

Martha Alvarez

From: Heather K. <heathergothitched@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Los Angeles County
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help us in our efforts to open our schools!

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Dear Mayor Hadley and Councilmembers Franklin, Montgomery, Napolitano & Stern,

I am not going to repeat the science, because you guys already know the science. But I will say that our kids getting back to school should be at the top of your list of concerns. My children are residents of Manhattan Beach, and there are 6000 just like them. We know there are things you can say and do that will in fact get the District moving in the right direction at the appropriate pace. Time is of the essence and each day I worry for this generation of kids who are being used by scared or even malicious adults who will not do what is right by them. Please, for my kids, help us open the schools at the maximum capacity allowed, and then go a step further to open them even more by calling on our County Supervisors and leaders who can make it happen. It's happening everywhere else in the country.

Love always,
Heather Kim
concerned parent

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From: David Denitz <ddenitz@gatewaybp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 4:01 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear council members:

Bruce's Beach Task Force. Don't go beyond the scope of a plaque and gathering information on its history. We do not need a social justice platform. Our town is NOT systemically racist and it's disgusting that some want to characterize it that way. We are a very welcoming city and has been for a long time. Maybe we need to dismantle the task force

David Denitz

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Sincerely yours,

David Denitz

Principal

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From: Ulrich, Laurel A <Laurel.Ulrich@marsh.com>
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To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council Members-

It appears that you have let the Diversity Task Force get out of control. Who appointed this task force? Who do they report to? They are driving this racial narrative that the Bruce family was racially profiled and treated unfairly-completely untrue. There was a trial and they lost. To push actions for restitution and apologies is completely out of control. You need to get them to provide some facts ASAP or disband them as you are opening up the City for a big lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Laurel Ulrich
MB Resident who will not be paying restitutions

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From: Jody Leventhal <jodyleventhal@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; List - City Council
Cc: Carol Perrin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Failure - Street Closure for Outdoor Dining Extension
Attachments: Litchfield.Oppose Outdoor Dining Street Closure.docx; Untitled attachment 00038.htm

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You're welcome Richard. And since you took the time to reply, I assume you are "hearing" rather than simply listening, attached is a short note from neighbors currently out of town who requested I take dictation in order that their opinion be "counted".

Re: Downtown Street Closure for outdoor dining - OPPOSE

To the City Council:

This is to express our disagreement with closing public streets for outdoor dining.

It seems obvious that closing off main street arteries would be unsafe and unnecessary. Bad idea. We oppose.

Why is the City encouraging dangerous obstacles to police and fire?

Why does City Council continue to override the downtown residents?

Why do you discriminate against those who helped to build this town?

Are we forgotten or just ignored?

Litchfield - Cameron
129 13th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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From: Neil Leventhal <nl@lma-web.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Carrie Tai, AICP; ezandvliet@cithmb.info
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Street Closures for Outdoor Dining

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I understand that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet this afternoon to discuss the closure, and that it may be valuable to have some input before that occurs. I do hope to comment further at this evening's council meeting.

As one might anticipate, the traffic impact from the closure was an enormous disruption, ranging from significant to unmanageable to literally dangerous. In addition, throughout most of the closure, the utilization of the space in traffic lanes was extremely limited.

The limited net benefit for a small number of restaurants does not remotely justify the collective impact on traffic, other businesses, or residents.

Please act responsibly and terminate this closure.

Neil Leventhal
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To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task force

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Dear Council Members,

Why is there even discussion when the simple task of gathering information has not been achieved. It feels like the social justice warriors have run off with a narrative that is missing the basic facts. Is it a little embarrassing that the Easy Reader was able to easily assemble those facts?

So with an understanding that the Bruce's were not singled out or denied re-investing in this community - can we let it go? Good Grief!!

Patricia Sievers Ambrose, DAOM, LAc
Shen Ming Health Cultivation Center
310-261-4265

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From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cityclerk@citymb.info

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

Site Visitor Name: Rafael Pimentel
Site Visitor Email: Rpimentel@swcarpenters.org

Good Evening my name Rafael Pimentel I with Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, we are in support of adopting resolution No. 21-0020.



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From: Monica Portillo <mportillo@bhs-inc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:50 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - UPCOMING EVENT
Attachments: 2-25-21 - MJ event registration flyer.pdf

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Good evening Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Monica Portillo and I work at Behavioral Health Services, also known as BHS. We are a non-profit organization contracted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to work on teen alcohol and drug prevention in the beach cities. Behavioral Health Services is a non-profit organization contracted by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control to provide teen drug and alcohol prevention services in the beach cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

We are excited to announce our upcoming marijuana prevention event - Marijuana & Teen Mental Health: What You Need to Know Today. This zoom event will be held on Thursday, February 25th at 6pm. See the attached flyer for details and the registration link – we hope you can join us! Please share the flyer with your contacts, community members, and parents.

link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwucuirqT4iHtZOhekvl2U_1hbbegtbdulc

Event Details:

Thursday, Feb. 25th, 6pm – 7:30pm

Marijuana & Teen Mental Health: What You Need to Know Today

A workshop for parents

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- Mental Health: Helping teens to develop coping skills to make healthy choices

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- Eugenie Lewis, LCSW, PPS, MSW, MHS

- Krystal Mousseau, CATC III & Steven Cagle, CATC III – County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Health



Thank you,

Monica Portillo

Prevention Outreach Specialist

BHS, Inc./NCADD South Bay – AOD Prevention Services

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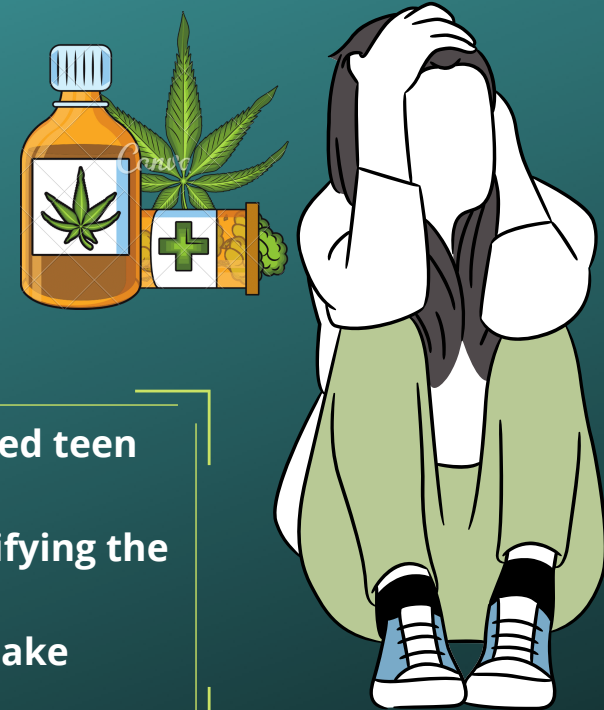
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From: Gary Warburton <calsail@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:23 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach task force

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City Council Members,

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for 41 years as well as a regular voter. If you wish to keep my vote you will hold the task force to its original task of accurately documenting the history of Bruce's Beach and recommending a revised plaque and art installation. Any further suggestions and demands from this task force are way out of line and I will certainly not accept your approval of any extended task force work.

Gary Warburton
1511 Pacific Ave
MB CA 90266

Sent from my iPad

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From: Jacquelyne May <jacquelynemay@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet; List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Closing of Manhattan Avenue pilot project.

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Greetings,

It's difficult to write to you all and express my feelings about living downtown these past few years since restaurants have proliferated and so many efforts by neighbors at retaining any peace in our own homes have been summarily dismissed.

But since the Downtown Residents Group believes comments from us might have an impact this time, I'll tell you my experience of last weekend.

Gridlock in the area began Saturday afternoon. I know better than to ever take my car out or invite visitors on weekends due to nonexistent parking so I was, as usual at home.

I got a call asking what's up from a friend stuck in the maze of cars Saturday evening around 4. It took her 15 minutes to travel from 9th place to MBB on Ocean.

Sunday was worse. That same friend called and was hemmed in at 12th and Ocean, not moving, for a solid 30 minutes. She said I should go check it out, so I walked to the pier.

Traffic was lined up on every surrounding street (Highland, Bayview, 9th, and 11th) trying to circumvent Manhattan Ave.

I asked two CSC employees (Mimi and Madelyn) what they had observed. They told me it had been bumper to bumper both days from when their shifts began. They both told me they saw numerous near misses at the crosswalk at Manhattan Ave and MBB. People were running red lights, jaywalking and not obeying any laws. There was no police presence much less any enforcement. They expressed it was just a "matter of time" before someone got hurt.

Walking in the intersection among gridlocked cars, I asked 6 or 7 drivers how long they'd been stuck in traffic. Got answers from 15 minutes to 1/2 hour. One car full of girls told me they drove down to look at the sunset. They just wanted to go home and never come back. I tried to photograph the mass of cars but it was too packed to get any perspective.

I realize this was the first weekend of being open for the restaurant district and a holiday as well. I'm going to guess restaurants making money will take precedence over public safety and our quality of life.

As the new owner of Nando says if we don't like it we can move.

Going down now to talk to a few friends who have non restaurant businesses to see how they feel.

Thanks

Jackie

Sent from my iPhone

Jacquelyne May (External)

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From: Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:41 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kids Need Classrooms!
Attachments: thumbnail (9).jpg

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Manhattan Beach should lead the way for all of LA County. We need to show the rest of the county that it can be done and it can be done safely. So many kids are struggling.

We now have approval to open up in person learning for up to 6th grade. This has to be done immediately and we must urge the Governor to allow all grades to open for in person learning.

Kids Need Classrooms! See attached photo and let me know if you want a sign, my treat!

Thank you. Joy Roberts (Manhattan Beach Parent)



KidsNeedClassrooms

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From: Sylvie Gabriele <sylvie@loveandsaltla.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Kelly Stroman; Jill Lamkin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Impact of Man Ave Closure
Attachments: Man Ave Closure + Love & Salt.pdf

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February 15, 2021

Dear Honorable Mayor Hadley and City Council:

I am writing to express the dire need for the City of Manhattan Beach to immediately create access to equitable seating capacity across restaurants in Downtown Manhattan Beach or to reverse the closure of Manhattan Ave as soon as possible.

As you well know, all of the restaurants in Manhattan Beach have suffered an even deeper blow with the recent shutdown and indefinite 50% reduction of outdoor dining capacity imposed by the LADPH. Since March 2020, we have been thrust into a daily life of battles, hardship and struggles that are wearing and likely taking years off of our lives. The recent closure of Manhattan Ave is yet another blow to my business and to the other businesses not within the closure.

Don't get me wrong, I am also truly grateful for those who have come to the rescue and held us up. From day one, the city's response has been proactive, forward thinking and completely all-in with support of the local restaurants and retail. Michael Greenberg/Skechers, the Serota's and other locals have also dug deep to provide us with vital support. I will be forever grateful for these tireless and heroic efforts.

Yet, once again, I find myself thrust into another dire position. Somehow in its' effort to alleviate the suffering of some of the local MB restaurants, the city has decided to close two blocks of Manhattan Avenue until further notice to create more outdoor dining capacity for the restaurants on those two blocks. Unfortunately, that move has had a truly significant negative impact on my business and I am extremely anxious about the long-term effect of the closure on our ability to survive.

Let me outline the immediate impact of the closure and the very likely future impact. The closure of Manhattan Ave is actively driving people to that location both by the huge increase in open seats and the excitement of the new development made very obvious by all of the press coverage. The net impact is that guests are being pulled away from us and other restaurants who are not-within the closure.

For example, on 2/13 alone, we had **60 no-shows and same-day cancellations** and on 2/14 we had **47 no-shows and same-day cancellations**. With a 28-seat capacity for reservations,

that is a **cover loss of more than 200% as compared to our normal 5%**. Converted to dollars that is **60 x \$60 = \$3,600 and 47 x \$60 = \$2,820 which is a total of \$6,420 in one weekend**. In my 25 years of restaurant ownership experience, this loss rate is ground-breaking and beyond record setting. Please note, this is Valentine's weekend, a time we rely on to make the numbers.

Let's look at some more numbers.

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So, red alert to the city officials and those running Manhattan Beach. This is dangerous for Manhattan Beach. It has unfairly and dangerously tipped the scales. This will risk the survival of our restaurants that we have all worked so hard to rescue.

I humbly ask the powers that be to create access to equitable seating capacity across restaurants in Downtown Manhattan Beach or to reverse the closure of Manhattan Ave as soon as possible to keep the playing field even.

I also want to ask for better representation within the Ad Hoc committee. I have "heard" that another sub-committee is being formed within the DBPA to address long-term/permanent outdoor dining. There needs to be parity and currently there is not.

Lastly, if you do decide to allow us more capacity, can you please keep in mind the thousands of additional dollars it costs Manhattan Beach Blvd restaurants in architectural, engineering and rentals costs to treat the slope as compared to much less cost to build on the level ground of Manhattan Avenue.

Urgently and earnestly,

Sylvie Gabriele, M.B.A.

Gabriele Foods Inc. | President

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I humbly ask the powers that be to create access to equitable seating capacity across restaurants in Downtown Manhattan Beach or to reverse the closure of Manhattan Ave as soon as possible to keep the playing field even.

I also want to ask for better representation within the Ad Hoc committee. I have "heard" that another sub-committee is being formed within the DBPA to address long-term/permanent outdoor dining. There needs to be parity and currently there is not.

Lastly, if you do decide to allow us more capacity, can you please keep in mind the thousands of additional dollars it costs Manhattan Beach Blvd restaurants in architectural, engineering and rentals costs to treat the slope as compared to much less cost to build on the level ground of Manhattan Avenue.

Urgently and earnestly,

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Councilmembers:

I am most interested in this topic. I am disappointed that the staff report is weak on identifying the frequency of the listed code infractions by infraction, or any discussion of various alternatives and trial efforts practiced in the code enforcement area over the last several years to determine how to best achieve code compliance, besides adding manpower.

I can say that based on my experience I really don't see much in terms of code compliance that makes me feel there is much effort in residential areas, nor any information I can reference to educate myself that such is done to any extent, or to any demonstrable success.

Personally, my bugaboos are compliance in the areas of leaf blowers, tree-trimming, pedestrian traffic, and signs/advertising. Also, lot of what I believe we lack in code enforcement ties in with a larger theme that our city employees are not sufficiently proactive in keeping our city (outside of Downtown, of course) as liveable as practical. To me, there seems to be a lot of head's down ignorral of obvious areas that need attention. Too much "not my job" attitude.

And I am not looking for a 100% solution, nor should the perfect get in the way of the good. Instead of me writing down alternatives, the attached article, "Code Enforcement the Mary Poppins Way" seems to provide some real logical approaches.

Here's some thoughts:

- 1) You need to review what is meant by "complaint-only enforcement." IMHO, that "policy" should not be the foundation of your code enforcement and is currently being used by the city as an excuse not to do what is needed. If you want to use this as your foundation for code enforcement, you need to advertise that fact and policy, and give greater feedback and reinforcement to those who then serve as the eyes and ears.
- 2) You need to cite the homeowner for infractions like excessive tree-trimming and leaf blowers--not the homeowner's service providers. I have heard that excessive tree-trimming results because the uneducated resident expects such is the value received, or that "mow-and-blow" is the accepted city standard. It is obvious If you aren't going to cite a resident for the actions of a vendor at their home, then the resident should at least be made aware of the situation. You can certainly send a letter saying the city heard about a leaf blower complaint involving their residence.
- 3) You cannot let the city prosecutor void a code enforcement action by their own discretion, or at least without 3rd party review. Example: A neighbors fence height from the roadway is much higher than code, and was recently rebuilt to the same height. Prosecutor allowed this height under a "grandfather" provision. City Code explicitly does not allow a "grandfathered" fence. But what can a neighbor do about such a ruling short of suing the city.
- 4) "Complaint only" pits neighbor against neighbor. See second article attached "Selective Enforcement of Residential Zoning Codes." This writeup is from a resident of City of Jacksonville, but seems applicable.
- 5) You should not allow a code enforcement complaint to be used as leverage to resolve a neighbor to neighbor negotiation, particularly if the complaint is not directly at issue with the problem under negotiation. Example: Neighbor would not do something that he didn't want to do but otherwise seemed reasonable. There was another code violation, that Code enforcement officer said she would not enforce if there was no complaint. So this issue was used by neighbor #1 to get neighbor #2 to do something else (i.e., pay money for an improvement), unrelated to the code issue.

6) Similar to 4 above, need to have a 3rd party to discuss a code enforcement decision that doesn't make sense, without such process being unwieldy. Example: Code Enforcement officer says the moving screen with property pictures in the "conference room" facing Highland at the Douglas Elliman office (3701 Highland) isn't a "moving sign" under the Code, although the plain wording of the code reads that it is, and the business's utilization suggests that is exactly what it is meant to be (and is a distraction for motorists). What recourse does the complainant have? Sue the city?

7) Code Enforcement Officers, Police Officers, etc. (yes, even city contractors) need to know the code and proactively act on it. Two examples: There was a moving sign in the window of the predecessor to the current business at what is not FanSea Sushi at Highland and Rosecrans. City employees--including Code Enforcement Officers--had to pass by this sign on a pretty regular basis. Yet it took my complaint to get it acted on. That's not right. A more recent example: There was a moving sign installed at Strand Cleaners on Manhattan Beach Blvd. There had to be many employees that drove down that street, but again I had to make the complaint. This sign should have been identified as problematic by the city.

8) Same for 7. above in respect to vegetation growing over and impeding pedestrian traffic, obscuring traffic signs, or making it difficult to see around corners. From someone who lives on Blanche Road, this street is well traveled by city staff and contractors, yet there's a number of instances like I itemized. Blanche is a highly utilized pedestrian corridor. I'm not saying you should monitor all sidewalks all the time, but those like Blanche, or Valley/Ardmore walks should be frequently evaluated. You cannot expect sidewalk clearance to be effected by "complaint-only". People have better things to do when out.

9) Same for 8, in respect to cars poking into the right-of-way. All impacted streets need to have a right-of-way line like 33rd Street from Blanche to Bell. Makes for easy compliance and proactive enforcement.

10) If you are going to rely on "complaint only," you need to provide better feedback to the complainer. The complainer needs to know that the complaint was viewed as legitimate, and that there was a warning or citation issued. If FOIA rules allow, then there s/b information that the citation was issued to the homeowner or whether to a vendor (or should be told the policy of who gets the citation). Frankly, I was recently surprised to here that leaf blower and tree trimming complaints were only served on vendors (which I find foolish and ineffective). The current practice is just to send a "Closed" message to the complainer, when apparently all that means is that a case has been opened (go figure). Then the complainer is sent a satisfaction survey--when there's no knowledge whether the violation has been attended to, much less attended to effectively.

11) If you are going to rely on "complaint only," then the city's website needs to be more robust in terms of being able to find out where the complaint function is, as well as to provide many more options for the type of complaint. I recommend you personally try this out on the city's website before the meeting (I don't use the app, so I don't know how that works).

12) I think you can easily solve 90% of the problems I've outlined by a periodic, focused campaign involving education, then warnings, then citations. You could do all each for a short portion of each year, or even one a year and still be ahead of where you are now. Having the code enforcement personnel then report back to the Council at a council meeting as to the effectiveness of the campaign would be to everyone's benefit. But more than anything else, you need to continually educate. I know the report says that the code enforcement officer also looks for other problems on a street when called to a particular home, but I am doubtful how often that happens. It seems to me, though, that an educational door-hanger on that topic distributed to a few adjacent homes will go a long way. If one neighbor has been getting away with something, other neighbors might likely do the same (also masks whatever neighbor might have made the complaint). Remember, we have a significant turnover of residents in this city (moving in and out), and this new population needs frequently educated in the basics.

13) All of these infractions are easily determined and are not subjective. A badly trimmed front yard tree is easily identifiable from a vehicle driving down a street (and you don't even need to do the Sand Section). Currently an enforcement officer could park on any given Thursday or Friday anywhere in this town and hear a leaf blower (easy to track down). Overgrown foliage over pedestrian traffic areas is easily identified via car or bike. A moving sign is a moving sign.

Regards,
Gary Osterhout

City of Jacksonville Uses *Selective Enforcement* of Residential Zoning Codes

- **Method of Enforcement Puts Neighbor Vs. Neighbor as Main Result**
- **Code Enforcement Officers Placed in Jeopardy by Selective Enforcement**
- **Selective Enforcement via complaint only is a joke on the taxpayers and wrong! It leaves every homeowner in the city wide open to abuse from a myriad of directions.**

An Editorial, by R. F. Mariano, 10/08/03

Selective Enforcement what does it mean?

