please approve the funding of the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue. This has been an incredible project that has been in the works for the past four years to commemorate all of the men and women paddlers who have completed the 32 mile open ocean Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race, which originated in 1955, and aligns with the unique waterman culture in Manhattan Beach. I qualified for and competed in the event as one of the women paddlers in 2019. It had been a goal of mine for several years, and crossing the finish line at the iconic Manhattan Beach Pier was a huge accomplishment. It would be an honor for me to have your approval so the installation of the commemorative statue is complete prior to the next race scheduled for August 2021.

Thank you for your consideration, Loraine Gruber Catalina Classic Finisher 2019

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Email: lorainegruber@gmail.com

From: Derek Levy <dvlevy5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:28 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue

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Dear City Council—

My name is Derek Levy. Although I currently live in Hermosa Beach, I was a long term Manhattan Beach homeowner and a previous two term (6 years) Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation commissioner.

I applaud the Manhattan Beach City Council for considering this commemorative statue. I fully endorse this worthy initiative.

The Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race has been happening annually since the 1950's except for a hiatus during the 1960's and 1970's. To paddle this race is considered a right of passage for many of the women and men of the South Bay who enjoy our ocean resources. And, from personal experience, this race course is one of the most grueling paddles in the world.

To give credit and attention to the women and men who have completed this race is a fantastic/wonderful thing for the city to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Derek Levy 310-920-6645

From:john Mair <mammothjohn@yahoo.com>Sent:Sunday, December 13, 2020 2:45 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paddlers Statue..

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Manhattan Beach City Council,

I'm writing in support of the proposed paddler statue slated for the MB pier lot. This piece of art commemorates the hard work, dedication and tradition that this event represents to the entire South Bay community, as well as reflecting positively on Manhattan Beach as paying such an important part in this historic event. Please vote in favor of this added piece to our community and a tribute to the Catalina Classic and all those that participate!!

Thanks, John Mair mammothjohn@yahoo.com

From: John Ward <john@turnstone.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:54 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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I am writing this email in support of the Catalina classic statue and parquet.

The Catalina classic has a long-standing history with a City in Manhattan Beach I believe it is prudent to honor that history. As well, the parquet and statue will greatly improve the Pier Plaza as well the stairs and additional access to the beach for the many events that are held in the Pier area.

I strongly urge you to support funding from the art fund towards the statue on December 15.

Thank you in advance and we appreciate all you do for the city of Manhattan Beach. :)

Best

John Ward
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Please excuse typos due to dictated message issues

From: pamela Baker <bakebeach@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:51 AM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for CC Paddleboard Race Statue

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I am writing to encourage you to support the effort for this iconic event being memorialized. Thank you

Pam Baker Dexter Sent from my iPhone

From: Tiana Pugliese <pugliese.tiana@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 5:47 PM

To: List - City Council

Cc: tom@southbayboardriders.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race Monument- Tiana Pugliese

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Tiana Pugliese. I am reaching out on behalf of the monument for the Catalina Classic Paddleboard race. I have competed in this world renowned race for two years and have been part of the prone paddling community for the past 6 years. I represented the USA women's stock prone paddling division in the 2019 ISA's, hosted in El Salvador.

When I heard about the plans for this monument, I was thrilled! Finally, we have a tangible representation of all the hard work and heart that goes into being a female Catalina Classic finisher. It was brought to my attention that there was some controversy about it being sexist since only one female is represented. I do agree that sexism and discrimination is a prominent issue that is not to be taken lightly, however, I do not associate this monument in that negative light. This statue is a celebration for ALL paddlers and racing divisions. I see it as an victory for females and males to be side by side in this platform, for it commemorates the strides we have made as a gender. We work just as hard as any other competitor and put in the hours to race our mermaid tails off! Personally, I would love to see this statue erected in honor of so many incredible women.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Tiana Pugliese

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From: SUSIE YOUNG <susieyoung@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 4:21 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paddlers statue

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Hope you pass the funds to go ahead with the life size bronze statue for the lower pier parking lot. Think it's awesome and would be a great addition!!!

Thanks so much Susie Young

Sent from my iPhone

From: dean moss <dmoss0515@gmail.com> **Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2020 1:47 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Hangar Inn

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Dear City Council,

My name is Dean Moss, owner of the Hangar Inn. I have owned Hangar Inn for the past 18 years. It's been a thrill and an honor to be a part of Manhattan Beach for the past 63 years. I feel lucky that my business resides in the City of MB. Believe me when I say that the efforts of MB city council are greatly appreciated. Emails and correspondence I've received from City Council have been extremely valuable for us as a small business to continually be abreast of COVID numbers, ever changing protocols, and valuable resources that you have made available to all small businesses in Manhattan Beach. Kudos to all of you and your attention to all of us, especially in the restaurant industry.

