

Martha Alvarez

From: heathergothitched@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Court

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I support joining with Redondo Beach's Homeless Court. Thank you.

Love always,
Heather Kim

Martha Alvarez

From: Sarah Leonard Sheahan <sarah@aliceandeileen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Suzanne Hadley; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Families Commission

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Hello, I hope you are doing well though I know at times these times are trying.

I am emailing you with an idea you may or may not think we need. I will be honest I am not convinced myself but I have been thinking about it for awhile so I thought I would put it out to you.

We have important commissions on library, arts and planning. Could we benefit from Commission on Families? I envision a group of residents who look at our city through the prism of families or more specifically, children, and support the Council.

This commission will suggest city policy to further improve the quality of life for families and children and with permission of the Council, pursue public-private partnerships to achieve their goals. There are a lot of exciting policies happening in cities around the country and it would be interesting to have a group of people dedicated to looking at those new approaches to keep us on the cutting edge while informing the other commission work and as needed and appropriate, supporting our school district.

The separation of our schools and our city has been on display this year and people are understanding more and more that these are separate entities. We lost a lot of great families this year due to Covid. People moved out of Manhattan Beach or moved their students to private schools in Palos Verdes or LA. We need to regain the mantle of being a community that is great for young families to continue to attract those families and involve those families in the community through volunteer opportunities.

Have a great week,
Sarah Leonard Sheahan

Martha Alvarez

From: jeff@vintagecapital.com
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda item 10 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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City Council Members,

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.

Jeff Davis
310-850-4301

Martha Alvarez

From: MB SAFE <MBSAFE@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Hearing of March 2, 2021. Item #10

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Dear City Council,

We are writing in regard to the Report on The City Homelessness Efforts and Initiatives, presented by Senior Manager Analyst George Gabriel (Item #10 on the agenda).

First of all, we want once again confirm our appreciation for George Gabriel; he is a true leader and a caring public servant. He has always addressed our concerns and emails with urgency - even over the week end. We are blessed to have him.

With regard to the merit of the issues that George identifies in his report, we would like to reiterate that MBSAFE has the following positions:

1) **MBSAFE advocates that the City Council negotiate access to the Redondo Beach Homeless Court and contract the services of the Redondo Beach City Prosecutor.**

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.

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.

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.**

SHARE! has been working in Los Angeles since 2005. It is supported by the LA County Department of Health Service and by Supervisor Hahn. It provides permanent homes, with a warm, family environment and integrates the homeless into family neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County.

Most importantly, as we have detailed in our previous email, it has already been successful in placing two Manhattan Beach homeless in permanent homes and it is in the process of housing a third one.

3) **MBSAFE is against spending \$28,000 for the homeless count.**

4) **MBSAFE recommends the City Council contract an additional social worker, who will be able to provide full time outreach to the homeless people in Manhattan Beach.**

There is an increased number of homeless individuals in the South Bay area and, specifically, in Manhattan Beach. Many are mentally ill or suffer addiction or long term homeless. This can result in a resistance to services and therefore requires continuity in the relationship and multiple contacts. This can be a challenge when we share resources with other cities. MBSAFE supports Harbor Interfaith (HIF) enthusiastically. We hope one of their outreach workers could work exclusively for Manhattan Beach every day.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Lucia La Rosa Ames
President
MBSAFE

Martha Alvarez

From: Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to COPs for Fire Station #2

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Councilmembers,

I am opposed to the use of COPs for financing the new Fire Station #2, and particularly the way you are going about this with a paucity of public engagement. I hold this as a very significant issue on many levels.

Here are some bullet-point thoughts for your consideration.

- This agenda item incorporates two very different topics: How/whether to build, and how to finance. Those topics should be separated for better focus and resident input.
- The "Public Outreach" portion of the staff report is void of any discussion on outreach regarding the financing issue.
- Nowhere in the staff report does it mention how COP debt services are funded. Certainly the project is "funded" (I would say "financed" would be a better term) by issuance of COPs, but the funding of the bonds is General Fund money (typically property tax, TOT and sales tax).
- I am not opposed to debt, but if you are going to issue debt for this purpose, the debt should General Obligation Bonds, supported by a taxpayer-approved revenue source is the best match for long-term assets. With COPs you match a long-term asset with short-term (current) revenue source.
- The suggestion that this project is funded by Pension bond savings is also specious. And the Pension Bonds should also have been financed by G.O. bonds. And you sold the POBs to the public by citation to savings, yet didn't mention those "savings" were intended to be immediately transferred to the Fire Station instead of translating to better services--yet everyone at City Hall knew that but kept silent, with an obvious attitude of "why keep the residents informed proactively if you can wait until the last minute??"
- Given the fungibility of money, the "policy" over the POBs suggested by Staff is no policy at all. At least if the "savings" is intended for Fire Station #2, be honest enough to specifically articulate that.
- The staff report says "issuance of debt to spread the cost over multiple years . . . to achieve intergenerational equity." I find that phrase rather specious. In fact, the last generation has received a free ride for its utilization of

Fire Station #2, and City Hall has benefitted by not recognizing and accruing cash for the replacement cost of this facility. To then make future generations suffer from reduced services.