This type of enforcement, in the simplest of terms means that Code Enforcement Officers do not inspect neighborhoods they simply respond to complaints received from other departments or residents in the neighborhood.

What does Selective Enforcement Engender?

Serious consequences in most cases. By that I mean the end result pits neighbor against neighbor, ends any type of cordial discussion between neighbors and assures that a feud will result because Code Enforcement uses anonymous complaints as a basis for issuing warnings of City Code infractions. Also it opens the door to the possibility of official abuses.

Whatever became of the premise of knowing your accuser?

With the system of verifying anonymous complaints the Code Enforcement Officer becomes a pawn of neighbors feuding between themselves. This type of result is abominable. Its akin to the old Nazi tactic of having people snitch on each other "for the good of the state". In every complaint, the accused should be made aware of the complainant. This would minimize abuse by neighborhood nasties, cranks, busybodies and self-appointed neighborhood "mayors."

Goodwill should be the Rule of Thumb

Selective Enforcement is a sorry excuse for Code Enforcement. It boils down to the taxpayers "doing the job" for the city. Neighbors should be encouraged to contact the other party in the neighborhood to attempt a friendly resolution instead of having a Man with the Badge come calling spewing forth all sorts of Ordinance sections, minuscule sections of the code or otherwise simply intimidating a fellow homeowner, voter and taxpayer. Further, it guarantees the widening of rifts between neighbors over nonsensical matters that can be easily resolved if the neighbors are offered an opportunity to resolve offensive conditions among themselves.

In a number of encounters with the City Code Enforcement Officers, this reporter has observed and experienced the following interactive encounters.

Approximately four months ago, a neighbor across the street was visited by a "Man with a Badge" very officially expressing that this hard working neighbor was a lawbreaker.. Needless to say, the poor person was shocked. Those folks (I know them personally) are hard working (6 days a week) law-abiding citizens, taxpayers and voters. This is the reward they get for meeting their civic duty.

To the crux of the story..

The Officer informed the neighbor that he had received a complaint about his 14 foot jonboat and trailer being in violation of the [Jacksonville Ordinance Code Section 656.409](#). The officer was Charlie Wilson #1759. This poor guy, while an official representative of the city, was in fact bearing the brunt of frustration, anger and shock by the neighbor. The major shock came when other front yards and driveways having much larger boats on trailers were obviously in violation and when it was pointed out to Officer Wilson, his reply was "we have no complaints about that boat." Immediately, my neighbor felt that being given the warning, he had been "singled out."

A little background on the above story, the cited neighbor had experienced a rather disturbing discourse at the hands of their next door neighbor. Seems they were trying to sell their house and felt the dog in the backyard and the boat in the front yard were a bit too much. The neighbor who was selling eventually sold and I might add to very nice people.

Now, my personal experiences

Experience # 1

A week ago, an Enforcement Officer showed up at my door telling me he had a complaint about my "stinking garbage containers". (Ever find a rose garden in a garbage can?) Well, my friends, I was, as was my neighbor across the street, shocked! I had made it my business to use covers on my garbage containers and I might add, **ever since the city went to once a week pick-ups. Why? Because in the hot Florida sun, whatever is in anyone's garbage pail will reek within a few days especially if seafood was on the menu.** If its simply in a garbage bag, animals will certainly have it torn open overnight. The inspector didn't find any problems and left wishing me a good day.

After he left, I began to think about my episode.... with the City's enforcement people. I wondered "anonymous complaint"? Surely the city has no garbage pail police going all over the city smelling for offensive odors! Therefore, it had to be someone rather close to me like a next door neighbor! I'm on a corner property so in reality, I have only one "next door neighbor".. I concurred to myself... that person is far too nice a person to have tried to cause me grief over an odorous garbage container. Which in fact, was not the case at the time the Code Enforcement Officer visited. If it had been reeking, how in heaven's name would I put up with it! My first concerns would be that of my family and neighbors

Inspect the Garbage Routes on pick-up days and the trucks!.

What I did find disturbing was that this Code Enforcement Agency in the City seems oblivious to the amounts of garbage left in the streets after pick-up by our professional, well run, for hire Sanitation Department (that was sarcasm folks). You see, I can offer odds to anyone willing to take them that on any given pickup day, the Garbage men will leave a trail of spilled garbage throughout their entire route in our neighborhood and that the **Garbage trucks spread contaminants via that wonderful smelly, soupy mix that constantly drips and drools from the truck leaving a semi-solid liquid trail throughout the entire neighborhood..** Just the right combination for serious disease. I am certain, for some neighborhood child riding a bicycle, skating and/or playing and breathing the fumes or worse, scraping a knee or elbow in that slop is a serious health threat. I'm willing to say that **if these garbage trucks were inspected for contagion, the hazmat people would be very busy.**

Experience # 2

A week, later... another Code Enforcement Officer shows up at my door (guess who? Charlie Wilson!) citing a small, 16 foot rowboat and trailer that I had parked in the front for well, less than a week! At this point, I pondered; "Is someone out to harass my family and I?... Do I have a neighbor that is so disgruntled that they lack the common decency to come speak to me about a problem rather than hollering cop?" Whatever became of being neighborly? Selective Enforcement breeds

contempt among neighbors. Especially if a complainer feels they are protected behind a "veil of anonymity." How very wrong they are. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to arrive at a conclusion as to who it is.

My Conclusions

Selective Enforcement is another way for the city to alleviate the cost of making certain the laws on the books are equitably enforced. The City actually "waits" for a complaint before acting upon an alleged violation. This is wrong! Very very wrong... it offers the neighborhood "grippers and self appointed mayors" an opportunity to hold a cudgel over the heads of their neighbors!

I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss my impression of selective enforcement with the Department Head and our City Council person today. I was elated to find our City Council Rep; Sharon Copeland quite responsive and sympathetic to my plight. In fact, Councilwoman Copeland had the department head call me relative to the above matter.

My conversation with this gentleman was enlightening to say the least. On one hand he agreed that the laws are written for all to abide by and on the other, he stated they act predominantly upon complaints rather than neighborhood inspections for code compliance. At this point I asked, are you then saying the city is encouraging people to complain to your department rather than try discussing problems in a neighborly manner? He replied; "no, we do wish to see neighbors resolve their differences among themselves as it promotes better neighborhood harmony." I agreed. I then asked why do I see selective enforcement? He replied, according to a supreme court decision, we are not practicing selective enforcement. (the Florida Supreme Court Decision was from the late 1800's - ***That's over 100 Years Ago Folks!***) I laughed and said; what? When there were neighbors 4 miles or more apart?

In all honesty, these folks downtown were pleasant to talk with and did agree, to a large extent, that what I saw was "not quite right." When a code enforcement officer comes into a neighborhood passing identical violation after identical violation and hands a warning to one person who's been anonymously complained about by a disgruntled neighbor is ridiculous. It is very sad to see as it spells an indirect encouragement, on the part of the city, to put neighbor against neighbor. Very Wrongvery wrong indeed.

Enforce the Law across the entire city or, don't enforce it all. Selective Enforcement is un-American.

Sec. 656.409. Parking, storage or use of recreational vehicles and boats.

No recreational vehicles shall be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a residentially-zoned lot or in another location not approved for this use. Boats, boat trailers, horse trailers or any other trailer and recreational vehicles may be parked or stored in a required rear or side yard but not in required front yards, provided however, that these vehicles may be parked anywhere on residential premises not to exceed 24hours during loading and unloading.

(Ord. 91-59-148, § 1)

We all pay property taxes! Let the city do its job ***the right way***. Our taxes are paid for just that purpose. **Enforce the law across the boards or don't enforce it all!** Selective enforcement breeds ill-will among neighbors and contempt for the city's agencies for encouraging taxpayers to do the city's job. When is Jacksonville going to be brought into the 21st century?

An Observation:

Jacksonville, Florida is a recreational paradise, four mild seasons, perfect for all sorts of outdoor activities and I might add, its also the fishing capital of the state if not the country. Yet we find goofy rules and regulations in place that create a prohibitive atmosphere for those who wish to live here, own homes, pay taxes and enjoy a bit of Floridian life. What's wrong with this picture? I agree that we need a common ground on the upkeep and appearance of our residential neighborhoods but for goodness' sake.... ***a reasonable amount of discretion goes a long way***. To rely upon a single court decision from the late 1800's is akin to relying on the performance of a Model T Ford in making rules and regulations for today's highways.

What's worse is the manner in which code enforcement approaches its responsibilities to Jacksonville's home owners and taxpayers. Its archaic and in the least, absurd. In today's times, we need Ordinances that are totally applicable to today's needs and tomorrow's desires. But.... most of all, we must see the laws we have fairly applied to all. Not just those few who are brought to the attention of the city by whomever. The taxes paid by homeowners were and are designated for the appropriation of funds to employ qualified individuals who can be relied upon to inspect, counsel, enforce and protect the beauty of our neighborhoods, the safety of our taxpayers and the value of their homes and property. After all, it only ensures the tax base for the city will remain appreciative as opposed to depreciative.

If the Ordinances in question have a tendency to offend that's one thing but to see Code Enforcement respond only to complaints rather than apply themselves and enforce the laws we have unilaterally, then we could very easily be staring at abuse of power dead in the face not only by inspectors but by neighborhood cranks. The laws are for everyone not just the select few designated by individuals with an axe to grind or self-appointed neighborhood "mayors" and busybodies. All that can be said at this point is to entreat the Whigs downtown to make certain the law is fairly applied to everyone. Eliminate the slightest possibility of abuse by either the city employees and/or neighborhood cranks.

Must every neighborhood organize themselves into action committees to get the proper cooperation of the City agencies or can the home owners throughout the city expect and rely upon a responsible, level headed approach to code enforcement on the part of the city? Selective Enforcement via complaint only is a joke on the taxpayers and wrong! It leaves every homeowner in the city wide open to abuse from a myriad of directions.

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Code Enforcement the Mary Poppins Way

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Jordan Rae Hillman, AICP, Twitter (<https://twitter.com/jordanrhillman>) & LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jordan-rae-hillman-aicp-a891a834/>), Community Development Director at Brandon, MS shares a proactive approach to gaining code compliance.



The code enforcement officer position easily ranks on my top five list of the most thankless jobs in local government. Citizens

generally are not fans. They may have been in receipt of one of the officer's "nastygrams", or simply believe the city should not tell anyone what to do with their property. Code enforcement only becomes valuable when a citizen experiences a neighborhood level issue which impacts them directly.

The job of a code enforcement officer is akin to being the Mary Poppins of the city – keeping everything tidy and ship shape through encouragement or discipline. Everything goes better with a spoon full of sugar, including the art of code enforcement. The following strategies use this approach and are battle tested for success.

Strategy #1: Discretion in Type of Notice and Tone of Notice

It is common to use forms adversarial in nature when alerting a citizen to a violation. This approach fails to explain the issue in detail or offer a open pathway to compliance. The tone often encourages the recipient to respond in fear of prosecution instead of open communication.

Using multiple avenues to provide notice is crucial to the spoon full of sugar approach. Notice can be given via doorhanger, flyer, sticker, courtesy notice, phone call, formal notice of violation, or any other creative mechanism for communication. Each of these can be used at the officer's discretion based on the severity of the violation, safety level of the issue, and past history of the property.

The commonality is using a tone which encourages communication. Relationships are built with the citizen when communication remains open and respectful. Officers can more confidently extend compliance deadlines when citizens communicate and are progressing. This leads to an increased voluntary compliance rate and a decrease in cases resulting in prosecution.

Strategy #2: Fair Application

Code enforcement is often operated on a complaint only basis. A more proactive officer will evaluate the entire street upon receiving a complaint. You will often find if a violation is present on one property, a few adjacent neighbors will also have similar issues. A favorite excuse for a property owner after receiving a violation notice is "Well my neighbor across the street is doing it too, why didn't you get them?". Working proactively allows the officer to answer that the neighbors have also been given the same notice and everyone is being treated equally. The squeaky wheel is not the only thing getting the grease, and the activity of enforcement is more effective in clusters.

Strategy #3: Neighborhood Sweeps

Neighborhood Sweeps are one of the most effective and efficient code enforcement tools for achieving visible results. A sweep identifies an area exhibiting distress and involves sending a blanket letter to each property owner in the identified area. The sweep letter is sent to the resident occupying the property regardless of ownership status.

The letter lets the residents know that officers will be in the area soon. The letter identifies three to four common violations and explains the code in plain English. The letter requests the property owners/residents inspect their own premises and resolve any issues prior to when the code enforcement officer returns. The code enforcement officer follows up at the time they have noted in the letter and begins a formal notice procedure on any remaining issues.

This strategy is effective in educating property owners. Many owners are happy to comply with most of the code when they understand the expectations. Parking in the front yard is a violation in City A, but may have been perfectly acceptable at their prior home in City B. Offering the benefit of the doubt is a way to ease residents into the process. This method can drastically improve the general curb appeal of any area quickly and can create neighborhood pride as improvements often trigger other improvements. This tool is most suitable for minor issues in residential areas. Each area is different and the sweep should be customized.

Strategy #4: Strategic Application

To be effective long term code enforcement must be strategic. Code compliance is a valuable tool in comprehensive plan implementation. Identifying areas of focus can help in working toward redevelopment and preservation efforts. Focusing on specific areas or specific violations indicate a trend (the canary in the coal mine) can create positive visual change. This is especially true for commercial district code enforcement. Early signs of deterioration can be caught before they spread to an entire area.

Strategy #5: Easy Information Access

Citizens who report a complaint or receive a violation notice often check on the status or ask questions. It is frustrating to wait for an officer to return from the field to return a phone call. Making the information easily available to all staff helps tremendously with staff time and citizen frustration. Web based tracking is critical to this process. Code officers should take photos and spend time on the front end to make sure all staff can understand each case. All correspondence should be tracked on the case log. All staff members can be empowered to provide extensions and flexibility on any case within reason.

Strategy #6: Share Escalation

Often citizens are frustrated with the timeline code enforcement officers must use to provide due process to a property owner prior to moving to

formal prosecution or fines. This process protects both parties. On the other side of the table, a citizen who has received a violation notice can often be disgruntled. It is helpful to be able to escalate a disgruntled caller to another employee. This doesn't always provide satisfaction, but many times it does help to end a difficult conversation. This prevents a single employee from being pushed too far and responding inappropriately. The escalation doesn't always have to be to a supervisor; the act of simply discussing with another employee is often sufficient. Time can also be a tool used to deescalate. Asking to have another employee call the disgruntled citizen back later in the day can give both parties time to collect themselves.

Take Away

Code enforcement is an art, and finding the sweet spot in the process is critical to the longevity of the code officer and effectiveness of the program. These are battle-tested strategies to improve enforcement effectiveness by keeping the citizen experience in mind. Each strategy discussed focuses on how the process is designed. Mary Poppins stressed "Well Begun is Half-Done". A little effort in the beginning on crafting the tone, approach, and citizen experience gets us to the fun part-seeing results and the impact on the community.

"In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and - SNAP - the job's a game!" Mary Poppins.

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I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to read my letter. I would be happy to get feedback or discuss this issue with any of the council members. I can be reached at 310-738-7993.

Best regards,

Mike Welsh
609 13th st.

Dear council members,

I write this tonight to discuss with you the city council's dealings with the Bruce's beach issue. I commend you on your decision to look into the circumstances of what happened with the property owners at Bruce's beach. It is important to learn about and acknowledge the history of our city.... even if it was approximately 100 years ago. We learn from history... in this case it could potentially be a lesson for present and future generations that what happened before should never happen again. This is the reason you can still visit the Auschwitz concentration camp in Germany. In the event it is determined wrongs were done it would be totally appropriate to have a memorial of this event. If indeed the facts bear out that these were illegal acts perpetrated against the owners at Bruce's beach there are legal steps that can and should be taken.

What would not be right would be to immerse the citizens of Manhattan beach into programs that assumes we are all racists based on what people may have done 100 years ago. This is a rabbit hole that we may never come out of. I mentioned Auschwitz.... I am Jewish... I have relatives that died in the holocaust... Do I have the right to assume that all Germans are anti-Semites and that they should all undergo anti-Semitic training as a result of what was done before most of them were born?

We cannot be held liable for things that people did before we were born.... There would be no end to the lawsuits around the world if policies like this were adopted.

We cannot be painted with the same brush as those we did not know....from a world whose laws were a reflection of the time.

If Manhattan Beach is a racist community then your job is to be specific as to which of the policies are racist and then take immediate action to do everything within your power to change those policies. The allegation that systematic racism is everywhere is not good enough. If we are indeed a racist community we wouldn't have to go back 100 years to find huge amounts of evidence of racial injustice (I realize the Bruce's beach episode has still not been fully investigated by the city). We need concrete examples that are not based on hearsay as to how Manhattan Beach perpetuates racism. I can guarantee you if the citizens of Manhattan Beach are presented with evidence of systematic racism within our city that I and thousands of my fellow citizens will be down at the city council meetings DEMANDING that you rid the city of these racist policies.

These are major undertakings you are considering and if handled incorrectly you could do a lot of psychological damage to the citizens you represent. Calling someone racist while providing no concrete proof of this is about as bad a thing as you can do to a person in this day and age.

I have no doubt you are doing this with the best of intentions but I ask you again... please present us with specific examples of racist policies and the citizens will be strongly behind you in changing these policies. If you throw us under the bus and state that our city engages in systematic racism without providing concrete proof of this you will have a lot of extremely upset citizens. I don't think I am asking too much here... and I think I speak for a lot of people who would be hugely offended by being labeled racist should you go forward with some of the proposed agenda items.

I realize we live in a world that has recently introduced things like the 1619 project, anti-racism and critical race theory. But we must stick to concrete evidence... to the facts...to the science if you will.

This is an extremely complex matter.... to assume the plight of blacks is because of white racism is one school of thought.. But how does this explain the failed schools, lethal violence and poverty in cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Baltimore that are run by black politicians? There are other schools of thought espoused by black intellectuals such as Thomas Sowell, Shelby Steele and the recently deceased Walter Williams who believe the lack of quality schools in the inner cities... single parent households, and the unintended consequences of the welfare state are holding black society back... Do you really want to be the arbiter of these debates? I believe this is far out of the area of your expertise for both the city council and our school board who is proposing similar measures. You owe it to the citizens of Manhattan Beach to proceed extremely cautiously and responsibly in this matter. You must act on facts and not feelings... the stakes are high.

Martha Alvarez

From: Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please help us!
Attachments: image0.jpeg; image1.jpeg; fbpost.jpg

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Dear City Council,

Please read the below message to our Superintendent.

Not sure what you can do to help...more letters/emails, phone calls, petition to open the south bay schools, talk to the press, speak at a protests/rally, lawsuit?

A few days ago I read about the LA City Council member who wants to sue LAUSD to open.

Thank you Manhattan Beach City Council.

Joy Roberts (Manhattan Beach resident and parent)

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>
To: MBUSD Mike Matthews <mmatthews@manhattan.k12.ca.us>
Cc: Katherine Whittaker-Stopp <kstopp@manhattan.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 03:11:14 PM PST
Subject: Please help us!

Dear Superintendent Dr. Mike Matthews,

Looks like the South Bay is in the clear (see attached latest covid map). We all know by now that experts (see attachment) agree kids need to be back in school. It's been almost a year. Let's not let this go another year. Please update us on how you are advocating for the return of ALL students.

I'll loosely quote what PV Superintendent Dr. Cherniss said to me in an email at the beginning of the school year last September...All elected city and school officials need to speak up and fight for the kids. If not, I fear this could go on for another year.

In your Monday Message I saw the angry facebook post you inserted. I agree it was uncalled for, the inflammatory and threatening language was extreme. What you may not have seen was the part that was added by the parent. I have attached it to this message. You are asking for parents not to be extreme with their language or actions and I agree with your request. But, I hope you understand that these are extreme times, many parents are feeling hopeless and desperate. We need to see that you are on our side, we need your help.

Again, these are desperate times, I hope you and all South Bay School and City officials can come together and creatively figure out how to fight this. ALL students need to back in the classroom NOW.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,
Joy Roberts

Sent from my iPhone

actions at the expense of ALL of our group members.

EDITED FOR CLARIFICATION: I was asked to take this post down, but how about if I clarify and tone it down a bit instead? Happen medium? If people still want me to take it down I will, but I hope this helps clarify the goal of my post. And my apologies to anyone who may have been upset.

I do not mean to threaten anyone. And am smart enough to not do that in print on the internet, for the whole world to see forever. This post is simply some questions about a public figure. My questions are meant to better understand the psychology behind why people do certain things. If you can understand the inner subconscious motivations of another, then you might be able to affect their outward actions. That is all.