This year as you know has been extremely difficult to be a small business owner. But since the latest County shutdown of outdoor dining, it's now literally *do or die*. For the Hangar Inn, to-go orders bring in only 20-30% of our pre-COVID revenue. We would already be closed If it weren't for the financial assistance that the State provided through PPP and COVID loans. But that money has run out. Yesterday, our outdoor seating was shut down by the CMB code enforcement, because our outdoor seating is on private property, not *city* property. If we had the option, we would be on city property but we don't. There are many other restaurants who spent money on outdoor dining on their own private property. We can't make it on to-go orders only.

Recently, the city repurposed outdoor restaurant seating in the PROW that were struggling with to-go orders only. I'm pleased for my competitors to have that ability to stay open. Please do not forget about restaurants like mine that are not in the PROW. We also need outdoor dining in order to survive until the vaccine is here and Covid subsides. I am asking City Council to please help us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dean Moss 310-613-4490

From: Shayna Horton <shayna.horton@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 3:25 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue

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Dear Council Members

My name is Shayna Horton and I'm a local South Bay resident. In this past year, I've become very interested in prone paddleboarding. It's the activity that kept me sane during this pandemic and made me feel the most accomplished about myself. Every accomplishment I make with paddling is my own and it's made me feel more empowered than ever. It's given me the strength to face my biggest fears of crossing deep waters, where sharks are sure to be swimming, and be truly proud of myself. It's also given me a pathway to meeting other amazing prone paddlers, people that make you feel part of a community, a community of respect and encouragement. I've never felt so empowered by people who motivate me to do my best every day. The encouragement from other paddlers has inspired me to train hard and complete the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race myself. I want more people, especially women, to be aware of prone paddling. I get asked everyday I'm in the water what it is and I can see the light in people's eyes as their interest sparks seeing my 12 foot board cutting through the water. I know how therapeutic paddling is and just how important it is in a time like this.

I truly believe the Catalina Classic Commemorative statue can motivate more people, including young women like me, to try this sport and see for themselves how much it can change their life for the better. I've been working to get my friends and other women I know into paddling and I know this statue will be a huge step in introducing this amazing sport to others. I believe it's a monument that will celebrate the amazing people who've completed the 32 mile open ocean race. It's not easy, in fact it seems near impossible. It's not about winning, it's about that huge accomplishment for everyone who crosses the finish line at the Manhattan Beach Pier.

Respectfully,

Shayna Horton (310)-405-5459

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:03 PM

To: robertbush @dslextreme.com

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by Robert Bush

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From: Kathryn Tubbs <kathryn.tubbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:56 PM
To: List - City Council; Mark Leyman

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item #20-0365 - December 15, 2020 City Council Meeting

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December 10, 2020

City Council

City of Manhattan Beach

Via email: citycouncil@citymb.info

Regarding: Funding for statue honoring Catalina Classic Prone Paddleboard Race

Agenda Item #20-0365

Dear City Council Members:

This letter brings to your attention an ongoing issue of sexism and discrimination at the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race ("Catalina Classic") that you should be aware of before dedicating City finances to the production of a monument honoring the event. Unfortunately, the race has a history of discrimination against female competitors and unequal representation in its race divisions and participant selection process.

As is often the case with monuments, the proposed statue perfectly reflects these inequities. With two men portraying the stock (rudderless 12'6" boards) and unlimited (larger than 12'6" boards) divisions, only one woman depicting the stock division and no woman representing the unlimited division, this statue correctly represents this moment in the history of the race. By sanctioning and funding this statue, the City will open itself up to criticism about the long-standing inequities at this race and unwittingly build the perfect stage for protests against the race's continued discrimination.

Let's use this moment as an opportunity to reflect our changing times and demand better of this organization (and all sporting events), especially as it may now publicly and permanently represent the City of Manhattan Beach in bronze. I suggest the City require ALL organizations include equal gender divisions (without minimums or other discriminatory tactics) in sporting events before the City will grant their event permit(s). Catalina Classic organizers will tell you they offer a women's unlimited division. On paper, they do. But in practice, the organization's board fosters and perpetuates systemic limitations for female competitors that discourage female participation in the race, especially from women in the unlimited division. The board had to be lobbied for years just to add female divisions a decade ago and since then has not supported or encouraged female participation in their event the way other races do. This race has a reputation as an old boy's network.

The race organizers place a minimum of five participants for any division to exist. For male competitors, this minimum has never been a problem. For women, it is a big obstacle! Race participants are selected from a field of qualified racers, and this selection process perpetuates inequities. Racers who have finished the race in the prior year automatically qualify for the next year's race and are given priority entrance. The existing race is about 90% male and there is a limit to the

number of entries in the race to about 100 participants. If the last year's race had 90 males and most of them have priority entry for the next year, there are very few slots available for women. The board has full authority to pick the participants and has a history of rejecting qualified female entrants in favor of better-known male competitors. Most of those rejections are in the unlimited division. In addition, pressure is placed on the already few female unlimited competitors by the female stock racers to switch to the stock division so that women can meet one of the 5-person minimums to receive at least some recognition in the race (if there are not 5 women in a division, then women compete in the men's divisions). While petite women can switch to stock boards without issue, larger women (like myself) cannot do so without adversely affecting their performance, which adds size discrimination to the board's sexist policies. The entire situation creates rifts among female competitors and further erodes the development of women in the sport.