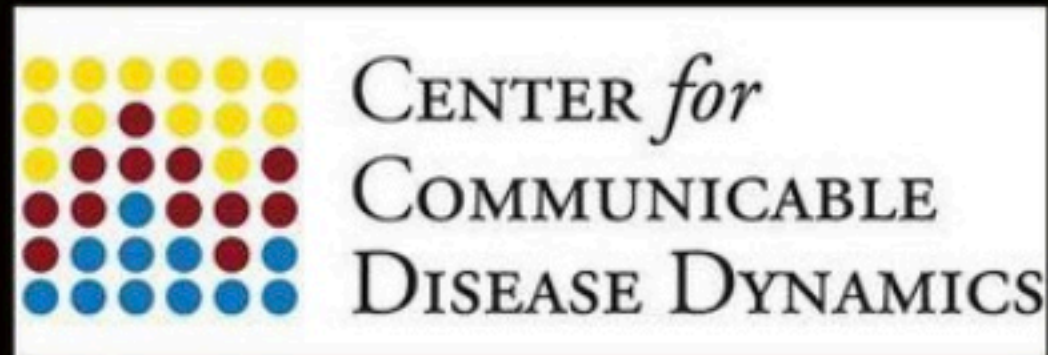
In a positive light, what I'm trying to do is find a "Personal Win" for him, that aligns with our goals of getting the kids back in the classrooms. Which was kind of my goal with the original opening comment.

Pain or Pleasure?

What are Mike Mathews, true inner needs or "personal wins" (as we call them in the tech sales world.) What is at the core of his motivation? Think power, greed, money, prestige career advancement etc.? (Personally I feel like he doesn't want to open the classrooms) Changing behavior requires pain or pleasure.....thus

- 1) We need to understand what drives him and create (metaphorically speaking only) massive pain Is he married, have kids, what has his career path been, where did he grow up, where does he live, any hobbies, passions outside of work etc.
- 2) Who is with him at the top to keep things closed?
- 3) Who silently wants to open at the top? (but can't go

Experts advising Schools to Reopen Safely:



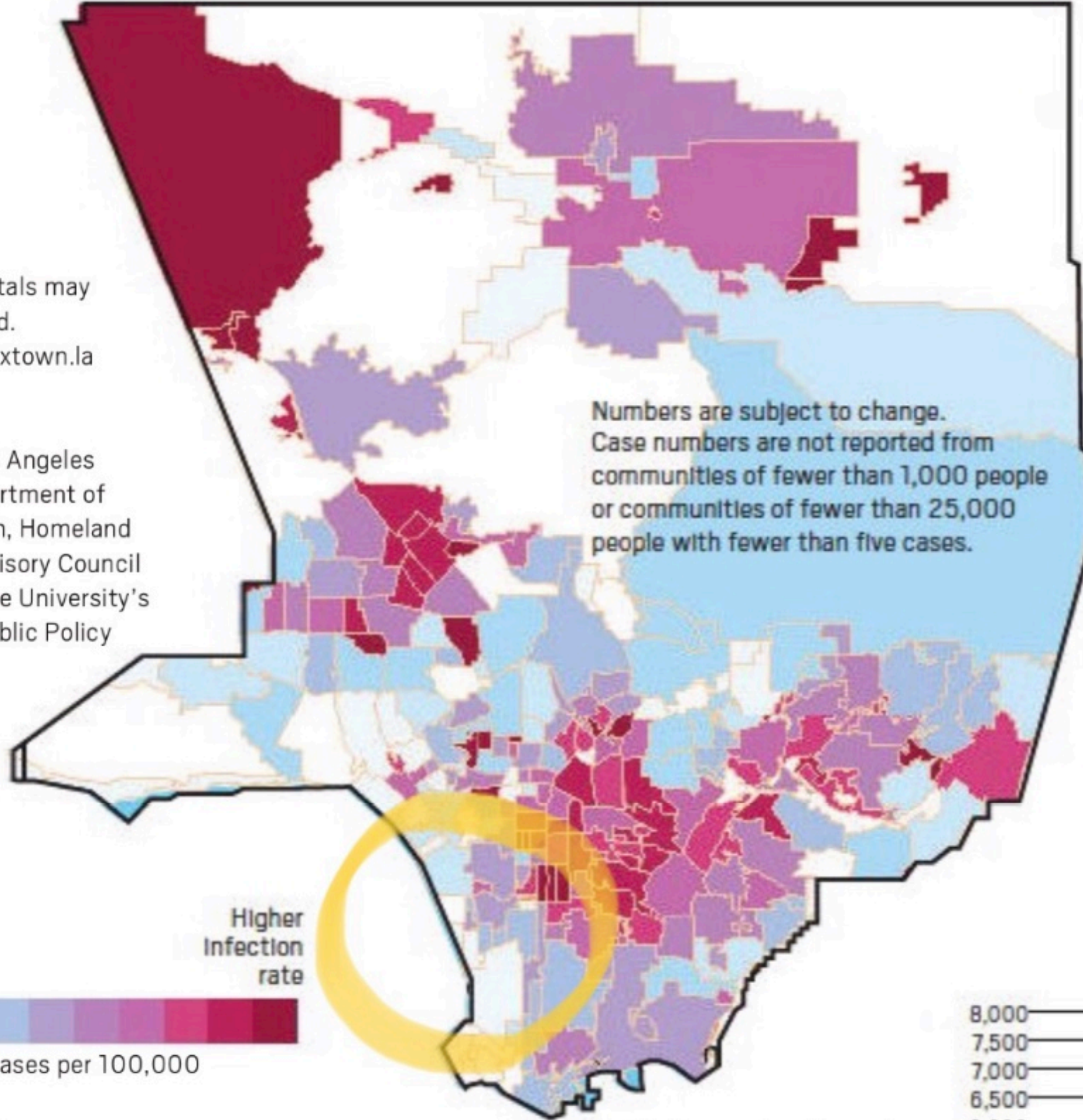
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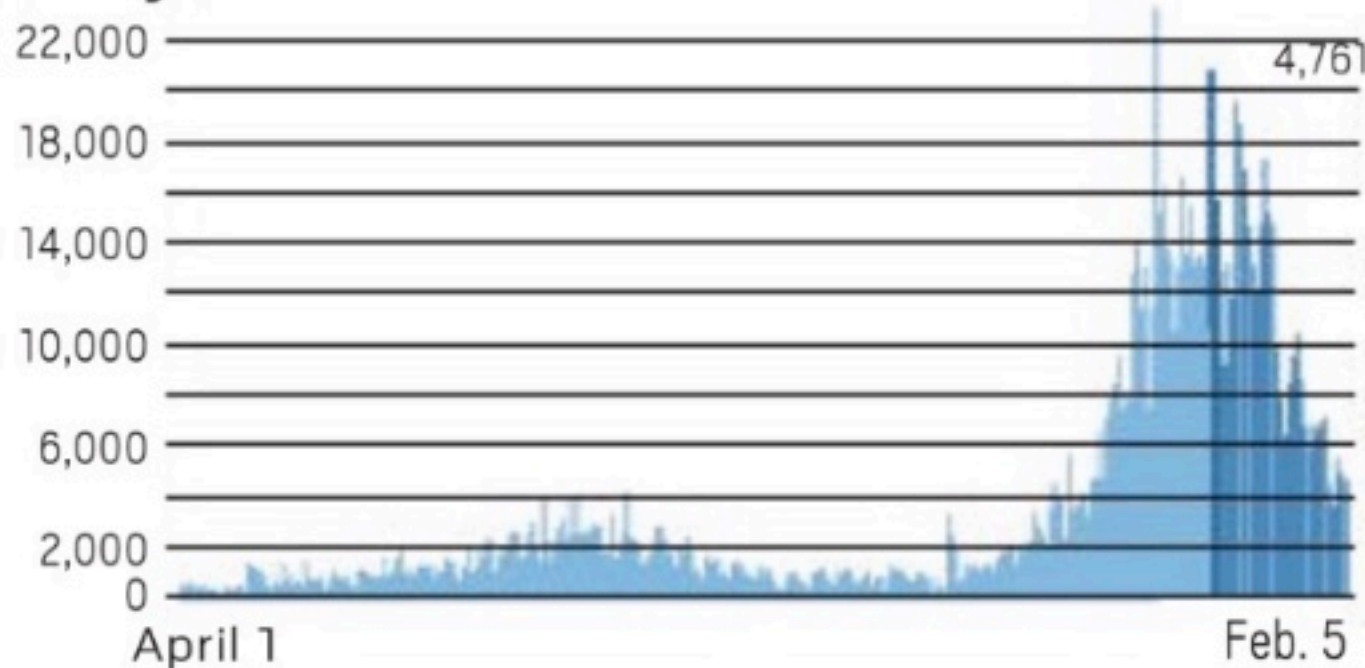
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Map source: xtown.la

Sources: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Homeland Security Advisory Council at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy

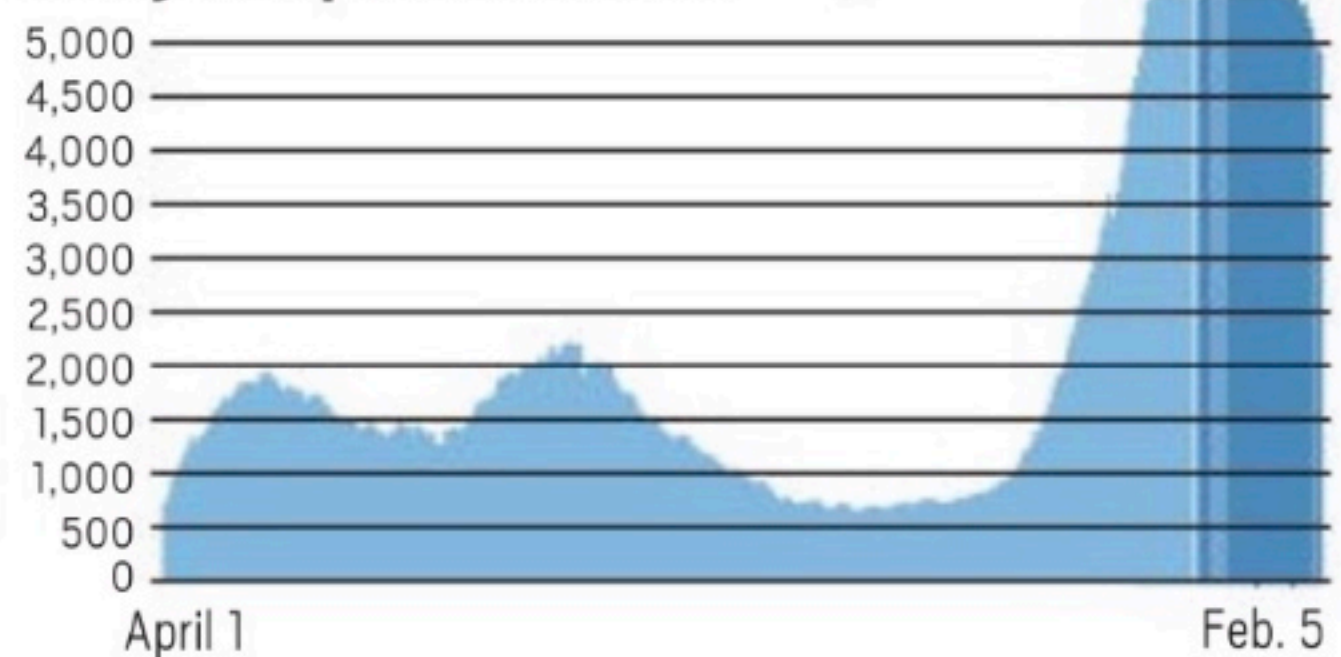
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Daily new cases



Daily hospitalizations



Martha Alvarez

From: sandy wu <sandywumd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] traffic at Manhattan Beach Blvd and Manhattan Avenue

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Hello,

I am a resident of downtown MB. The traffic past weekend has been terrible. Blocking traffic on Manhattan Avenue is a horrible idea. This must stop.

Sandy Wu

Martha Alvarez

From: Jennifer Krause <jennifer_krause@lennoxk12.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reopen HS

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Dear City Council of MB,

I am pleading with you to assist parents to reopen Mira Costa to the 25% capacity LA County is allowing. My daughter is a senior and has missed 3/4 of her senior year. My son is a freshman and has never stepped foot on campus. Both my kids are struggling academically and emotionally. They've been isolated from friends and teachers for 11 months. They need in person learning ASAP- seniors should have priority to return and have at least math or other arduous classes IN PERSON. Moreover, MB is losing families to private schools rapidly. Teachers cannot say they need the vaccine to return to work in person. (I am a public school teacher as well). Let's follow the CDC guidelines and get as many kids as possible back on campus for the education they deserve!! Time is slipping away! :(

Thank you-

Jennifer Krause

Frustrated Parent of two MC students

Martha Alvarez

From: Lynne Gross <lynnesgross@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:35 AM
To: List - City Council; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Completion of email about Manhattan Avenue

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I don't think blocking off Manhattan Avenue for restaurant seating is working for anyone.

It is definitely not working for the residents or the drivers. But I don't think it is doing much for the restaurants or their customers either.

I have walked through the area a number of times and have not seen many people there. Granted I walked through during off times for meals (because I don't feel COVID safe when there are many people with their face masks off), but what I have observed is that, although there are quite a few people on the platforms on Manhattan Beach Boulevard, there are very few in the new Manhattan Avenue area. My conclusion is that the people are there for the view, not the food!

There certainly is no view on Manhattan Avenue and it doesn't look, to me, like a comfortable or enticing place to eat.

I'm all for helping our restaurants and other businesses survive and even spearheaded one project that led to a lot of gift certificates being purchased from the downtown businesses.

There have been a number of good ideas enacted by Council, but I don't think this is one of them.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Audrey Ritterman Estes <are@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:18 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] This is my analogy on Bruce's Beach Task Force to football

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This is my analogy...

I am comparing Bruce's Beach Task Force to a football team...

Imagine this:

My team just intercepted the football but they caught it out of bounds. The coaches are saying keep running for a touchdown. The football players believe they can run wherever they want because the coaches Told them not to worry about boundaries. The problem is everyone understands rules of football but The coaches and the players just want a win.. so they do not represent the football rules... in other words they are cheating.

There is massive confusion and chaos which divides everyone who is watching or participating in the game.

The question is who is at fault for this debacle.

It's the COACHES..

I would like to call foul on Council Members Napolitano and Stern. My understanding is the MB City Council agreed on 3 criteria for the Task Force

1. Bruce's Beach history
2. Revise plaque
3. Art installation

Please stick to the rules of the Of the agreement that was made on 9/1/2020.

Remember MB City Council, you represent ALL the residents of MB. Please get Bruce's Beach Task Force under the guidelines of the mission statement

Sincerely,

A concerned resident and avid football fans

Martha Alvarez

From: anitamitchell90266 <anitamitchell90266@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:10 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Taskforce

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Dear City Council Members, Rumors are circulating about the findings and recommendations of the Bruce's Beach Taskforce. I'm hoping that they are not accurate.

As a long time resident of Manhattan Beach (January 1982), I have experienced our home town as being an open, friendly community--not a place that is filled with hatred and prejudice and in need of oversight and change.

I wasn't here when the Bruce's Beach episode happened. Like most MB residents, I wasn't even born yet. I am deeply concerned that the rumored recommendations of the Taskforce will result in financial penalties and restrictions being imposed on the current community members. Please keep that in mind when you review and act upon any recommendations of the Taskforce. Thank you.

Anita Mitchell
716 30th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:50 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changing color LED lighting on the pier

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Hello Council -

When were the colored pier lights a council item? Were they council-approved under some department work plan? Was there public input? Who is behind this idea? A Patch article quotes community development director Carrie Tai as saying, "Hopefully, this will be a successful test and a nice surprise!"

Remember, the pier is a state historic landmark and the town's icon.

There will be some positive feedback from the community. No idea, no matter how bad, goes without supporters of anything "new" or "cute." However, many people are describing the "carnival" lighting as "tacky." They are right. This is an open door to use the pier as a new toy, with constantly changing special light colors, perhaps even flashing lights and programmed sequencing, for every special occasion. Somebody will no doubt want to program the lighting to music. Special requests will not be once or twice a year, but for every holiday, City event, sport team, charity or cause. There will be endless requests, because once done for one group, person, or holiday, and you must accommodate them all.

<https://nationaltoday.com/february-holidays/>

That link does not exaggerate the point by much. There are 365 days and many, many special causes. It's just so easy to reprogram the lights. There will be endless requests to change colors for special purposes.

The pier has become the focus for the town, but push-button programmable LED lighting is too much. It changes a one-hundred-year-old landmark into a color-changing distraction on the shoreline vista.

Changing light colors isn't even a novel idea. It's become almost trite in its laziness. It's a copycat idea that has been done in many cities on many buildings, which is no reason to do it to our pier.

Yes, we already decorate the pier for the December holidays, and it's true that this has been a tradition for decades. Programmable LED lighting, however, is a major, year-round escalation, and it will be abused. It turns the pier from an icon into a cheap advertising tool. The City will make assurances that the colored pier lighting will be restrained and very selectively utilized, but the door has been opened.

Lastly, of course, the standard lighting is actually intended for the safety of people walking on the pier.

The pier needs to be preserved as the stately, timeless landmark that it is.

Respectfully,
Gary D. McAulay

Martha Alvarez

From: Steve De Baets <debaets@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:24 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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The Committee need to be reorganized and provide the information requested by City Council.
The current report should be rejected.
Steve De Baets

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Robert Nickell <RobertN@nickellpps.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:51 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council

Based on what I have read and heard, it seems to me the BBTask force has veered off course of its original objective and is now trying to rewrite history. It's a difficult situation, as those pushing the task force and the forces of the BBTF seem to be willing call anyone a racist who speaks out against their opinion. Well please remember, it is simply their opinion, and you are not a racist. I would recommend that if the task force believes their opinion represents the majority view of MB residents, then they should take their time and propose an initiative for the next ballot.

Sincerely
Robert P Nickell
Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Rosemary Ray <roray02425@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:20 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racist Man Bch

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Not agreeing with that assessment! I'd like to see the facts re Bruce's Beach! I'd like to know the who, what, when and where!!! The URL that was sent out didn't work! I don't consider myself a racist and I'm part of Man Bch!!! Let the citizens decide not a small task force! While I appreciate your efforts prove to the citizens why you think you're right!
Rosemary Ray

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:02 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce beach task force

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Well it does seem some of the messages going around town are true, about this task force being nothing more than BLM affiliate of false narratives of racism, stirring hate and more divide with the race baiting and demands for apologies and reparations. Straight from their FB Page

"We need to continue to hold the city of Manhattan Beach accountable to the Bruce family. Please demand that Manhattan Beach pays restitution to the Bruce's and issue a public apology to the family. Check back here on 2/19 for access to the meeting's agenda. Also, you have not yet signed our petition, please do so here, and don't hesitate to share.
#JusticeForBrucesBeach"

Nonsense the city is even entertaining this. Especially when I think it was mentioned in a newspaper article 25 where families also had their property taken by eminent domain at same time. Why aren't they crying and making demands?

Respectfully,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: John Ward <john@turnstone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council,

I wanted to write to you regarding the Bruce's Beach matter. I do believe that the events and actions taken by the City and even the residents were deplorable and should be recognized as such.

I have several major issues with the proposed wording of the Declaration!!

- Firstly, it is demeaning to broad-brush an entire community as racists due to the actions of people 100 year years past.
- Secondly, and more current, there was that terrible episode of the tire that burning at an MB resident's house. Please remember that MB residents all met voluntarily in the Metlox Plaza and held a candle-light vigil to support the victims and vigorously denounce that horrible incident. Anecdotally, when this happened, I was driving carpool for my children to middle school and elementary school. On three days after the event, I asked the 5 kids in my carpool if any of them knew the kids of this family to who this happened. All of the kids knew the children of this family. When I asked who they were, I received many descriptions. "They are on my soccer team". They are in my English class". Etc, many descriptions. Not once in the three days to school in the am or home in the PM, did one of the 5 children ever mention this family was black. The race of this family was of zero concern to any of the children in my carpool. It was not until I came home on Wednesday and my wife announced we were going to Metlox to participate in the vigil when I asked why were having a vigil and she told me the victims were black... I believe these kids do not see race and I believe their parents have taught them these values!!
- Thirdly, these organizations that the Declaration is suggesting/requiring the City to join. Not knowing their positions on race and from where they get their information, I believe we are setting our City, employees, and residents up to have doctrine imposed that may have radical origins like the 1619 Project and Critical Race Theory. These doctrines are hate-based and create more racism and division than good...
- Finally, our Police and Fire and other departments for that matter, should not be graded on quotas. We should be a blind meritocracy. All law violators must be equally treated and all hiring based on the best qualified. By signing a Declaration that requires the MBPD and the various City departments to collect racial data, we are setting them up for extreme scrutiny in the future which could be used against the City.