Not having a consistent, *guaranteed* female unlimited division kills the growth of unlimited female paddlers in this race. Sponsored and out of town racers are much less likely to sign up for this race when there is a chance their division may not exist come race day. It takes a lot of money, training and time to commit to such a long race, and additionally sponsored athletes need to show podium results to maintain sponsorship. Unless the Catalina Classic commits to the existence of female divisions *without minimums*, they will continue to have a lack of female representation. Many women paddlers avoid the Catalina Classic because of the organizers perceived disdain for female competitors. Female racers vote with their pocketbook at the many other prone paddleboard events that offer equal divisions for men and women. While the Catalina Classic struggles to field female divisions for the reasons provided here, other races do not. It is not a lack of qualified female competitors holding back equality in this event.

Because the race selects its participants, many current female competitors are unwilling to speak out about this event's sexism for fear of reprisal should they enter the race in the future. I competed in the event several times and have experienced first-hand the issues I address in this letter. Ten years ago, I vowed that I would not race the Catalina Classic again until they guaranteed a women's unlimited division without the 5-person minimum. Sadly, nothing has changed in these 10 years, and I feel it is time for someone to speak up publicly about these issues in the hope of making real change.

The board of the Catalina Classic refuses to address its discriminatory policies itself, so it is time for its host city to make equality mandatory. And beyond this particular race, the City of Manhattan Beach can make a powerful stand for equality by requiring that all sporting events in the City offer fair and equal divisions for both genders. Your leadership on this matter will create a positive image of Manhattan Beach as a city that advocates for all its citizens equally and justly.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like me to speak more about these issues, I am happy to do so for the betterment of the event, this community and my sport. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Tubbs

Email: Kathryn.tubbs@gmail.com

Cell (310) 874-4421

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach

 $<\!CityOf Manhattan Beach @citymb.info>$

Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:52 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] COVID Actions

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Site Visitor Name: Mary Rymers

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Susan Hadley - Given the continued escalation of COVID cases in MB - I would like to know what specific actions are being implemented to address this increase in #'s and rate over the past month.



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From: Lee Kissel < leekissel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:27 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Covid Guidelines

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To The Leaders of the City of Manhattan Beach

I am a physician who has practiced and lived in Manhattan Beach for over 20 years. I have watched the priorities of the city change over that period of time. I have never though, seen city government so disregard the health and wellbeing of this community to the degree you recently have, with the opening of outside restaurant seating as public space.

We can argue whether restaurants outdoor seating should have been closed down, but it's not hard to argue that allowing restaurant patrons to sit at tables that are not cleaned or supervised is safe. The expectation that the individuals sitting at those tables will bring something to clean them, as recommended in your guideline is not realistic.

If this city, as well as others, had done what they should have to enforce the public health restrictions, put in place by LA County, we probably wouldn't be where we are now. It was obvious that certain establishments were concerned about their patrons and others were not. Many restaurants enforced the public health guidelines, but as a trip down Manhattan Beach Blvd. in the evening would demonstrate many did not.

You may be unaware that hospitalizations in the South Bay have shot up in the last week. There are over 110 people hospitalized in our two local hospitals with Covid at last count. The hospitals have capacity for now, but it's hard to predict what will come as we see more infected individuals from gatherings and travel over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We are where we are because of individuals who did not treat Covid as a war against the virus. More Americans have died of Covid than did in the last three wars. This is a war, and during times of war we need to do what's best not only for ourselves, but for our community and the country.

What you and the leadership have done benefits few (who clearly do need and deserve public help), but it doesn't benefit the majority of the members of the community you were elected to represent. Clearly it increases the risk of spread. Using the city resources to more effectively enforce public health guidelines would provide the residents of the city a much greater benefit. Effective enforcement may have prevented these closures, and may prevent the implementation of more restrictive guidelines that could be necessary in the future.

I would hope you would reconsider your decision.

If this email is shared, I would appreciate my name being removed. It's sad that we all have to worry, but during these times, I worry about retribution.

Sincerely, Lee Kissel, M.D.

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach

<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>

Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 12:52 PM

To: List - City Council

Subject: [EXTERNAL] South Bay Joint Powers Health Agency

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Site Visitor Name: Gil Archuletta

Site Visitor Email: gilbertarch@aol.com

I would like to suggest the City Council ask legal counsel to explore the creation of a Joint Powers Agency for health purposes. It has been done before for communications purposes (South Bay Regional Communications Authority). If there was a South Bay health agency, health, decisions such as outdoor dining, etc. could made on a local basis and based on local needs. We could still ensure our health and safety is protected, but our needs would be met on a local basis not be the County of L.A.



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