Please do not support the Declaration as currently written. MB is not racist and should never declare such a negative and hateful statement upon its citizens!!

Thank you in advance
john ward

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Martha Alvarez

From: Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:06 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 21-0043 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Preferred Design Alternative for the Pier Railing

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Greetings Council

I see that you have on your agenda tonight 21-0043 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Preferred Design Alternative for the Pier Railing.

The staff report says that "The enhanced replacement was determined by the City and validated by State Parks as the preferred conceptual design alternative for the replacement of the railing system." But, "the preferred material for replacement includes anodized, colored aluminum tubing..."

So: I'm curious if the "anodized, colored aluminum tubing" is to be painted. Why would that be necessary? It's a 100 year old pier. As stated in the staff report, "the Pier was designated as California Registered Historical Landmark Number 1018. The innovative design of the Pier [includes] ...painted metal railings along the perimeter of the deck."

The point is, anodized colored aluminum did not exist in 1920. While I understand that some additional maintenance would be required to paint the railings, the authenticity and the historic feeling of the pier would be greatly enhanced by painted railings. As a comparison, would you use white plastic simulated wood siding for repairs at Monticello? Wood grain vinyl flooring at Mt. Vernon? Mass produced composite synthetic Spanish roof tiles at the Capistrano mission?

I think that simply matching the color in anodized aluminum would look far too slick and modern for a 1920 pier. A coat of paint would at least help the railing look and feel historic and authentic, even while the underlying material better resists marine corrosion. The pier is a landmark. While much has been restored and replaced, including the entire roundhouse, great care has been taken thus far to maintain the historic look. I am concerned that bare anodized aluminum railing will look and feel anachronistic, and seriously detract from the historic character of our pier.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,
Gary

Gary D. McAulay

Martha Alvarez

From: Don Spencer <donspencer.art@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 11:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racism and Bruce's Beach

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Council Members

Can it be true?

The town of my birth somehow assembled a “commission” consisting of minds so lacking in reason and fairness they would require others to assume guilt for offenses they did not commit?

Apparently, the inanity of 1920’s racism is thought to be correctable by those who continue to think race is important, thus are racist in 2021. The government to which I give allegiance is designed to provide a guarantee of equal treatment under the law to each individual citizen – no matter group affiliations.

Thinking minds would understand that every individual can deviate to any degree from any measure of any group’s average. Knowing this, it is foolish to think that “group” should be allowed to be the prime measure of “equality” and “fairness” used by Cities or States.

Particularly absurd is attributing importance to any group that is distinguishable only by degrees of skin melanin!!!

Show the world that Manhattan’s leadership consists of mature, capable minds. Cater in no way to the ugliness of today’s racist trends.

Don Spencer
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15 Feb 2021

Martha Alvarez

From: Kelly sultemeier <kellysulteme@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:42 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Schools

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for working hard every day for the residents of Manhattan Beach. I know difficult decisions are being made daily during these unprecedented times.

I am writing to ask for your support of families in our community that would like the option for in person education. Most of the students in our district have not seen a classroom in over 11 months. Based on the county guidelines and the current pace of the district's reopening plan, some may not see a classroom until next year. This is unacceptable. While I realize the opening of schools and classrooms rests in the hands of district leaders, I believe your support can help expedite the process.

Right now, our district has been able to bring back a TK-2nd grade hybrid with a waiver. LA County allowed children with IEP's and English learners back on campus 9/14. We were 3 months late. LA County allowed TK-2 waiver 10/5. We were 2+ months late. LA County allowed 25% of our campuses with high needs to be back on campus 10/5. We still have not taken advantage of this opportunity 5+ months later. Today, Janice Hahn announced that "LA County has officially reached the State's threshold for reopening elementary schools. Starting tomorrow our elementary schools can reopen for grades K-6 if they have the waiver". We need to urge district leaders to open classrooms to the full extent allowed by county guidelines immediately.

We have been told by the Superintendent that he is following LA County guidelines and the science. Science is proving that schools are not super spreaders. Studies have shown that schools can safely reopen with safety protocols in place. In addition, the CDC and Dr. Fauci both agree that schools can reopen safely without the need for mass vaccinations. With today's announcement, we need to push harder.

Since last fall the district has been offering TK-2 hybrid, preschool, after school childcare, special education and some sports conditioning. During these 5 months, our infection rate has been minimal, with all transmissions being reported outside of the school setting. There have been ZERO cases of infection between teacher and students among the thousands of hours on campus.

While we realize there will be some families that are not comfortable returning to school, other families would like the option for in person instruction. Remote learning does not work for everyone. Children and families need options. Middle school and high school students deserve the same opportunities as elementary school students.

Please consider using your influence with our school district, LA County, and State to press the issue of getting our kids back in the classroom. Our children are suffering. Anxiety, depression, isolation and suicide rates have sky rocketed. Families are withdrawing from our public schools and /or leaving the state. This mass exodus will have detrimental effects on our community for years.

Please help push to make our children a priority. They are essential. Schools are essential.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sulzemeier

Martha Alvarez

From: Lida Sandera <lidasbeach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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Their demand is crazy. Does anybody who was adult in 1920 live here?

People move here as our city is truly caring, open minded and welcoming town. As a realtor, I sell homes to people from all around the world, everybody are welcome here! Anybody is free to buy home here, rent or sell!

Myself, I escaped in 1968 from communist Czechoslovakia and live in Manhattan Beach since 1974, their demands remind me what I escaped from Lida Sandera

Martha Alvarez

From: Martha Tapias Mansfield <tapias@usc.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB is NOT racist

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Der MB City Council,

I have been a resident of MB for 31 years; I feel welcomed and proud to be part of this community. My husband and I have raised 3 children here and love where we live.

I am a first-generation Latina, moved here from East Los Angeles, I NEVER felt unwelcomed. All are welcomed, we just have to work hard to get here...and so I did!

Happy to speak out of needed.

Kind regards,

Martha

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Martha Alvarez

From: Lisa Gallien <lisagallien@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 5:18 PM
To: List - City Council

Hello

This task force seems to be going in the wrong direction. I urge you all to look at this again because I feel it is getting blown out of proportion. I have lived here my whole life and have a business downtown for 30 years and although we can always improve, I feel that this task force has overstepped their bounds.

Thank you

Lisa Hoven Gallien
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Martha Alvarez

From: peterwhartshorn@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 5:05 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Ave Street Closure

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Dear Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Councilmembers Franklin, Napolitano, and Montgomery; City Manager Bruce Moe, and Director of Community Development Carrie Tai

The recent closure of a section of Manhattan Ave to allow additional outdoor dining has not been a success. Traffic, parking and increased safety issues between pedestrians and automobiles are evident.

As temperatures warm up and the beach becomes more of a destination with larger crowds, the impacts of this type of closure can only increase.

I would ask that as the Covid virus diminishes its effects that the City not continue with these closures.

Thank you

Peter Hartshorn
1300 Manhattan Ave B

Martha Alvarez

From: nedmomary@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] task force

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dear city council i am outraged that committee task force was even formed. how dare they in their infinite wisdom tell me how i think or what my beliefs are. how dare they define our great city in such a negative way. i have lived in this city for almost 60 years and to say there is systemic in manhattan beach is not only false, but libelous. i have observed that white people are afraid to speak out risking being called a racist and black people are afraid to be called an uncle tom. we all need to raise our voices and declare systemic racism in our city to be total nonsense and very hurtful. if anyone wants to challenge me as a racist i invite you to join me when i lay flowers and weep at the grave of one of my best friends charles who coincidently is black. respectfully, dr. ned momary

Martha Alvarez

From: Brian Bullock <bullockb32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council!!

As usual, I've been talking with my fellow MB citizens about any number of important political items that can/will impact our wonderful city. Unfortunately, many of them are not positive; only cloaked in what some think is "justice" or "equity". Bruce's Beach is an example. Or should I say the Bruce's Beach Task Force is one. From what I'm hearing - and I'm not surprised - the TF is trying to exceed what they were originally tasked to do. Without getting too wordy, we all know what I'm talking about. So, my informed opinion is the TF recommendations must be kept within the scope of their original mission; not more. Otherwise, my recommendation is to disband the BBTF entirely, or re-group and get a TF that can stay sane and seek the goals given to them. Thank you.

Brian Bullock
310.488.7784

Martha Alvarez

From: Ana Hory <ana@sunshinefam.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach City Council please show your support to reopen our schools

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City Council,

Our public schools have been closed for 11 months now. We are not utilizing the full 25% student population allowance allowed by the county. I'm begging you as a parent to help us get our kids back in the classroom. Schools are essential businesses. I am very worried the district is slow walking because they have no intentions of fully opening up this year, and if that happens then I will no longer have confidence in that schools will fully open in the fall. There has already been so many friends and neighbors who are moving out of Manhattan Beach due to schools not being open. This mass exodus of families affects this entire city , not just those with children in MBUSD schools. We need your help and support.

Ana Hory
ana@sunshinefam.com

Manhattan Beach, California
90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Catherine Strauss <catherinea Strauss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 11:07 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council,

Like most residents in Manhattan Beach, I am appalled at what happened with Bruce's Beach decades ago, However, it is in the past and is part of our history that we have grown and learned from so that these mistakes are not repeated,

As a fifth generation Californian, there have been numerous offenses of prejudice and hatred played out against my Irish ancestors in this state. 'As a woman, I can recall a time in our history that woman's voices were silenced and woman were not given equal rights to men, including men of color. We still fight for these rights.

These are also horrible offenses, but history cannot be changed. We must raise our voice and stand up for our fellow brothers and sisters no matter what race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation they are. That is how we create change. Not by going back in time and trying to erase history. History cannot be changed,

I have lived in Manhattan Beach for over 34 years, I have never found it to be a racist community and resent the tag being pegged on us by our predominant color/race. Isn't that a form of reverse racism?

I am open to hearing about a more prominent sign for Bruce's beach, but am against tearing the life guard station down and/or turning this area into a homeless shelter.

We need to remember our past so that it never happens again. Not remove it!

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,

Cathy Strauss

Martha Alvarez

From: Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach task Force

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Dear C.C. members, as a resident for 30 years I have never seen any systemic racism in our town. This Task force has become a liability. They are biased plain and simple so they need to be disbanded as fast as possible. There is no resolution to a problem that happened almost 100 years ago. I had nothing to do with it and neither did my neighbors who are multiple nationalities. It is common sense that this is a non-starter and should be shelved.

Regards,
Scott C. Chambers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Martha Alvarez

From: Mark O'Sullivan <markosullivan66@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:07 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BB TASK FORCE

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The scope of the Task force is a plaque, piece of art and accurate history, however the scope has been greatly increased.

The CC has responsibility to all tax paying and voting residents of Manhattan Beach. It is our job as residents to question and hold accountable elected officials. Currently there is language that the residents of MB are racist and there is systemic racism in MB. We as residents can request the CC provide data to substantiate that current residents are racist and there is systemic racism in Manhattan Beach.

I am opposed to the creation of a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI) as there is no evidence to support the need for a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI). Further the Committee, a non-elected body, has more power than the City Council and will have far reaching influence in all areas of the City which is anti democratic on it's face.

The Task Force should present only those tasks for which they were tasked: A Plaque, art piece and factual history of Bruce's Beach.

Sincerely,

From a 28 year home owning, hard working, proud resident of MB,

Mark O'Sullivan

markosullivan66@outlook.com

(310) 200-4492 ~ cellphone

This e-mail managed by a resident group concerned about the scope of Bruce's Beach Task Force

Martha Alvarez

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Jaron
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: MB is Racist According to Task Force

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Jaron

Please send to CityCouncil@citymb.info.

The link is at the bottom of my email also.

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On Monday, February 15, 2021, 8:23 AM, Jaron <jaron@jaronwood.com> wrote:

Please add me to this group and send this around to the members of the group. We should start a MB chapter and get these guys. They are the brightest minds in the world (many of them black intellectuals) and they're dedicated to defeating these bad ideologies.

<https://www.fairforall.org/>

This is an organization that is dedicated to fighting against racism, for equality, but also against CRT and antiracism.

On Feb 15, 2021 at 12:05 AM, <[Joanne Ciancarelli](#)> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

On Sunday, February 14, 2021, 9:07 PM, BB TaskForce <bbtaskforce.realagenda@gmail.com> wrote:

You are receiving this email because we are like-minded on many issues important to Manhattan Beach.

Dear Residents of Manhattan Beach,

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Have an opinion? Voice it to City Council in a 1 click email to all Council Members here: CityCouncil@citymb.info

~Concerned Citizens of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Dottie Horn <dmsavoie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racism in Manhattan Beach

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I totally disagree that our city is a racist community. I have lived here my whole life and not experienced racism shopping, going to the beach, going to school, going to church or in general living here and growing up here. The majority of this community welcomes "everyone" who moves here. I am proud when walking the streets and strand in Manhattan Beach, to see the diversity in our town. There are always a few bad apples in any place, but that is no reason to label our town as racist.

Although I disagree with how the city treated the Bruce family many years ago, it is no reason to punish the entire community today, 2021, for something that happened in the early 1900's.

Sent from my iPad
Dottie Horn

Martha Alvarez

From: mmoran6618 <mmoran6618@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:55 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council

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Hi there,

I hope the Council can be made aware of the opportunity that pickleball can provide to the city. It has the potential to replace the Virginia Slims tournament as a prestigious stop on the burgeoning pickleball pro tour. Recently reported is this :

The final match of the World Pickleball Championship aired on CBS Sports on (Superbowl) Sunday. It was the first pickleball tournament with \$100,000 in cash prizes and generated an estimated \$1 million for the local Punta Gorda, Fla. economy.

Manhattan Beach is poised to be a major stop on the tour. Realize that the Manhattan Beach Country Club has plans for eight courts. They will soon be ready and touring pros will love to play here.

Manhattan must add more permanent courts. The high school has the room and is far enough away from residences to handle the noisy nature of the game. We need to foster pickleball culture in our city: there are already some fine players here including middle and high school athletes.

Be brave and seize the opportunity.

Best,
Michael Moran

Sent from my Galaxy

Martha Alvarez

From: Alex Beinfield <ab@blueduckcap.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:41 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] task force - is this the Onion?

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This (below) is ridiculous. Do not adopt this nonsense. It will ruin the city forever. It will be on your watch. Please do not bend to these angry radical mobs.

Thank you,
Alex Beinfield

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Alex Beinfield
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Martha Alvarez

From: Kate K Wright <katekwright5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:02 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council,

I am writing in response to an email I received from "concerned city of MB residents" that states the Bruce's Beach is racist and should be considered for possible homeless shelter and/or low income housing.

I am in complete disagreement.

I live near BB and talk with new and different people there each time I visit or pass by. I enjoy learning of the happiness of witnessing the diversity of souls sharing a beautiful and well kept space near the beach!

We, our family, have had the blessing of living all over and are friends, family, and work with people from all socioeconomic, racial, familial, demographic, and cultural backgrounds. It helps a person feel more connected to actually interact and join in and welcome communities- in a variety of ways! Oftentimes, it begins with joy/conversations/ and a welcoming face and nice, clean space to share. I wonder what the lenses (aside from their curated clips of news) these "concerned residents" are viewing and their personal involvement of inclusion. Personal accountability for actions toward the collective sharing of love and inclusion is paramount!

Each person can likely level up their hame of less judgement/more accountability and being the change they wish to see.

I strongly disagree with the narrative being crafted by the "task force" and I hope our Council is strong enough to recognize manipulated information and stand by MB.

Dare I say most who reside and visit here who are excited about doing the right thing and leaders with the skills it takes to stand up to pressure and being falsely called names.

Please be the Council and leaders we seek and know our truth and recognize fear spreading and name calling for what they are.

Thank you,
KWright

512-773-6520 (mobile)

Martha Alvarez

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerned citizen of MB

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Manhattan Beach is NOT a racist community. I am completely against low income housing and homeless housing, restitution or reparations of any kind. I worked my entire life to make a life for myself and my family. No one handed me anything.

Joanne Ciancarelli

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Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force a Joke

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Hi,
From what is circulating around this task force is way out of line and plain absurd. If anybody on Council is even considering any of their outlandish requests, especially those pertaining to the police department, I want a face-to-face meeting with everyone of you to discuss facts and reality of law and order and policing. Not politics. FACTS and DATA.

There should be absolutely no oversight committee of any kind made up of people in the community. These different civilian review boards across the country - especially in democratic cities - are nothing but far left wing nut jobs that are out to create more problems for law enforcement. They harass cops and ultimately the reality is the Ferguson Effect, which is HIGHER CRIME RATES anytime you play politics with policing.

Police officers are so beat down as it is right now because of BLM across the country and democratic political ideology, there is no need for more paperwork or more race baiting driven documentation. I want to vomit that people in a community that is so educated still wanna act as if any police force is racist because more Black people get arrested or have force used on them. The bottom line is black males commit a disproportionate amount of violent and felonious crimes across the country and that is why they get arrested more PERIOD!

There needs to be absolutely no apology from the city for anything concerning race, nor any type of educational programs or spending anymore money on task forces to cater to this race baiting nonsense. No more city entertaining diversity and special interest requests unless you also create task forces that look into more support for the police and fire departments.

And if anybody considers low income housing or a homeless shelter in Manhattan Beach, well then I want some kind of subsidy to help me with my rent (sarcastic).

I cannot believe the city entertained this Bruce Beach task force or has allowed them to go this far off the rails.

Peace,
Matt

Martha Alvarez

From: Pam Donesley <pdonesley@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task Force

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The "Task" force was designed to investigate the history of "Bruce's Beach", prepare a new plaque and an art piece. It appears that the scope of the committee has been lost with popular sentiments on systemic racism. Loss of property in this town by eminent domain has not been only directed to people of color, but by the whims of political groups over many years.

People of color should find the wording of the proposed expansion of committees to be as offensive as the demonstration at City Hall with the profanity laced tirade threatening to burn our city down.

Before you, the council, commit to any resolution, reparation, housing project or oversight, understand that residents of this community deserve to know all legal and financial implications proposed by a group of non elected people who may or may not be residents of Manhattan Beach.

I have been a long term resident who has worked hard to raise a family and actively participate in this community. I believe that this city is a fine place for families regardless of ethnicity or religion and that is demonstrated openly by activities, education and community projects. I do not want to be ruled or censored by outsiders who do not have a stake in our community. Take your proposals to a community vote and get back on the original task.

Pamela Donesley

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Personal Mail <stevefazzio@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:53 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council,

Just a short note to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the draft that this task force has put together. It's time to stand up to the BLM movement, not cower to them.

I am not a racist, but I will not apologize for actions that occurred before I was born. The statement, even if it is a draft, is highly inflammatory and does nothing to heal the divisiveness in our society.

I strongly believe that this task force does not represent the views of the majority of Manhattan Beach residents.

Thank you for your time, no response to my email is necessary.

Sincerely,

Steve Fazzio
2516 Pine Avenue Homeowner

Martha Alvarez

From: Juliana Edwards <julianaedwards@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear city Council members,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach I want to show my disapproval of Council Members Stern and Napolitano in expanding Bruce's Beach task force mission without appropriate approval to do so. The limits of the task force was very clearly stated. Please watch video: https://youtu.be/yTXn_5vBlxw

I ask that the Task Force be redirected **back to its stated mission:** report the factual history of the Bruce's and MB in the 1920's, and recommend a plaque and art piece that reflects the factual history.

Thank you,

Juliana Edwards
310 948 7666

Martha Alvarez

From: John Schmitt <johnbschmitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 2:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Valentine's Weekend Street Closures

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Dear Council Members,

We have lived on the Strand between 12th Street and Manhattan Beach Blvd for 30 years and we love being in the downtown area. I wanted to provide some input as you consider the future of closing off two blocks of Manhattan Ave to traffic in order to support local restaurants. We frequent all of the downtown restaurants and have missed enjoying them during this COVID pandemic. We fully support any effort to help them out. Unfortunately, this closure has caused some real traffic problems for downtown residents. Ocean Ave, which is really an alley, is now more overcrowded with delivery trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars. This weekend cars have been rerouting to Ocean from Manhattan Ave. which has made it very difficult to enter or exit our garage and we have observed lots of horn honking and frustrated drivers. This issue is made even worse by the use of the Ocean Ave. alley for Strand House and Shellback dining.

Please reconsider this action until a thorough traffic study is conducted and signage, one-way sections, and enforcement are understood and in place.

Sincerely,

John and Evelyn Schmitt
1148 The Strand
Manhattan Beach 90026

424-634-1435

Martha Alvarez

From: John Schmitt <johnbschmitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 2:13 PM
To: List - City Council
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Martha Alvarez

From: Jeffs Gmail <jeff.r.butler@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 1:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach history

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I've been a resident of MB since 2009. I have lived one street away from Bruce's Beach the entire time and I'm familiar with the history.

- 1) While the Bruce family's property may have been seized legally, it does NOT mean it was just or moral. There were many laws in place throughout our country that were pure and simple racist laws.
- 2) The Bruce family may very well have been paid a 'fair' price, but it seems clear selling this property was obviously NOT their true intention (as is evidence from the legal challenge the filed).
- 3) In order for justice to be served we must first gather facts and evidence. If an injustice has been (legally or morally) committed, we must recognize it admit it and offer apologies and ask for forgiveness. In addition, we must also offer a reasonable solution or 'settlement'

These are not easy concepts and ideas to grapple with but we must. In order to achieve some sort of balance and harmony between possible transgressions of the past and the present, it is imperative to undertake this process.

Jeff Butler

Martha Alvarez

From: hapfrank@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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Just a thought.

Maybe the issue was not racial but of zoning.

M.B. has always been a residential beach with no businesses on the Strand. Research what the Coastal Commission had to say about parking and restrooms in the early 70's regarding public access.

I think more research is warranted.

H Frank

Martha Alvarez

From: Roy Gonella <royatbeach@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:51 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Ave. Closure

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City Council Members

You requested feedback on the experience with the Manhattan Ave. closures. Here is mine, as I tried to drive home at 4:00 pm on Saturday.

We live on the 100 block of 13th St,, which means our garage is on 12th Place. Driving home from the south (Hermosa Beach), it took us over 10 minutes to navigate the last three blocks. Ocean Ave was backed up from 10th Street to MBB, MBB was backed up from the Pier to Manhattan Ave and Ocean Ave from MBB to 12th Place was backed up with cars going South—and since The Strandhouse has taken over half of Ocean, cars going north (including us) were backed up onto MBB with no place to go, except to wait for some nice person to finally stop before 12th St, and let the southbound cars clear so we could go north. Finally, 12th Place had multiple cars driving west down our alley, not allowing us to get in our garage easily.

This closure of Manhattan Ave is poorly planned, and needs to be reversed, if you have any respect for the residents that live in the area.

Roy Gonella

Martha Alvarez

From: PAMELA DAVIDSON <davidson@ucla.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:50 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I resent being called a Racist as a MB resident

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Dear City Council Members:

I have received copies of the documents from the unelected DEI Commission.

I resent being called a Racist.

I actually think the Commission is Racist and part of the Democratic Party power grab -- that seeks to **manipulate the community by calling us names and trying to shame us.**

Please disband the Commission.

This is moving in the wrong direction. You need to get a grip now.

Rather than building unity this initiative is extremely divisive.

Sincerely,

Pamela Davidson

25 Year resident of MB

Martha Alvarez

From: MB SAFE <MBSAFE@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:23 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Report on the City Homelessness Efforts and Initiatives; city council hearing February 16

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Dear City Council,

The Board of MBSAFE is writing on behalf of MBSAFE and its supporters regarding the Report on The City Homelessness Efforts and Initiatives, presented by Senior Manager Analyst George Gabriel for the City Council Hearing of February 16, 2021.

We want to acknowledge our deep appreciation for George Gabriel; he embodies the true spirit of caring, efficient, and timely service. He immediately responds to every request that he is sent, and he addresses every concern brought to his attention with urgency and consideration.

With regard to the merit of the issues that George identifies in his report, MBSAFE has the following positions and urges this City Council act accordingly:

- 1) MBSAFE advocates that the City Council consider accessing the Redondo Beach Homeless Court and contracting the services of the Redondo Beach City Prosecutor.
- 2) MBSAFE advocates that the City Council consider cooperating with SHARE! Collaborative Housing as a both temporary and permanent housing solution for our homeless population.
- 3) MBSAFE is against spending \$28,000 for the homeless count.
- 4) MBSAFE recommends the City Council consider contracting an additional social worker to be able to provide full time outreach to the homeless people in Manhattan Beach.

Reasoning

1) The City of Manhattan Beach should access the Redondo Beach Homeless Court

The Redondo Beach Homeless Court will allow homeless individuals to resolve outstanding misdemeanor criminal warrants with sentencing that substitutes traditional fines and jail time with counseling, volunteer work and participation in agency programs. This restorative justice is a win- win for the homeless and for the community.

For people experiencing homelessness, the Homeless Court hearing is an opportunity to separate the past from the present and future by presenting the accomplishments described in the advocacy letters, planning for the future, and reconciling their cases.

For the community, the Homeless Court engages people in a gainful process, removing homeless people from doorways, parks, and gathering places, where they are susceptible to arrest and being unwanted. These people can then rebuild their lives by addressing the legal issues that often create barriers to accessing housing, employment, public assistance, and treatment programs.

We understand that access to the Redondo Beach Homeless Court has as a prerequisite a service contract with the Redondo Beach City Prosecutor. Manhattan Beach should consider executing such a contract with the City of Redondo Beach, as the City of Hermosa Beach has already done. A city prosecutor will be the best answer to address the problems of our specific community while also responding to the possibility of restorative justice for quality-of-life crimes. With such an agreement, the City Council will have a unique opportunity to decide the grade of participation and interagency planning among enforcement, community policing and homeless court. The current agreement between the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Hermosa Beach establishes a very reasonable hourly rate of \$175 per hour. This also means there are no fixed costs and the cost would depend on whether or to which extent the City of Manhattan Beach would decide to avail itself of the prosecutorial services.

2) The City of Manhattan Beach should cooperate with SHARE! Collaborative Housing as both a temporary and a permanent housing solution for our homeless population.

MBSAFE supports SHARE! Collaborative Housing (SHARE!) as a nationally recognized evidence-based model for homeless housing.

SHARE! can address homelessness efficiently, effectively, and immediately. It has been working in Los Angeles since 2005. It is supported by the LA County Department of Health Service and by Supervisor Hahn.

SHARE! is not a temporary solution: it provides a permanent home, with a warm, family environment and integrates homeless into family neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County.

Most importantly, based on MBSAFE experience, it has already been successful in placing Manhattan Beach homeless in permanent homes. MBSAFE has recently helped two young men who were homeless in Manhattan Beach. "E" and "S" both accepted services by MBSAFE Homeless Connect and thanks to our cooperation with SHARE! Housing, they were placed in permanent homes within just 72 hours. Just last week, MBSAFE Homeless Connect housed a homeless individual temporarily Sunday through Thursday; by Monday our chair Rita Crab Tree Kampe started the process to secure housing through SHARE. Harbor Interfaith Services (HIF) was able to evaluate the client on Tuesday and on Wednesday an appointment at a SHARE! home was successfully completed. The client moved into their home on Thursday, and our generous Manhattan Beach community secured much needed items - from food store cards, and meals, to clothing, to a phone and a bike. SHARE! model works and it has proved it.

The cost for monthly rent for a fully furnished home through SHARE! can range from \$500 to \$900. Since the program would include access to HIF outreach services, the homeless people placed through SHARE! still receive assistance in finding a job, and/or apply for social security and/or disability. This means that within a couple of months they might become independent.

MBSAFE does not recommend Pallets as a temporary housing solution. They are expensive (approximately \$72,897 per month to house 15 people), would require long drawn-out discussions as to where to place them, are not permanent and do not offer a real home. Most importantly by themselves they do nothing to address the causes of homelessness. In other words, the individual is not offered either a real home or the means to support himself or herself in a real home.

MBSAFE is not in favor of lease agreements for apartments in the City of Wilmington. This solution has already proven to be controversial, as Wilmington residents have already organized against it. Instead, MBSAFE supports lease agreements identified through SHARE! Collaborative Housing as a permanent solution, which is respectful of the needs and the will of the surrounding communities.

3) MBSAFE recommends against spending the budgeted \$28,000 to execute a contract with a private provider for the homeless count

Even if were to hypothetically assume the number of homeless people located in Manhattan Beach would have doubled since last year, spending \$28,000 for the homeless count would amount to almost \$1000 per homeless person – just to count them – not for service, not for housing. There are better ways to spend money and help the homeless. Manhattan Beach is not comparable to Redondo Beach in size or in homeless population and can look at other ways to get an accurate count.

4) MBSAFE recommends contracting with Harbor Interfaith to add one additional outreach social worker, dedicated exclusively to the City of Manhattan Beach

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of homeless individuals walking through or spending the day in Manhattan Beach. It is evident that the pandemic has affected these numbers. Unfortunately, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach also have seen an increase in numbers of homeless individuals. Harbor Interfaith Services (HIF) has effectively engaged with some of these individuals, still there are simply not enough hands-on deck.

One example for all is a homeless man, who has been living by downtown for a long period of time. After many attempts, MBSAFE volunteers were able to secure his trust and he was ready to receive help by HIF, but by the time HIF social outreach could be available, he had moved out. As much as HIF outreach workers are generous and capable, they simply cannot be in two places at once and are not in Manhattan Beach every day since we share them with other beach cities.

Redondo Beach has a dedicated housing navigator. The success she has is because of her constant presence. She is able to keep her commitments and thus maintain the trust of the clients which is integral to getting people to accept resources, particularly if they have been on the streets for a long time.

Harbor Interfaith Service provides a valuable resource to our community and MBSAFE supports them enthusiastically. In fact, we appreciate HIF so much we hope one of their outreach workers could work exclusively for Manhattan Beach and its homeless people every day.

We encourage the City Council to provide additional funding for a dedicated housing navigator who will be able to establish rapport needed to more quickly direct homeless individuals to much needed resources and housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Lucia La Rosa Ames
President
on behalf of the MBSAFE Board

Martha Alvarez

From: Paul Cunniff <paul.cunniff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:07 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Morality

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Dear Council Members,

I have been in the habit of routinely examining my conscience since First Communion over 50 years ago. As near as I can determine, the sin of "Racism" comes closest to my understanding of "Wrath" per the Western-World's notion of the Deadly Sins. My personal assessment is that I am not guilty.

Your attempt to establish a "Commission" to broadly assess the current content of this moral deficiency among the 90266 community is a task for which neither you nor I are perfectly equipped. I make no moral judgement of my neighbor, and have assumed that they have the same respect for my moral principles.

Please limit your duties to educating our children, improving our transportation, finding a just solution to the homelessness, gracefully enforcing reasonable Covid restrictions and controlling the city budget etc. etc.etc.

Your plate is full, leave the moral issues to the many faith communities within this fine city. They have graciously served us for years and do not need the help of elected officials.

PAUL

Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 9:22 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task force and apology

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Dear Council,

I have received more communications from people in town who are saying that the Task Force wants the city to sign a Letter of Apology and declare MB a racist community. I have written before but feel it is important enough to write again to make sure you all understand that I have never felt that we should do this and that it should be put to rest once and for all. Our city is one of the most friendly places there is. If you give in to these demands there will only be more to follow. That is just how they operate.

Martha Alvarez

From: Ray Joseph <Ray@rjfinehomes.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 8:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hi,

When everyone discusses Bruce's beach they act like Manhattan Beach is full of racists today. I don't know any racists that live here. I raise my son to treat everyone fairly and his hero is Russell Wilson, a black man. Tiger Woods used to live at Bruce's Beach at 228 26th ST, I got a package from Nike of his by mistake.



My son is holding the football with his half latin cousins and Russell Wilson. One of my friends her black daughter (Coast Student) used to babysit him and he loved when she sang for him. Like most parents we are raising good kids that aren't racists.

Would the city today want a restaurant and bar in that location? Trust me the planning department nor neighbors would not be for it no matter who went to it. Race aside, no one wants a loud restaurant & bar in their neighborhood. If it was a bunch of white partiers in that restaurant & bar it would have brought down property values too. Just look at property values close to downtown Hermosa, they sell at a discounted rate.

Why aren't there stories about all the people removed from Vista Del Mar? That must have been an amazing neighborhood.

I'm very upset with the way people are painting Manhattan Beach as a bunch of racists. We aren't racists and if you think we are, you don't know your community. Sounds like the task force has an agenda to make current residents look like racists.

I'm not in favor of any ongoing oversight or committees. No reparations for Bruce's Beach or Vista Del Mar.



Ray Joseph
Manhattan Beach CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Rahul Dhawan <dhawan.rahul@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 8:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan beach racism

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Dear MB city council,

The city of manhattan beach is one of the most diverse and inclusive areas i have ever been in. I am an indian physician and my wife and i feel very much welcomed here. If you approve to remove bruces beach and put a homeless shelter there we will likely move out as will most other diverse people. If you want to increase diversity please support small businesses and hard working people who make the city what it is. If you put a homeless shelter here it will increase crime and kill business and the safety. Please vote no on the homeless shelter.

Please reach out to me if you are up for re election soon and would like support.

Thanks,

Dr Rahul Dhawan

Martha Alvarez

From: Hallie Cimmarusti <breakit2meez@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal for Bruce's Beach - task force

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Dear members of the Manhattan Beach City Council:

I moved here to Manhattan Beach 7 years ago from the Pasadena area and I love Manhattan Beach. I like the community feeling and the secure feeling of the family neighborhoods and of course living by the beach! I also have family members who have lived here most of their lives.

I was recently chatting with a neighbor and they were telling me about the City Councils

plans regarding low income housing, MBPD monitoring and education in schools (i.e. anti-recisum) .. and what their suggestions were to address these matters.

I do not like the overreach of this task force and I would not be in favor of low income housing in Manhattan Beach, ESPECIALLY in the area they are talking about at Bruce's Beach. Green Park space is important for ALL to enjoy and I know that this area is extremely popular with the local residents living around it. And I must say, that I am VERY MUCH offended that I am automatically being "labeled" as a racist simply because I live in Manhattan Beach.

The issues around Bruce's Beach happened in the early 1900s when the entire country had segregation, and we are no longer that city. ANYONE is welcomed to live here if they have the income to support it. I worked VERY hard for VERY MANY years to be able to afford living in a community like Manhattan Beach.

I hope that the City Council members will be able to come to a better solution for these issues.

Thank You ..
Hallie Cimmarusti

Martha Alvarez

From: MaryEllen Udovich <maryellen.udovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Street closure for extra restaurant seating

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Hello council,

We saw the street block closure by Fishing with dynamite to accommodate extra restaurant seating. What a great idea! The spacing between tables was nice and we also liked that you could dine without worrying about tons of people passing you on the sidewalk. I Hope it goes well this weekend and the council considers it for a longer term solution.

Thanks for continuing to think about how to support our local businesses!

Best,
MaryEllen Udovich
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Maryellen.udovich@gmail.com
646.370.9000

Martha Alvarez

From: John Uriostegui <theugroup@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:49 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Jill Lamkin; Tiffany Barbara; juliezebrowski@hotmail.com; Deirdre Gurney; kidsneedclassrooms@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 2021 Commencement Information and Other Updates

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Dear Mayor and City Council

There have been many e-mail and posts on schools and activities for children. I have read a few responses from city council members that say of these requests are not your responsibilities. This is our city and you have been elected to make this a better place. Children in school and participating in group activities are good for the kids, adults and community.

I understand you have a lot on your plate but lets get things moving.....NOW. If you need help my help please ask.

For example

I am very familiar with pools and waterpolo. Stanford, UCLA, Dade County Florida and Gov. Como studies and reports on the spread of COVID (all virusues tested) in pools. COVID can not spread in pools that follow the government mandated chemicals levels. Yet we as a city do not allow teams to swim and practice without harsh restrictions.

Deirdre actually called all the local government offices and found our that we as a city are not doing everything we need to do to get the kids back in school. I hope she will include you in her well thought out e-mail that showed the board members what to do to get more kids back in school. In addition, I have included the latest email that I sent to the Manhattan Beach school board and LMU school board.

Please help us

JU

310-291-3737

Begin forwarded message:

Dr. Poon

I included the community service group on this email since that was I was told to do by the financial aid office. I sent them a letter explaining how disappointed as a alumni, and parent of a current student I feel LMU has reacted during COVID. I am happy to connect you to Janice Hahn, Barbara Ferrer or the state guidelines to open the school.

I wanted to copy you on a follow up email that I wrote to the local school board.

I read Deirdre Gurney's email and I wanted to thank her for including all the local data. I wanted to add that American Academy of Pediatrics, WHO, CDC, Pfizer, Moderna, JNJ and Merk have all said in reports and studies that pediatrics are not at risk in getting COVID for hospitalization or death. All these reports that show COVID is not one of the top 10 reasons children (defined as people 29 years of age and under) are hospitalized or die, and these studies say with COVID and/ or because of COVID.

Put all children back in school and let them participate in athletics and activities. There is no medical or scientific reason to keep children out of school and off the field and pools . UC Berkley just released people under the age of 29 have a positivity rate of 1.6%. We have hundreds of friends that have children in colleges, high schools, middle schools and elementary schools all over the state and country. You can't tell me that we can have all these football, basketball, soccer, boxing, MMA and a multitude of sports with the majority of the participants all being over the age of 29 ok to compete but we can't educate our kids in a classroom setting.

I am not insensitive to the professors, teachers, administrators, coaches and employees of the school. If any of them need or want PPE let's get them N95 or NK95 masks or some kind of mask that actually protects them and social distance. It is your job to get the teachers PPE to meet government standards and then they have to get back to work like the rest of the country...It is not your job to evaluate when you think it is safe, but rather to follow the government guidelines and advocate for our children, the government has taken care of the safety of the teachers... The research has been done and the guidelines have been set, all you have to do is follow them and get our kids back in school.

I am available to help in any way.

Thx

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310-291-3737

On Feb 10, 2021, at 2:36 PM, LMU Office of the Provost <provost@lmu.edu> wrote:



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

February 10, 2021

Dear LMU Community:

As I shared in my Jan. 29 [letter to the LMU community](#), we are excited to welcome you back to our campuses in fall 2021, despite the COVID-19 virus, and I share the following updates that aim to keep us on course.

2021 Commencement

We will host the 109th Commencement exercises virtually at their scheduled dates: Saturday, May 8, 2021, for undergraduates and graduates, despite hopeful signs of declining numbers and anticipated improvements in vaccine availability.

We will host an in-person celebration worthy of these momentous milestones as soon as we can do so safely and responsibly, with our commitment to the Class of 2021. We are planning a special series of in-person events, and I assure you that we are planning to review [LMU's Commencement 2021 website](#) for updates and additional information.

Provost Town Halls

In the spirit of our continuing commitment to transparency and community engagement, I will host a virtual town hall for faculty and staff on [the town hall website](#) for the latest updates and schedule. I will also have the opportunity to answer parent questions during Family Open House for faculty and staff to address issues specific to their areas. President Snyder will continue providing our community with updates.

Vaccinations

LMU continues to work closely with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and L.A. County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) on the [phase of vaccine distribution](#). Though LACDPH is not vaccinating the education phase yet, they expect distribution later this year through a provider or at a county vaccination site. You may check your eligibility status for the vaccine at the [LACDPH Vaccine Distribution Site](#).

Fall 2021 Return to Campus - Alternative Instructional Space and Campus Co-Curricular Activities

Each of the schools and colleges is currently working diligently to schedule as many courses in-person as possible with state-of-the-art accommodations and technology to assure an excellent, consistent instructional experience for all students.

We will also offer an array of co-curricular experiences. We anticipate that these activities and programs will consist of in-person and virtual experiences.

International Travel (suspension extended)

In alignment with guidance from public health authorities, and, so that we may have the best chance to return healthy in the fall, we have extended the suspension of international travel, volunteer or work programs, service learning, fellowships, or professional development activities. LMU will continue to evaluate the situation.

Advocacy

We continue advocating with our elected representatives and public health authorities to ensure we can provide you with the best possible experience. We will continue to consult virtually with LMU students, even if they reside in other states because of the pandemic. We are also working with our partners to ensure the safety and wellness of all Lions.

Online Resources

I invite you to visit [LMU Together](#) for the latest updates, [advocacy efforts](#), and [campus safety protocols](#) designed to ensure the safety and wellness of all Lions.

Thanks to our individual and collective sacrifices to stop the spread, I believe we will enjoy the bells of Sacred Heart Chapel ringing in the fall, a sign of safety and wellness of all Lions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Poon, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost

Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda item 21-0009 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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Dear City Council,

I support implementation of the homeless court for those who are homeless in Manhattan beach because a homeless court offers the homeless a way to rebuild their lives by addressing the legal issues that often create barriers to accessing housing, employment, public assistance, and treatment programs.

Best,

Laura Kiely

Manhattan Beach resident
310 503-6245

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: John Mistler <john@johnmistler.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 5:13 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda item 21-0009 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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Sincerely,

John Mistler
Manhattan Beach Homeowner

Martha Alvarez

From: cynthia palm <galcapale11@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda item 21-0009 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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Dear Council Members:

I am impressed with the steps the city has taken and continues to take to combat street resident homelessness in our community.

I support implementation of the homeless court process through the city of Redondo Beach for those who are street resident homeless in Manhattan Beach. Through this court, those with mental health and or addiction issues can gain another avenue to rebuilding their lives by addressing the legal issues that often create barriers to accessing housing, employment, public assistance and treatment programs.

It is clear that it is our moral obligation to support humanely the most desperate in our community while at the same time, not allowing their illness or addictions to create fears and concerns that negatively affect the residents of our community.

Thank you.

Cynthia Palm

Martha Alvarez

From: Jim Burton <jburton@ecokai.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:41 AM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Cc: Erik Zandvliet; Carrie Tai, AICP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Manhattan Ave - Street Closure

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Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro-Tem Stern, Members of Council, and City Manager Moe –

As a follow up to my email Friday February 5th I wanted to express my deep appreciation for responding so quickly to my concerns related to Manhattan Ave closure traffic pattern changes and the maintenance needs for painted signage and stop limit lines at most of our smaller alley intersections around the downtown. I arrived back into town late Saturday (2/13) and immediately notice many of the intersections I had highlighted with photos had been re-painted. I hope this maintenance work will continue down Crest Dr and eventually include all our smaller alleys in downtown. – Again – Thank you!

Manhattan Ave Closure- Personal Observations - Sunday 2/14

- 1) Our uber from LAX on Saturday night was re-routed with google maps though the back alleys due to traffic backed up on Highland Ave., & MBB
- 2) Google maps will begin to re-route vehicles to utilize the alleys more a traffic or closures require
- 3) Downtown was filled with people and news channels promoting the closure – businesses looked busy
- 4) Lots of people in downtown and many not social distanced in lines - even when possible - Several businesses (e.g., Creamery could likely use some help with social distancing enforcement)
- 5) Sidewalks were very busy
- 6) On a positive note: my observations were that most people on Sunday were wearing masks and restaurants seemed trying hard to ensure compliance
- 7) Moderate number of cars in the alleys around our house – not sure if there was any increase simply due to the Manhattan Ave closure but certainly cars were still driving too fast and lots of rolling stops at blind intersections
- 8) Small kids playing in the alley on skateboards – riding on their knees – difficult to see
- 9) I would expect that most people who were dining would have enjoyed their outdoor experience here in downtown – and simply opening back up seemed to breath a bit of “life” back into town.

Good luck balancing all these issues during COVID appreciate your service.

Finally, if I can wrap up work early, I will try to make a public comment during the meeting tonight expressing my gratitude for the rapid response on alley intersection maintenance and that residents should really speak up – you do listen.

Respectfully,

Jim Burton

From: Jim Burton
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:07 AM
To: 'City Council - MB' ; City Manager (Bruce Moe)

Cc: 'Erik Zandvliet' ; 'Carrie Tai, AICP'

Subject: Manhattan Ave - Street Closure

Honorable Mayor, Members of Council, City Manager, Mr. Zandvliet, and Director Tai

Due to last minute changes in our work schedule, I was unable to participate in the Feb 2, 2021 City Council Meeting and provide input until now. I hope you will consider my traffic related safety concerns and request for traffic mitigation measures during the upcoming temporary closure of Manhattan Avenue.

Please reach out if you have any questions and/or would like additional clarification regarding my concerns or excitement related to downtown outdoor dining.

Respectfully,

Jim Burton, P.E.,
328 11TH Street
(310) 376-8939

Martha Alvarez

From: Martha Andreani <mandreani09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Cc: Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern; Carol Perrin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Avenue Street Closures

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Avenue Street Closures Oversight Group:

It's really been a congested mess. From the perspective of a resident, it takes me an extra 15 to 20 minutes to get out of and back into the Downtown. I'm dismayed to think about how the street closure affects emergency vehicles. From the perspective of visitors, including potential diners, it's a vehicular gridlock at most times of the day. PLEASE, let's open Manhattan Avenue again!

And if street closures are part of the City's Council and restaurant-owners wish-list, let's go for a plan that doesn't cause gridlock.

Another part of the problem is pedestrians walking when they DON'T have the walk signal. We need more signage to prevent pedestrian crossings when they don't have the walk signal.

Again, thank you for your service.

Respectfully,
Martha Andreani
Downtown Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Raiche <nancy.raiche@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:31 PM
To: citycouncilmb@citymb.info; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Cc: Carol Perrin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] traffic with Manhattan Ave. Closure

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I live at 1148 The Strand. My garage backs out onto Ocean Drive, just south of 12th Street. I went out to the garage at 6pm on Sunday and noticed the traffic jam. There were maybe 5 cars backed up on Ocean Drive, heading South, stopped at MB Blvd. There were cars who couldn't turn onto Ocean Drive, coming down Center Place. There were 3 cars trying to come down 12th Street, deciding which direction to turn because of the traffic Jam.

My sister who lives upstairs was ill in January. We had to call the fire department twice. They do a Terrific job. I am concerned about the access if the roads are blocked. She has home health care now and the nurses have difficulty arriving at the back of the house to park. I think that the South direction on Ocean Drive from MB Blvd has now been declared one way. This also makes it difficult for her daughter who lives on Hermosa Avenue to reach her quickly because she has to go up to Highland to come visit her mom.

I back my car out of the garage onto Ocean Drive, between 12th Street and Center Place. When there is lots of traffic, it's very difficult.

I love the restaurants downtown and want them to succeed. I'm not sure this is working well.

Nancy Raiche
1148 The Strand
Manhattan Beach

424-212-2655

Martha Alvarez

From: Carlyn <frankandcarlyn@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Closure of MB Ave

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We too agree & ditto Roy's statements. Our home is located on 100 block of 12th Place. Street Restaurants should never interfere with access to private homes. This is a Safety problem for emergency Ambiance and Police access...
Carlyn & Frank

Martha Alvarez

From: Shefali Rao <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach City Council please show your support to reopen our schools

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No Single-Family Homes

by Robert Bush

Sacramento is on the verge of approving a plan that would make the city the first in California to end zoning that permits only one single-family home on a property.

The neighborhoods' exclusivity and desirability owe, in no small part, to their zoning: single-family residential. That could soon change.

In an unprecedented move, Sacramento is on the verge of approving a plan that would make the city the first in California, and one of the first in the country, to end zoning that permits only one single-family home on a property.

Under the proposal, up to four homes could be built on lots in neighborhoods long defined by their low-density, traffic-free tranquillity.

, Sacramento [has seen a huge influx of people and employers](#) in healthcare and technology — including San Francisco Bay Area workers willing to live remotely or make the 90-mile drive to the office in exchange for cheaper living.

The migration has bolstered the city's arts and cultural scene, but rents have gone up by double digits and rising homelessness has prompted protests [over deteriorating conditions for people on the streets](#).

Backing the zoning proposal is Sacramento's Democratic mayor, Darrell Steinberg, and a coalition of activists that includes white-collar renters who fear the kind of spiraling housing costs that many left behind in the Bay Area. The group, House Sacramento, is part of a network of organizations across the state called Yes in My Backyard, or YIMBY, that push for similar measures.

A "Don't Become San Francisco" mantra [also motivated Oregon lawmakers](#) in 2019 when they voted to end single-family home zoning across the state's urban areas, including Portland.

The city of Minneapolis [started the trend](#) the year prior by becoming the first major U.S. city to eliminate single-family home only zoning.

[Because of state and local laws](#), single-family home owners can add smaller backyard units and garage conversions on their properties. (Granny Flats)

The concerns of long-established residents over property values and community character issues are outweighed by the hardships of tenants faced with rising rents.

But those opposed to doing away with single-family home zoning don't believe that the proposal will integrate neighborhoods, racially or economically. They argue that any new fourplexes in higher-income neighborhoods are likely to be more costly to rent or buy as condominiums than what the average Sacramento resident can afford.

A better solution, some argue, is to invest in lower-income communities so that they have the same access to grocery stores, good schools and public services as wealthier neighborhoods. By trying to cram people into existing single-family neighborhoods, it lets you off the hook for improving other neighborhoods.

Other Northern California cities, including [San Jose](#), [San Francisco](#) and [Berkeley](#), are now considering allowing more homes in some single-family neighborhoods. And state lawmakers [are once again weighing a proposal](#) to allow duplexes on single-family home parcels across much of the state.

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Hero Pay

by Robert Bush

When the City Council demands that a company give “hero pay” to employees - doesn’t that violate the concept of “free market economy”? Any salary demands are usually settled by negotiations between the company and employees and no outside interference from a City Council.

In 2003, nearly 18 years ago, the largest and longest supermarket strike in U.S. history reshaped the Southern California grocery industry. During the strike, the chains in the labor dispute **lost a combined \$1.5 billion in sales.** No City Council offered financial aid or demanded employees take a pay cut.

Grocery stores, which have served as a lifeline during the pandemic, are now at the center of an increasingly bitter political battle as labor

unions and politicians fight to secure hazard pay for workers who have kept the businesses going.

The raises — also called “hero pay” — have become a hot issue in progressive cities in California and beyond, with backers saying grocery workers have put their health at risk to serve customers as COVID-19 has spread. There have been numerous outbreaks at supermarkets and other retailers, with workers getting sick and in some cases spreading the coronavirus to family members.

But grocery owners are fighting back. Following [Long Beach’s mandate](#) to pay its workers an extra \$4 an hour, grocery giant Kroger announced it would close a Ralphs and a Food 4 Less location in the city. The California Grocers Assn., which represents about 6,000 stores across the state, filed a lawsuit against Long Beach in federal court. “This misguided action by the Long Beach City Council oversteps the traditional bargaining process and applies to some, but not all, grocery workers in the city,” Kroger said in a statement

Seattle, San Jose, Oakland and Santa Monica have already moved forward with hazard pay. The L.A. County Board of Supervisors is also [expected to vote soon](#) on a similar plan.

Los Angeles City Council’s unanimous embrace of the pay raise proposal marks another win for labor groups, which previously worked alongside L.A.’s politicians to raise the city’s minimum wage and require larger hotels to pay higher wages. Under L.A.’s proposal, larger grocery and drug retail stores must provide all hourly, non-managerial workers \$5 an hour in addition to their base wage pay for the next 120 days.

At the same time, a [\\$1.9-trillion plan](#) unveiled by President Biden last month to tackle the nation’s economic and public health emergencies

specifically addressed hazard pay, with the president calling on businesses to provide pay boosts for front-line essential workers, such as grocery and retail staff.

The \$15.00 per hour national minimum wage that some Democratic members of Congress would like to impose amounts to a more than 100% increase in the existing federally mandated \$7.25 hourly minimum wage. One downside of increasing the federal minimum wage, the American Enterprise Institute's Michael Strain notes in a recent Bloomberg [column](#), is the “hardship for workers with fewer skills or less experience if they are priced out of the labor market by a higher wage floor.”

A [January 2021 report](#) by the Employment Policies Institute finds that raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour and raising the federal tipped minimum wage by 600%, as President Biden has proposed, could cause the U.S. to shed more than 2 million jobs and cost U.S. employers \$100 billion once the inflated wage floor is fully phased in.

United Food and Commercial Workers International, which represents 1.3 million workers in grocery, meatpacking, and other front-line industries, is spearheading the pay increase push. Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, which represents more than 800,000 workers from over 300 unions, said the council vote [Tuesday](#) was an acknowledgement of the risk facing grocery workers.

A recent **Brookings Institution report** that looked at profits at 13 of the largest retail and grocery companies found they had earned an additional \$17.7 billion in the first three quarters of 2020 compared with 2019 — a 42% increase. Even more striking, the country's three largest grocery providers, Walmart, Kroger and Albertsons, together earned an additional \$6.8 billion in profit in the first three quarters of 2020 compared to 2019 — an average increase of 98%.

Neil Saunders, an analyst at GlobalData Retail, said hazard pay ordinances such as the one passed by Los Angeles are “quite problematic.” “It’s very easy to sit in a council chamber and tell someone what you have to pay, because you don’t have to find the money to pay for it.”

Stuart Waldman, president of the Valley Industry and Commerce Assn. said **Tuesday’s** vote shows the “outsized influence” that labor groups have at City Hall if the council is raising wages during an economic downturn.

What Is a Free Market Economy?

Government highly control some economies. In planned economies, or **command economies**, the government controls the means of production and the distribution of wealth, dictating the prices of goods and services and the wages workers receive. In a **free market economy**, the

law of supply and demand, rather than a central government, regulates production and labor. Companies sell goods and services at the highest price consumers are willing to pay while workers earn the highest wages companies are willing to pay for their services. A purely **capitalist economy is a free market economy; the profit motive drives all commerce and forces businesses to operate as efficiently as possible to avoid losing **market share** to competitors.**

Supermarket Strike That Shaped Grocery Industry

In 2003, nearly 18 years ago, the largest and longest supermarket strike in U.S. history reshaped the Southern California grocery industry.

Tens of thousands of workers at Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions and Ralphs stores spanning from San Diego to San Luis Obispo went on strike or were locked out, starting in **October 2003 and lasting **more than four months**.**

Grocery shoppers had to choose whether to walk past workers picketing in the cold. Those who did found shelves often half-empty as they sought groceries for **Thanksgiving, then **Christmas**.**

Others looked elsewhere, flocking to Trader Joe's or Costco — and forming new shopping habits that boosted those chains' fortunes.

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Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions have a combined 342 stores and 29,000 unionized employees in Southern California. Ralphs, a division of Kroger Co., has 190 stores and 17,000 employees involved.

Mass merchants Walmart Inc., Costco Wholesale Corp. and Target Corp. now have sizable grocery sections. Discount chains Aldi and Grocery Outlet have opened stores in the region. Whole Foods Market — now owned by Amazon.com Inc. — is still an option, as are Trader Joe's, Gelson's Market, Sprouts and Stater Bros. Ethnic and organic markets fill the region too.

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kids.

We've been very patient but
can't stand it anymore.

Thank you,

Eva (mom of 2 boys)

Eva Fons

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City Council,

Our public schools have been closed for 11 months now. OPEN OUR SCHOOLS! THIS MADNESS HAS TO STOP!!! Your actions are literally damaging our kids!! How is it that every other profession has figured it out and you guys can't?

I'm begging you as a parent to help us get our kids back in the classroom. Schools are essential businesses. I am very worried the district is slow walking because they have no intentions of fully opening up this year, and if that happens then I will no longer have confidence in that schools will fully open in the fall.

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At this point this is just wrong. Figure
it out or get voted out!

Regards,
Scott Hartman

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From: Leah Niehaus <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Joe Franklin
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:10 AM
To: List - City Council; kdshook@att.net
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach City Council please show your support to reopen our schools

Dear Kathryn,

Thank you for taking the time to write about reopening our schools.

There is a firm line between MBUSD and the City Council as you may know. However, we have areas of common interests and work together for the safety of our residents. This includes Manhattan Beach children attending MB schools.

Still, as a resident with two children who are graduates of our schools, I feel for the overwhelming challenge parents and students are facing and am sympathetic for reopening schools as soon as possible.

I'll be watching the situation closely and will lend assistance wherever and however I can.

Please stay safe,

-joe

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From: Betsey Clements <betsclements@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Put Kids First- Open Our Schools

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I don't even know where to start, I am so frustrated, angry and scared.....for the future of my children and their education here at MBUSD. When are we going to put our children FIRST? When are we going to realize that this remote learning is NOT working, for students or teachers. When are we going to demand MORE? When are we going to be PROACTIVE at getting our kids into classrooms? When are we going to realize that many residents will be moving and leaving Manhattan Beach if they are able? When are we going to use the 25% student population allowance to get kids who are struggling back on campus? When are we going to realize that schools CAN open safely for all students?

If there is one part of this email I hope you read, it's this: *How many of you can remember your middle school years?....navigating multiple teachers and classes, gaining independence, the friend drama, good and bad, sports accomplishments, maturing amongst your peers and family. Now imagine NOT having a middle school experience? How would your person or futures have been different had you not been in class, on campus among peers for your 6-8th grades?*

My daughter is a 7th grader at MBMS. My son would have been a 4th grader at Grandview, but we were fortunate enough to withdraw and move him to attend in person classes at Montessori School of Manhattan Beach. It is very difficult in our house. We do not usually treat our kids differently, or give one something substantial and not the other. In this case our hands are tied. We have two kids with two different educational experiences, thus making it even more apparent that remote education is NOT working! We are failing our children who are remote learning! And it shows that schools CAN be open safely because our son has been attending in person classes, safely, since September- along with many other students across the country.

My daughter had half of a sixth grade year at MBMS. She had an amazing half of 6th grade year. My husband and I recognized the benefits that came from attending a large school. We welcomed her experience making new friends and finding her way. She came home happy and bubbly, and was on the honor roll. She met some very kind, new friends. She loved her teachers. We questioned why anyone would want to attend smaller, private schools for middle school. But that was all she got, a taste of middle

school- Sept-March. Virtual school for her does not work. I am increasingly alarmed and concerned for her future. She asked me the other day "Why do Kindergarteners get to go to school and I don't?" "Why aren't middle school classrooms open to kids who can't do virtual school?" I see her falling behind academically- a far cry from honor roll. I see her falling behind emotionally. I see her thinking differently of herself, not an honor roll student anymore, not a smart student anymore. And sadly, she also sees her younger brother thrive. He is happy, excited, learning far more than he ever did at Grandview. As a parent, it's the worst feeling in the world.

MBUSD is supposedly a top district in the state, people move here for public school education, but not for long. Why are we not at the forefront of innovation and progressive thinking, trying to get teachers and students back to school- ALL teachers and students of ALL grades- in whatever capacity the state or county will allow? If it's 25% capacity, why are more not back on campus at the middle and high school grades? Classrooms have been open across the country. There is evidence that it can be done, even right here in Manhattan Beach where my son attends school, 5 days a week from 8am-3pm!

Where are our MBUSD students going to fall when compared to other students who have been in class learning in other states (or counties)? My three nieces have been in class 5 days a week since September, in the Greenwich CT School District. Will MBUSD be able to hold their high reputation (and high real estate values)? Will people want to move here for our amazing public school system? I think we are heading in a downward direction and I am devastated that my 7th grade daughter is caught in the middle. Just imagine if you did not have a middle school experience and instead had to learn staring at a screen, sitting home alone. I implore you to do what you can in whatever capacity- to get ALL students back in class as SOON as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Betsey Clements

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From: Tiffany Wright <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: J J <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Bethany Santos <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open MANHATTAN BEACH Schools for In-Person Learning for ALL students!

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City Council,

I am writing to ask that Manhattan Beach Unified open schools to the extent that LA County has ALREADY allowed which is in-person learning for 25% of the student population on each campus, in addition to the TK-2 students who are already back on campus (source: Reopening Protocols for TK-12 schools: Appendix T1). Right now, we are currently using 1.5% of that 25%! Covid-19 will be with us for many years to come, and we all need to learn to live safely in this new age. School closures and distance learning is NOT sustainable, and it is your responsibility to advocate and educate the children of this district.

We understand there are challenges in cohorting the larger population of middle and

high schools, however schools across CA and the country have learned to do it safely and effectively. Bottom line is districts who have been successful in this effort understood the importance of providing in-person learning to their students, ultimately, they prioritized the children and we need to do the same! It won't be perfect, we may need to switch classes, we may need to quarantine at times, but many of these kids are suffering and need help!

We are asking for our elected board members, those who are supposed to support our families and students, to advocate for the children of this district and get them back into a structured learning environment. There is no evidence that these mass school closures have been at all effective or appropriate during this pandemic. Quite the opposite! School closures have been harmful to our children's and teachers' health and a detriment to our community. This is unacceptable! We expect accountability and advocacy from you all for the children!

Our district has lost hundreds of families this year, and we're seeing even more already making plans to leave because they feel that children are not a priority for this district. Parents that have stayed are losing confidence in the district and aren't making the necessary donations to MBEF to support our schools due to the lack of confidence in the Board. Our ask is that you utilize the 25% of student population allowance to bring grades 6-12 students who need in-person back on campus (because again, TK-5 is not a part of this 25%)!

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Martha Alvarez

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Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPEN OUR SCHOOLS!

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OUR SCHOOLS NEED TO OPEN NOW! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

There is no need for me to express my anger or state my concerns, as you already know what our leaders need to do and should have been doing for the past 11 months. You know our kids are suffering, you know we have been robbed from our right to equal education for our kids and you know that it is safe for our students to return on campus and has been for months now. It is proven the “stats” and data tables don’t add up at all and never will, yet you continue to use numbers as the drivers to your decisions; **OUR LEADERSHIPS NEEDS SUPPORT TO MOVE ON AND GET THE JOB DONE.**

OUR KIDS NEED AND DESERVE TO BE IN SCHOOL NOW! THE CURRENT SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK, IT HAS NOT WORKED, IT HASN’T STOPPED “THE SPREAD” AND WE NEED TO MOVE ON NOW! PLEASE SUPPORT OPENING OUR SCHOOLS NOW!

Amber Chutz
Parent to Grand View 3rd Grade Student.

Martha Alvarez

From: Amber Chutz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Martha Andreani <mandreani09@gmail.com>
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To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP
Cc: Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Street Closures in Downtown Manhattan Beach

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Dear Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Councilmembers Franklin, Napolitano, and Montgomery; City Manager Bruce Moe, and Director of Community Development Carrie Tai :

Thank you for your service to our community! And while I appreciate the difficulty of policy development during the current Coronavirus pandemic, even the "temporary" closure of a portion of Manhattan Avenue seems to me to be more problematic, even more dangerous, than waiting until the new cases of Covid-19 reported in Manhattan Beach reaches a sustained "0" for a minimum period of time. Additionally, I believe that NO policy that envisions a benefit to only one segment of the commercial business district (and no consideration for residents that live in and near the Downtown) should be implemented during this pandemic.

You know, don't you, that Downtown Manhattan Beach characterizes itself as a "small town Downtown". In addition to having had a number of unique shopping and dining experiences, our Downtown has small, narrow streets and sidewalks. Closing streets and filling sidewalks with tables and chairs creates more congestion. Creating a new policy for outdoor dining (single household only, 6-persons or less at a table; customers must wear face coverings until food or drinks arrive and after finishing meal; customers must wear face covering when the server approaches the table) requires additional enforcement. Certainly MBPD doesn't need to add this to their list of activities to monitor. Is your Code Enforcement department able to monitor and enforce your guidelines? Maybe you're planning on using chartreuse-vested personnel....Really? Is there room on the sidewalks and between tables for them to monitor the single-household, distance, and mask-wearing? I anticipate you thinking that restaurants will monitor and enforce the new rules; nope; that simply doesn't fit into their job descriptions and the upscale dining experience. Have you been monitoring the rise of Coronavirus cases in Manhattan Beach? Perhaps not totally attributable to outdoor dining, but the rise in cases is certainly more than coincidental to the increase of seating at outdoor dining tables.

And putting traffic onto Center, Highland, Ocean Drive, 11th Street (one way heading west), 10th Place? Highland at MBB, and Manhattan Avenue at MBB are nearly gridlocked now. The street closure will exacerbate that....no matter how much you are hoping that it won't.

I am very sympathetic to the plight of the restaurant businesses, here in Manhattan Beach as well as elsewhere. It has been a really rough time. It is a rough time for all businesses in the Downtown. I'm hearing grumbling from non-food service. Are you? It seems that several restaurants are doing a more brisk take-out business; where will patrons park for pick-up? I'm lucky that I don't have to find a place to park in the Downtown, but I miss the pedestrian sidewalks.

And then there are the residents within our "mixed-use" Downtown. With the eating/drinking area outside of Shellback's on Ocean, the dining tables outside of the Strand House on Ocean, and the traffic that accumulates at the MBB/Ocean Drive intersection....I question the ability for emergency vehicles to get through. It seems your plan for street closures is very, very short-sided, even unfriendly and unsafe. If outdoor dining on our Downtown streets is something you want to promote, it must be part of a longer-range plan with participation from all stakeholders.

Respectfully and again thanking you for your service.

Martha Andreani

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From: Yasmin Keyvan <yasy343@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:29 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reopening Schools

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach. I love this city with every fiber of my being! I moved here in 2018 (from North Redondo) SPECIFICALLY for the amazing schools. I have three children - Ava age 8 in second grade, Parsa age 6 in Kinder and Paya age 3 in preschool.

I am seriously considering leaving this amazing little city because of the lack of care and concern for our children's education since the pandemic began. And I am one of the LUCKY ones because my older children are able to go to school 4 days a week for 2.5 hours starting this week. But this is not enough, this is simply not acceptable.

Yes, LA county has been hard hit by the pandemic, however Mike Matthews and our school district officials have refused to think outside the box to provide the best for our children.

The state of CA allows up to 25% of children to return to school every day (not including those children going to school under the TK-2 waiver). That 25% could bring back the entire senior class at Mira Costa, it can bring back 3-5 grade at the elementary level, and with creative thinking that our school officials have been HIRED AND PAID to do they can bring back the middle school as well.

- 1 - 25% would allow the entire senior class at Costa to come back
- 2 - If they move all TK-2 students to one campus, Pennekamp is a large one, for example, they can bring back all of 3-5 at the other elementary campuses
- 3 - We have large outdoor areas at each of our campuses. We have amazing weather 99% of the year. We can hold classes outside. Other schools are doing so in terrible weather across the country. Ask the parents and we will happily contribute to tents and other material for outdoor learning

The CDC has said children need to be back in school and that it is safe WITHOUT vaccinating teachers (let alone the students): [CDC director says schools can safely reopen without vaccinating teachers](#)

I know many families who have left our wonderful school district for private schools that are open such as those in PV and Montessoris in our own neighborhood who are taking advantage of the fallout by offering classes through 5th grade. Now there is talk that schools won't open fully in the fall either. And donations to MBEF have stagnated.

We implore you to do something about this. Our high property values and the core values of our city are inextricably tied to our exceptional education system. Parents who live here have means and resources - they won't stay if distance learning continues. Many, including myself, are making alternate arrangements for the fall because our kids cannot continue like this.

San Francisco city council has decided to sue their district to reopen. We don't want it to get to litigation but we want MBUSD, Mike Matthews and the School Board to really listen to the parents and REOPEN to the maximum extent allowed by the law. This is not happening right now. Please take action.

I am available to speak by phone or to respond by email any time

Sincerely,
Yasmin Keyvan
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From: Scott Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opening our schools

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you as the grandmother of 3 wonderful children who leave in Los Angeles County. They have not been in school for approximately 330 days now, and it shows. They are all bright, usually eager students who, when asked, enthusiastically share with me and my husband what they are currently learning. This is not the case now. They have a bored, disinterested attitude towards their studies.

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Schools are open in other states. Schools are open in other California counties, including Orange where I live. My daughter is so desperate to have her children's plight improved by getting back to school she even talks about moving to another county for that purpose.

It is good to have businesses opening again, but the business of our children's future cannot be delayed another day.

I urge you to make this a top priority.

Sincerely,

Nancy J Snider

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Martha Alvarez

From: Carol Frey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open MANHATTAN BEACH Schools for In-Person Learning for ALL students!

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Teachers are not in a high risk group—unlike medicine.

A generation of kids in LAUSD ARE LOST FOREVER. They will never gain what they lost. Schools across CA and the country know how to open safely. Providing in-person learning to students, ultimately, puts kids first! Our kids are suffering and losing IQ POINTS and socialization skills.

We are asking for our elected board members to listen to the kids pleas. No data supports mass school closures and I'll go so far as to say the are now inappropriate. School closures have been harmful to our children's and teachers' health and a detriment to our community. This is unacceptable! We expect accountability and advocacy from you all for the children!

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From: Debra Cummings <debra@sanddsign.com>
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From: Michael Martin <mmartin@fpllaw.com>
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Martha Alvarez

From: Mariel Van den Hengel Waller <marielwaller6@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 4:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reopen schools!

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Hello, my name is Mariel Waller and I am a parent in Manhattan Beach School District and I am calling to demand the safe re-opening of schools for in person instruction THIS SEMESTER, with the option of online learning for those who wish to stay home.

It has been done in other counties, states and countries and needs to get started in Manhattan Beach!

Thanks

Mariel

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:00 PM
To: robertbush @dslextreme.com
Cc: robertbush @dslextreme.com; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Joe Franklin; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; jfenton; speel; jboxer; cgraves; jcochran
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Biden's Cabinet

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Biden's Cabinet

by Robert Bush

State Labor Secretary Julie Su, whose office oversees the EDD (California Unemployment Fraud - \$11.4 billion (10% confirmed) plus \$19 billion (17% suspicious claims that have not yet been proven to be fraudulent) Total - \$30.4 billion) Since Julie Su has done such an excellent job for California, she was promoted by President Biden to become the number two administrator at the U.S. Department of Labor.

California Labor Secretary Julie Su, President Biden's reported pick to serve as deputy secretary in the US Department of Labor, could face tough scrutiny in the Senate regarding her handling of unemployment claims in the state during the coronavirus pandemic.

Black Lives Matter supporters demand that Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti be dropped from consideration for a Cabinet pick within Joe Biden's administration. Garcetti has received criticism for the city's homelessness crisis, policing, public transportation, handling of summer protests and rejected the group's demand to cut the Los Angeles Police Department's \$1.8 billion operating budget by 90%.

President Joe Biden picks Alejandro Mayorkas - Department of Homeland Security.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has announced he will vote against confirming [Alejandro Mayorkas](#) as President Biden's Department of Homeland Security chief, calling him unfit for the role. Kentucky Republican noted that Mayorkas was found guilty of [helping expedite visa requests](#) for wealthy foreign investors when he was the department's deputy chief, according to a 2015 investigation by the Office of Inspector General.

President Joe Biden announced that [Denis McDonough](#) was his pick for Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

McDonough is neither a veteran nor a health-care administrator. And there are lots of veterans and health-care administrators in the Democratic Party ... and the primary responsibility of the VA secretary is to oversee the administration of health care to veterans.

President Joe Biden picks California Atty. Gen. Becerra for Health and Human Services secretary. HHS

Becerra is not a Doctor – he is a Politician.

"Xavier Becerra is a disaster for religious freedom and pro-life issues," Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., said on Twitter following Biden's announcement. "He has made his career aggressively pursuing a radical pro-abortion agenda and attacking the religious freedom of Americans who believe in the sanctity of human life."

President Donald Trump chose Ben Carson, M.D. to become secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD

Carson is not a Politician – he is a Doctor.

President Joe Biden – Secretary of Defense - retired general Lloyd Austin (not a civilian appointee) set for quick confirmation

Congress granted a waiver to the retired general Lloyd Austin who left the service within a seven-year window that safeguards civilian leadership of the military. Austin, a 41-year veteran of the Army, has promised to surround himself with qualified civilians and include them in policy decisions. He said he has spent nearly his entire life committed to the principle of civilian control over the military. Senate confirmation hearing - he has focused on persuading members of Congress that although he has been out of uniform for less than five years, he sees himself as a civilian, not a general.

An aspect of the defense secretary's job that is unfamiliar to most who take the job is the far-flung and complex network of nuclear forces that are central to U.S. defense strategy. As a career Army officer, Austin had little reason to learn the intricacies of nuclear policy, since the Army has no nuclear weapons.

But more important, the United States is traditionally a country where civilians sit atop the military chain of command and that is no accident. It is a reflection of deeply entrenched democratic values but also of fears of an overweening military. That is why a retired officer must be granted a waiver from Congress to serve as secretary.

President Truman relieves General MacArthur of duties in Korea

In perhaps the most famous civilian-military confrontation in the history of the United States, President Harry S. Truman relieves General Douglas MacArthur of command of the U.S. forces in Korea. The firing of MacArthur set off a brief uproar among the American public, but Truman remained committed to keeping the conflict in Korea a "limited war."

November and December 1950, hundreds of thousands of Chinese troops crossed into North Korea and flung themselves against the American lines, driving the U.S. troops back into South Korea.

MacArthur then asked for permission to bomb communist China and use Nationalist Chinese forces from Taiwan against the People's Republic of China. Truman flatly refused these requests and a very public argument began to develop between the two men.

Martha Alvarez

From: Kelly Gordon <kelly.gordon.mb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 10:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open MB Schools

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Hello again! We are, again, begging for local support to open up our schools. We are only asking that Manhattan Beach Unified open schools to the extent that the county has ALREADY allowed. 25% capacity ON TOP of the TK-2 at all campuses including middle and high schools. We understand there are challenges in cohorting the larger population of middle and high schools but surely we can figure this out (and should have figured this out last summer knowing the challenge we were heading into). Please, Manhattan Beach should be a trailblazer, not an outlier. At the board meeting last week, it was clear that the board members seemed to be anxious to open asap, safely, yet Dr Matthews still felt even a March 1 date, one day a week for 3-5, was "ambitious". We are asking for our city leaders to support and stand behind our kids and get them back into the classrooms asap. As I'm sure you've already seen, our district has lost hundreds of families this year and we're seeing even more already making plans to leave the city for in person learning in the fall as we're all getting worried that this is the never ending story of virtual learning. We appreciate the city's support!

Thank you,
Kelly Gordon

Martha Alvarez

From: MK Quilliam <mkq22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:26 PM
To: List - City Council; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Everyone warned you that this would be disastrous!

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Shame on you City Council for putting lives of residents, first responders, non-restaurant business owners, employees and all business patrons at risk w this street closure!

As early as Thu morning, Feb 11, your first "trial day" there were significant traffic problems and over the weekend no firetruck, police car, or any vehicle responding to an emergency could have responded in a timely manner!

How are we to feel that our city council has our best interest at heart when you are willing to put lives at stake defying all protests and common sense warnings by residents who clearly warned you? Also, to see that this street closure was chosen to be done without fair consideration of ALL business owners AND handicapped patrons to any business or restaurant is disheartening! Since when is Manhattan Beach a city that serves the "few and mighty" at the expense of the "many but lesser"?

Stop with this street closure, putting lives and livelihoods at risk, and give us back a safer downtown, please!

Sincerely,
Mary Kay Quilliam

Martha Alvarez

From: Tracy Johnson <tracy@videobuilder.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Council Members,

Sorry, but I think it is way premature to write an apology letter especially when it appears to have deviated from the original task. Possibly to the extent that the task force report may have been written to support the apology instead of vice versa. Let's start with and agree on the facts first. I don't believe we suffer from systemic racism and have no reason to apologize for what unnamed perpetrators did. History is constantly being rewritten to enhance some ones current position. The current cancel culture of changing school names and removing statues has gotten out of hand. Egyptian Pharaohs chiseled the name of their predecessor off temples to promote themselves. I don't think this needs to continue.

Please slow this down and stick to each task.

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Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: bob.ambrose@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:09 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Hi City Council,

My understanding of the Bruce's Beach Task Force was to find out the facts and report them back to the City Council.

Yet all I have heard on the street is that Task Force trashing Manhattan Beach, accusing its residents of racism and demanding reparation with no historical fact

As a resident since 1987 I have heard a story about Bruce's Beach, but have never heard the facts. Has this Task Force done its job and provided justifiable accurate history? If so, please forward it to me.

If they have not done their civic duty, can you either get them back on track, or better yet, because they are so anti Manhattan Beach, to manufacture lies, then they should be disbanded.

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Martha Alvarez

From: DJ Nelson <nelsonconsults@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:51 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Steve DeBaets
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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If City Council has the authority, I feel they should disband the Task Force. If a petition, addressing reparation for Bruce's beach is circulated, (which might be a prerequisite??) and asks whether the current Task Force be maintained, MB residents will have a way to speak out. Many have heard nothing.

I am available via email, if needed. I would also be happy to address the issue front and center, should they have a convenient meeting planned? I do not hesitate to voice my feelings, directly.

Staying Connected,
Daryl Nelson

Martha Alvarez

From: Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget Survey

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Councilmembers:

Without going into too much detail as I've tried to bring this to your attention repeatedly, but I find your Fiscal Year Budget Survey as useless for decision-making, short of relevant or resident-accessible information, and in the whole speaks of a certain contempt for resident input on the budget.

It speaks volumes on how the Finance Department is trying to lead the reader to a desired conclusion when all the lower tax programs on page 2 are listed at length, yet there is no mention that property taxes--the single largest revenue source for the city--is actually trending \$1 million HIGHER than budget (per your mid-year budget report).

Pages 4 and 5 actually allow a resident to move the slide under each to spend MORE than \$1.00 in total. The categories are so broad, there can be no conclusion reached as to just what residents prefer. It doesn't take a genius to know that our community (any community) first wants to make sure public safety is adequate, so that support doesn't tell you anything. And how is any resident to know what is optimum spend for General Administrative and Support Services? How is a resident to know what is optimum in terms of Public Works Administration and Engineering Management and Oversight of Operations and Capital Projects? And isn't Management Oversight of Capital Projects cost-accounted into the project? Maybe what residents want instead is for Public Works to just get off their duffs and remedy community shabbiness? The lack of performance is not always answered by more spending. And why is street maintenance included when street maintenance is generally supported out of separate funds?

On page 6, why the breakdown of all the various things the police department and fire department does, except to push on the reader that "hey, they do a lot!" Duh.

On page 11 and 12, the user cannot use the same priority number twice for these "infrastructure priorities" (i.e., only one can be "high importance". There are only 5 levels of importance, but 8 categories -- so 3 get functionally ignored. And, again, many of these programs do not compete for the same revenue source. [Also, I've always thought that the term "infrastructure" as used by the city referred to systemic projects like road systems, water systems, and sewer systems, and buildings and appurtenances to those systems. Yet this list includes recreational facilities. Can we come up with a common reference when we discuss "infrastructure?"

On page 13, the entire Civic Center including City Hall and Police/Fire is included as one category, and is compared to the Historical Society's "Red House." You aren't even comparing apples to oranges in that tradeoff.

Of course, given that 70% of the budget (at least) is salaries and benefits which have already been solidified by union agreement through the budget period, there's really not much someone can tell you in that regard. As such, it is only the remaining marginal spend that really would benefit by resident input, if the questions were framed right.

Now, you start asking residents whether it is more important to fund trees or plastic fire hats or TEDx funding, or whether reserves are too excessive given the benefit, then you might get input you can use.

Of course, I'm open to any of you letting me know how the responses to this unscientific, amateurish and biased survey actually helped inform your approach to the budget.

Regards,
Gary Osterhout

Martha Alvarez

From: Jody Leventhal <jodyleventhal@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Failure - Street Closure for Outdoor Dining Extension

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To the honorable City Council:

Street Closure Test on Manhattan Avenue is a failure. Access is paramount. Stop endangering with unnecessary commercial burden. Safety please.

An attempt to support a small sector of Manhattan Beach at the expense of the majority of others is totally unfair. This move literally blocks business right-of-ways and has created an unfair disadvantage to the adjacent medical offices and retailers along Manhattan Avenue as well as to those on Manhattan Beach Boulevard. At peak times while walking this weekend I witnessed gridlock of vehicles at every intersection, as cars tried to depart eastbound from the pier lot while westbound cars steadily streaming in from Morningside, northbound at a standstill at Ercoles, people doing u-turns in front of me southbound at 14th. Throughout the weekend I observed numerous chaotic exchanges between angered drivers and erratic driving, cars trying to pull around one another, one such incident almost hitting a clueless couple with their baby stroller.

As a fellow business owner, I do understand the desire to encourage a healthy economy. Many of us are not “stuck” home on zoom and actually work in other cities, therefore we need to drive to work, and to get there on time!! Homeowner taxpayers should also be able to return home safely and without the burden of congestion caused by this restaurant-serving measure. Even on President’s Day, many of us had business obligations. Returning home from another long day at a medical office in Torrance, my daughter arrived at the entry to Manhattan Beach, unable to travers streets- an all around traffic debacle. While we have grown accustomed to this kind of ridiculousness for predictable events like tournaments or pumpkin races or 10,000 people shoulder to shoulder for fireworks, to the recently unpredictable bioluminescent wave onslaught of traffic literally SURROUNDING our homes, this street closure “test” proves many failures.

Yes we enjoy restaurants. We, like many of the locals, have supported this base for decades and have gone above and beyond to continue to shop local, eat local, over-ordering take out and hefty cash tips to demonstrate our love and support- we’ve been there for them! We want them to survive, and of course to thrive. It should be reciprocal but it is not. I have heard nothing from the restauranteurs but diminishment of the interests of their neighbors. *WE would like* to survive too. Please cease burdening downtown residents with this foolishness, or else many more diminishing returns for all. Congestion, pollution, distraction, and dissonance is no longer manageable.

J. Leventhal
128 13th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Carol Shafer <carolfinejewelry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:08 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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To all MB Council members:

I just read this crap that "Manhattan Beach is vilified as a 'racist city', needing discipline, interventions and oversight". I'M TOTALLY OFFENDED!!

Manhattan Beach IS NOT a racist community!! We don't need interventions, but whoever believes this does! ANYONE CAN LIVE HERE AND ALL RACES ARE WELCOME! Residents include Black, Asian, White, Chinese, Japanese, Hispanic, etc. etc. This crap that you are putting out about Bruce's Beach is complete bullshit and those of you who believe it are caving in to a ridiculous idea that we as residents owe the ancestors! Manhattan Beach is a caring, open-minded, loving city. We already are a city of inclusion! WE DON'T SEGREGATE OR DISCRIMINATE! WAKE UP! I'm appalled and offended at this!! Lies, lies, and more lies! And I'm guessing that some of you want to defund the police who protect us!

You want true discrimination in our city? Here you go:

If you own a business in Manhattan Beach, only black owned and woman owned are allowed to include in their advertisement that they are black or woman owned!!! What about the rest? What about the businesses who have been here for years? Who the hell decided on this one?? NOW, THAT'S TOTAL DISCRIMINATION!! WAKE UP PEOPLE!!! (I know that this doesn't apply to all of you.) You know who you are; delusional and stupid...and you can't fix stupid! Knock this crap off and stop offending Manhattan Beach residents!

Carol Elizabeth Shafer

Martha Alvarez

From: PAMELA DAVIDSON <davidson@ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kudos to the City Council

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All:
I just saw this message transmitted via Nextdoor.
Kudos to you!!!

Betty Freitag Tree Section •

[Thank you MB City Council.](#) After slashing the budget last summer in response to the "defund the police" outcry, Minneapolis reversed its position unanimously. We want to thank the Manhattan Beach City Council for not caving to such demands and standing firm for our MBPD! <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/minneapolis-city-council-votes-to-increase-police-budget-to-hire-new-recruits/>



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Martha Alvarez

From: Marcie Carson <marcie@iedesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Corey Baim
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Secondary Students Need Help

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Hello City Council,

I am a 20+ year resident of Manhattan Beach who recently moved to North Hermosa. I have two sons aged 18 and 14 — both have attended MBUSD throughout their schooling and both were unable to experience in-person graduations last summer (from Mira Costa and MBMS, respectively). I mention this, because like many others, my rising-grade children are struggling as freshman in new schools that cannot be attended in-person.

I'm writing on behalf of my 14-year old, who is in 9th grade at Mira Costa.

I often hear about getting elementary children back in the classrooms, but rarely is there any focus on the older children. While I understand that it's important for parents and the economy to get younger students in school, I honestly believe that the emotional and educational impact is far greater on older children. Adolescence is hard to manage in normal times, but now we're isolating these kids and taking away social interaction at a time when they need it most. It's been almost an entire year that we have been preventing them from participating in sports, navigating the social dynamics of friendships, and learning to communicate with teachers and faculty.

Our once outgoing son is now withdrawn and introverted. His grades are falling. He spends hours every day looking at screens — fatigued, spiritless and disinterested. One of the biggest parenting struggles for teens is getting them off of devices, and now we're forcing it on them. Think about the pandemic's impact on your own life. Many adults get bored on one or two work-related zoom calls, yet we're asking these children to do this for hour upon hour, 4-5 days a week. Enough!

There is no doubt that the pandemic requires diligent mitigation, but the emotional and educational impact of online learning has proven that we must work harder to get these children back to school. I implore you to please act urgently to return our secondary students to in-person learning.

Thank you,

Marcie Carson Baim
Founder and Creative Director

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Martha Alvarez

From: Diane Frei <dianefrei@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:48 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please get the BB Task Force back on track

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Dear CC,

I respectfully ask the City Council to get the Task Force back to the set objectives, and if you cannot get them back on task, the Task Force should be disbanded.

Thank you,
Diane Frei

Martha Alvarez

From: Terry Warburton <stitchem1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Please redirect the BBTF back to their original (and only) task, that of recommending a plaque and art piece to reflect the factual history of Bruce's Beach. I've lived in MB since 1969 and have been a regular visitor since the 50's - my uncle owned Dean and Tugwell Auto Parts on Highland at that time. Please get the TF back on track....our city isn't racist. There's always the possibility there are racist people living in MB, as apparently these days, according to certain people, half of our country's population is racist. That isn't the task of the Task Force to determine. In my opinion.

Sincerely,

Terry Warburton
1511 Pacific Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA.

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Paula langstein <paula@itspaula.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:33 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help get our kids back in school

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To all City Council Members,

We need to get all Manhattan Beach kids back in school and with your support we can do it! Our kids have been sitting at home in front of their computer screens for almost a YEAR now with distance learning. What they call distance learning is NOT real learning. There has been no real support from the schools. We have seen the city council support the local restaurants and support our local retailers. What is more important, our kids, or that we shop and eat meals out?? How is the employee at a retail store more essential than a teacher? This has been shameful and I have no idea how educators and leaders in this community able to sleep at night. Please show leadership and stand up for Manhattan Beach kids.

Thank you,
Paula Langstein

Martha Alvarez

From: Karen Shapiro <kshapiro1248@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BB Task Force

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to request that you limit the Bruce Beach Committee to their original mandate.

Nothing more!

Thank you.

Karen Shapiro
Homeowner, 1248 2ND Street, MB

Dr. Karen Shapiro

Martha Alvarez

From: jimmy suruki <jsuruki@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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A Plaque, art piece and factual history of Bruce's Beach.

James Suruki
Manhattan Beach Residence since 2016
Registered Voter, Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: MaryEllen Udovich <maryellen.udovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's beach task force

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Hello,

Can someone please forward this message to Councilman Stern? It's my understanding that she oversees this committee?

Thanks,
MaryEllen

On Sun, Jan 31, 2021 at 7:11 PM MaryEllen Udovich <maryellen.udovich@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello Council,

Can you please explain the mission and scope of the Bruce's Beach task force?

I am a little confused as to how their proposals of building low-income housing, building an African cultural event stage or mandating the police to release their statistics on gender/race/etc of those they arrest/pull-over falls into their scope.

Thank you!
MaryEllen

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Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 8:30 AM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force Videos

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Dear Council and City Mgr Moe:

There has been a lot of local consternation (and rightly so) over the most recent proposed draft documents for the Bruce's Beach Task Force.

We're told over and over by the task force members and Steve Napolitano to not view these as final documents, they are only being posted in the interest of 'transparency' and that we should attend the meetings or at least watch the meeting videos.

In light of these highly concerning documents, it is vitally important that we have easily viewable on-line videos of the meetings themselves.

Yet, while the early meeting videos are easy to watch and can be scrolled back and forth, the last two in January are virtually unwatchable - the video download is extremely poor, takes an inordinate amount of time and crashes if you try to scroll or even hit the pause button.

I really feel, particularly in light of the recent concerns about the Task Force expressed in emails and on social media, that the residents have the right to be able to view these meetings in some sort of viewable fashion.

I strongly urge you to get with the IT professionals and make these recent meetings (and future meetings) more viewable, and therefore more accessible, to the public.

Thank you,

Mike Michalski

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Re/Max Estate Properties
RealEstateEdge.com
(310) 729-4255

Martha Alvarez

From: manbchstud@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:25 PM
To: List - City Council; Suzanne Hadley; nhersman@citymb.info; Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Hildy Stern
Cc: Stephanie Katsouleas, P. E.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Esteemed Councilpersons-

For over 35 years I have lived and currently own properties a few blocks away from the park known as Bruce's Beach. It has come to my attention that there has been a Task Force created in order to study the unfortunate history of the Bruce Family and to try to make that history better known to the public at large. The opinion of today seems to be that the current monument is not detailed and specific enough and there should be something more comprehensive put in place. However, I am also hearing of the possibility of removing the park entirely to replace it with low income housing. It is my fervent hope that this is merely an ugly rumor, and not something to be taken seriously by city council ! I worked extremely hard to be able to afford to buy my property here in Manhattan Beach in 1983, and I fear that if low income housing or homeless shelters are to be built nearby that it would negatively affect my property values as well as the current way of life that people in the area enjoy.

Please take this letter as a notice of extreme opposition to the notion that low income housing or any such type of building be considered for the site known as Bruce's Beach.

I trust that there would be notices to the residents about any such idea being considered, and that those residents will be able to be heard in person at council meetings.

Regards,

Larry Levine

Martha Alvarez

From: Ed Balazs <ebalazs4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Surprised that the issue of Bruce's Beach has not been put to bed. I know a Task Force was created, but thought you all had made it clear there will be no reparations paid to the Bruce family or anyone else. Nevertheless, I am seeing posts on social media stating the Task Force is considering a recommendation to restore the property to the Bruce family (how is that possible since it's county owned land) + there is talk of building low income housing there.

Frankly wasn't the scope of the Task Force to reconsider the plaque and to present accurate history? However, it appears the scope has been greatly increased. I am seeing whereas the City of MB is looking to apologize for a racist past.

The City Council has responsibility to all tax paying and voting residents of Manhattan Beach. Furthermore, it is the residents job to question and hold accountable elected officials. Reiterate that I am hearing about and seeing language that the residents of MB are racist and there is systemic racism in MB. We as residents can request the City Council provide data to substantiate that current residents are racist and there is systemic racism in Manhattan Beach. I have lived here for 22.5 years and haven't seen it. Rather, I have seen MB as very inclusive community with much less emphasis on race and ethnic background vs my hometown of White Plains, NY (a NYC suburb..not exactly the deep south).

I am also opposed to the creation of a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI) as there is no evidence to support the need for a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI). Further the Committee, a non-elected body, has more power than the City Council and will have far reaching influence in all areas of the City which is anti democratic on it's face.

The Task Force should present only those tasks for which they were tasked: A Plaque, art piece and factual history of Bruce's Beach. It's crazy enough around here with kids who haven't seen a classroom in 11 months. Bring some common sense in to the City Council and please get back to the original task at hand for Bruce's Beach (plaque, art piece, history).

Best Regards,

Ed Balazs

Resident of MB since October 98 (22 years – 4 mos)

Martha Alvarez

From: Amy Craig <amylcraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 11:06 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach -Task Force

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Amy Carlson
39 years resident in MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Bob Shearin <bshea98359@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EDSJI

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Robert Shearin 33 years in Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Shirley Hutcheson <shutch1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 8:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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City Council Manhattan Beach

I am a fairly new resident to this lovely city. I relocated from Pasadena in August of 2011.

I don't mind sharing that I am a Democrat.

I believe that creating a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion is a BAD idea. I believe the City Council is appropriately handling the reparations for Bruce's Beach.

From what I can see (I have 2 sons and their families that live here), I don't believe the residents of Manhattan Beach are racist. I don't see any overt racist practices by the citizens, the businesses or the Police Department.

As a resident I am submitting my opposition to the creation of a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion as there is no overwhelming evidence to support the need for this Commission. In addition it seems this Commission if formed will have more power than the City Council and unrestricted influence in all areas of the City.

The Task Force should present only those tasks for which they were tasked: A Plaque, art piece and factual history of Bruce's Beach.

All my best,
Shirley Hutcheson

Martha Alvarez

From: dennymb@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 7:24 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DEIC Task Force

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Councilmembers,,

I disagree with the recommendations outlined in the DEIC report. First, there is no evidence of systemic racism in Manhattan Beach. On the contrary, everyone is welcome in our city and many minority individuals enjoy our parks and other facilities on a daily basis.

DEIC's vision of a new Manhattan Beach is unacceptable and will ruin our great city. Recommend DEIC be disbanded.

Denny L. Gregory

Martha Alvarez

From: Paul Isley <pti@rainforestflora.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 7:20 AM
To: Mike Kurz
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Manhattan Beach City Council calls its residents "Racists and Haters" ?
II

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Good Morning Mike,

Well said but given that, did you see the response I received from Steve Napolitano? He answered my concerns.

Cheers,

Ty

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On Feb 4, 2021, at 8:46 PM, Mike Kurz <AttorneyKurz@Verizon.net> wrote:

Dear Council member,

What are you doing? The vast majority of your citizens, if not all of them, are peaceful loving families. They are producers and helpers and captains of industry and virtuous parents raising their children to be successful and generous in their community and society in general. We are not stupid and/or blind. You were elected to protect and promote those values. We proudly call them American values. They are intrinsically anti-Marxist.

We are not duped by the false narrative of a 'systemic' racism in America. We know that is not true, on any level. There's only false Marxist class-warfare sloganeering, and anti-family propaganda out there we expect you to resist.

Yet it appears the council has been duped by this false critical Race Theory narrative and sending us taxpayers the bill for their gullibility. The whole Bruce Beach narrative is misleading and out dated. Those affairs happened over 90 years ago. And a true reading of that history, in context, describes the same challenges that Italians, Irish, Philippine, Jewish, Catholics, and Asian immigrants faced at that time in our history. And those Blacks, just like those other "victims of difference",

overcame the prejudice and eventually prospered. They (we) ALL have old horror stories and legends of prejudice. But what's the sense of dredging them up when society has moved way past them? Nothing good.

This Bruce Beach story is just a white guilt Bludgeon now. It is divisive and racist on the part of those that are promoting it and racism as a basis of action. There is absolutely nothing Manhattan Beach Residents of 2021 can do to change one thing that may or may not have happened in in 1924-7. The HUGE equalizer, the Civil Rights act of 1964, did away with "systemic" racism in this country. That was 56 years ago. Systemic racism was final then. We are post racial as a system now. Individual racism can only be fought on a case by case basis and by the individual, but people have a right not like someone.

So, why any sane city council would create a commission that infers that their residents are Racist and Haters and must pay, when there is no proof of that??? That's insane. It's simply Marxist class-warfare baiting. Its divisive, based on lies, and promotes the very thing it says it want to fix, classism. Wait till you force your employees into re-education camps. You know that's going to happen if this keeps up.

We respectfully ask the council to back off it racist rhetoric in creating this Commission. Disband the commission as an unnecessary government function. Let people be people and we will come together on our own so long as we're allowed to naturally. Being insulted by Marxist lies is counterproductive. And, Marxist organizations somehow always wind up taking over, so be on your guard.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Kurz
(310) 874-0908
1209 18th Street
Manhattan Beach
Resident since 1991

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Kurz <AttorneyKurz@Verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: 'Mike Kurz'
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach City Council calls its residents "Racists and Haters" ? II

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Michael Kurz
(310) 874-0908

Martha Alvarez

From: greppu@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:45 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach TAsk Force Draft Document

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The Task Force has greatly exceeded its original charter with recommendations well beyond the original objective which was to recommend new wording for the Bruce's Beach Monument plaque. As many expected, the Task Force is a classic Camel's Nose and now the whole smelly camel is in our tent with recommendations aimed at addressing unproven assumptions that today's Manhattan Beach is systematically racist. Establishment of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission (DEIC) must be rejected as an unwarranted power grab unapproved by the citizens of Manhattan Beach. An non-elected commission with unrestrained power can be expected to damage city employee relations and damage the school district's high level of support now enjoyed in the community. Recommendations that require unbudgeted city expenditures and public property re-zoning are clearly out of scope and inappropriate. I urge the city council to reject all inappropriate Task Force recommendations outside the scope of their original charter.

George Reppucci

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike K <attorneykurz1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 5:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach City council calls its residents "Racists and Haters"

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Michael Kurz
29 years in MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Vance Ulrich <vanceowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DEIC

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Please explain who the people are that make up the DEIC? Who has appointed them and why are they taking over MB????

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Kurz, Gigi <GiKurz@lmu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 4:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Abolish the DEIC NOW

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Dear Manhattan Beach CC Members,

I am opposed to the creation of a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI) as there is no evidence to support the need for a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI). It's a made up Commission to benefit no one but the committee members themselves. Further the Committee, a non-elected body, has more power than the City Council and will have far reaching influence in all areas of the City which is anti-democratic on its face. It's more than anti-democratic, it is anti-American. The more we buy into this ideology of "social justice" and feed into this nonsense of retribution of past injustices, and the desire to keep the narrative of "victimhood at the forefront, the more we lose our freedoms. "Social Justice" is a made up term to keep people in a state of "victimhood" and enslaved to the political and governmental controls - there is only JUSTICE, that allows oneself to achieve success through the desire to grab hold of the many opportunities provided to them. If we continue to feed into this made up narrative of "social justice", the more Freedoms we lose. What happened in the past has been rectified from those that were willing to fight for real Justice, not "social justice." I strongly oppose the DEIC group and they should have NEVER been given the opportunity to form in the first place. ABOLISH this commission NOW. I don't want my MB tax dollars or even State tax dollars to be given to a group such as the DEIC.

The Task Force should present only those tasks for which they were tasked: A Plaque, art piece and factual history of Bruce's Beach.

Name Georgene Kurz
Years in MB – 23 years

This e-mail managed by a resident group concerned about the scope of Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Martha Alvarez

From: bonefish27@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] task force

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Please limit the scope of the task force to the intended job. We do not need to make diversifying politics a part of our fine City

John Whitaker

MB resident for close to 50 years

Martha Alvarez

From: Barret Pulver <bbpulver@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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City Council members,

The scope of the Task force is a plaque, piece of art and accurate history, however the scope has been greatly increased.

The CC has responsibility to all tax paying and voting residents of Manhattan Beach. It is our job as residents to question and hold accountable elected officials. Currently there is language that the residents of MB are racist and there is systemic racism in MB. We as residents can request the CC provide data to substantiate that current residents are racist and there is systemic racism in Manhattan Beach.

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Barret Pulver
27 year resident in MB

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From: Dana McFarland <danamcfarland79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:50 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DEIC

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Dear City Council,

I'm constantly surprised these days that I have to say this stuff out loud, but Manhattan Beach is not a racist place. I've lived here for 60 years and have never seen any racism. There is absolutely no reason for a DEIC, or any other idiotic ploy to achieve "Equity". The word is "Equality". Everyone is created equal.

Dana McFarland
508 Marine Ave.

Wright's/The Beehive

Martha Alvarez

From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:37 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EDSJI creation

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Dear members,

I have to say that I believe the creation of the Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion is a huge waste of not only time but our city resources and is unwarranted. I understand that the scope of the task force was the creation of a plaque, piece of art and accurate history, which I can support, but I just finished reading the proposals by the commission, which I am totally against, and have to say that I cannot believe that our city is at this point. I joined the zoom meeting on Jan 25 and was sad (and upset) to hear what I did - our welcoming city has been branded by a small minority as a racist community who happen to have loud voices.

I believe we should take the resources devoted to this issue and donate the monies to helping our homeless and trying to find resolutions in that arena.

Please stop this in its tracks.

Regards,

Judi Alves
Manhattan Beach Resident since Jan 2005

PS. As an aside, I always understood that you can't apologize for another's wrongs, only that person could so that we should apologize is really quite absurd.

Martha Alvarez

From: Bill Sunshinefam <bill@sunshinefam.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:05 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DT Street Closure - Thank you!

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for recent decision for a temporary but in definite street closure to support our local restaurants downtown.

I would like to encourage city planning and city Council to look at longer-term outdoor dining options.

Yes, this will remove parking spaces, but with Uber similar services, there will be a multiplier effect of people visiting from surrounding ZIP Codes ritual further financially support our restaurants as they gradually recover

As one of the top beach city destinations in California for residents and tourists alike- I believe post-covid, outdoor dining is here to stay and Beach should seriously think about not just staying competitive but how to leverage are surrounding amenities to place Manhattan Beach in the top tier of outdoor dining destinations.

Regards,
Bill Hory

Martha Alvarez

From: MaryEllen Udovich <maryellen.udovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 7:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach task force

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Hello Council,

Can you please explain the mission and scope of the Bruce's Beach task force?

I am a little confused as to how their proposals of building low-income housing, building an African cultural event stage or mandating the police to release their statistics on gender/race/etc of those they arrest/pull-over falls into their scope.

Thank you!

MaryEllen

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Martha Alvarez

From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:19 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Allison Hales is on the task force
Allison Hales is on the Board of Pop the Bubble

Allison Hales, is the organizer of Culture Club South Bay: Culture Club South Bay is not a non profit but from what I can determine an on line group that has had 2 online events.

Ohana Surf Club In in partnership with PopTheBubble2020 which Allison Hales is a Board member

All of that tasks can be accomplished through parks and rec and existing programs. There are volleyball lessons offered through parks and Rec, surf lessons can also be offered through parks and Rec

Parks and Rec can set up a talent show and/or events at the parks

In fact Parks and Rec taking on the events would remove any political agenda/ motives and reduce cost.

Secondly the Allison is associated with all the groups which also on the surface seems unethical.

On Sunday, January 24, 2021, 2:17:17 PM PST, Vicky Purvis <vicky.purvis@yahoo.com> wrote:

My comments are in Red below

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In subsequent years, the Manhattan Beach Police Department developed a reputation for racial profiling, perpetuating the community's long-standing informal practice of excluding persons of color from the community.

Against Inclusion: Provide data to support claim, otherwise this is slander

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Provide dates to the specific subsections as it reads now it appears the events occurred recently when in fact they occurred in 1920

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