- There is no mention why the Finance Subcommittee did not select the Measure A TOT increase, or the Unreserved General Fund balance for this financing. That would be important information for residents (and not merely articulated from the dais).
- Where I would not use a TOT increase at this time for such financing either, I find that to be a red herring. There was no way the council would approve a TOT increase after just passing a TOT ballot issue for money that is supposed to go to public safety.
- I would like an explanation as to why the Unreserved General Fund balance isn't used for this purpose. First, one would think if this was being discussed, one would see mention that such balance was projected for the of 2020/2021 was to be \$6.4M. Projected general fund annual surplus for the year per the mid-year budget review is only \$300K short of what was projected into that balance. That is a significant amount (more on the unreserved balance later).
- There is no available minutes from the February 19th Finance Subcommittee. The related agenda item at that meeting was merely "Fire Station No. 2 Financing Options" with a recommended action of "Discuss and Provide Direction." There were no alternatives attached to this agenda.
- I would have expected that if the Finance Subcommittee was doing its due diligence, it would have also discussed a ballot issue for imposition of either a parcel tax, an ad valorem tax, or a UUT. It would have discussed bundling at least a portion of the unreserved fund balance with the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty--the latter which is now after the Great Recession and the pandemic it is now clear will never have a year where it will need to be used (or that couldn't at least, be adequately covered by the General Reserves).
- The incursion into the general fund for the COP funding would reduce even more the available revenues for services. Now, I have never put much stock into the "boy crying wolf" complaints from our finance group that the city desperately needs to guard against the "deficit" in the stormwater fund (an artifice that is inappropriately populated with basic general fund expenditures in the first place), or that we need reserves in the event of a loss of a large sales tax producer "like Fry's." Well, Fry's is gone. One would expect the finance group to be advocating against digging the hole deeper.
- Back in the year 2001, I was on a campaign committee in support of a general obligation bond revenue measure for the Police/Fire facility. We advocated that such financing was optimal for such a project. Yet City Hall, instead of re-grouping and trying again, took the easy way out and issued COPs. So now if you pass this measure we will have concurrent COPs (i.e., a reduction in general fund monies that could go to things like better parks and maintenance) for Police/Fire, POBs, and Fire Station #2.

- Because we went COPs for Police/Fire, we have gone a couple decades now without any substantial facility improvements. In fact, you abdicated your responsibility to Sr. Citizens by making a private group fundraise for it (and thus, IMHO, dictate the wrong placement for the facility).
- We need G.O. bonding for more than just Fire Station #2, and strategically it would be better to bundle a number of projects to garner the greatest support. There is no better support of course than a public safety facility (as long as folks don't consider it a Taj Mahal).
- Periodically going for a G.O. bond measure, particularly for police/fire, allows you to develop a financial covenant and commitment with the community, as well as for the public safety personnel being allowed to show how they intend to conserve costs, like perhaps foregoing overtime for an open house or funding plastic fire helmets for kids out of their own pocket, since both are designed to encourage community support.
- Periodically going for a G.O. bond also strengthens the community, in that it is making a commitment to itself to grow and meet its potential.
- Using general funds for facility financing then unnecessarily gives weight to businesses--particularly revenue-generating businesses like hotels--so the city begins to grant allowance, like height allowances, that they would not otherwise.
- It makes no sense to me, unless you're doing a deep fake, why you would urge the PPIC to "explore transportation alternatives" or Parks and Recreation Commission to "explore park development opportunities", then pull the rug out from under them in respect to a funding source. The downtown businesses have put a transportation system high on their list of priorities--have you discussed with them the impact of this COP funding relative to that project (I certainly hope that isn't anticipated to be funded by bringing advertising in my neighborhood).
- Were it me in your place, I would consider it either an act of personal cowardice or laziness not to engage the public at this point on the implications of COP funding and what is really best practice or alternatives in regard to facility funding. Also you can certainly engage the community in how you would likely conceptualize how you would fund and finance our future facility needs--beyond the statutorily required "5 year program."
- As to the Unreserved General Fund balance: I am not certain of the legal implications, but I don't see how you can carry forward a balance--particularly of this size. I must have been asleep the last couple years as this was being carried forward. Back before the policy was changed in 2005, the rule was that such end of year funds, if not appropriated, could be used for a "one-time expenditure" or would automatically be reverted to general fund CIPs. This policy was to allow for sufficient CIP money to be generated, given that the CIP funding "formula" was recognized as inadequate by itself. After the 2005 change, at least that balance was to be designated for use in the immediate subsequent year. I would reference your Finance Policy: "Any year end operating surpluses will revert to unappropriated balances for use in maintaining reserve levels set by policy and will be available for capital projects and/or "one time only" General Fund expenditures" and "Any residual balance shall be available for general operational working capital uses." There is nothing that says this amount can be carried over indefinitely as a slush fund. Nor should it. I'll remind that Prop 13 came into place primarily because voters saw Sacramento squatting on what they deemed to be excessive reserves. Using excess funds like this only supports City Hall

inefficiencies, as they know they will always be able to smoothe earning to support their accustomed lifestyle in respect to head count and salaries.

I wish you would devote at least 10% of the time to this issue that you are on Bruce's Beach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary Osterhout

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy Taylor <taylorkathymb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:05 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item #10

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Dear City Council,

I support implementation of the Homeless Court for those who are homeless in Manhattan Beach. 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.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathy Taylor

Martha Alvarez

From: Dana Taylor Old <danataylorold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:19 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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Hello Council,

My name is Dana Taylor Old and 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.

Many thanks,
Dana Taylor Old

Martha Alvarez

From: Tiffany Wright <seden_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 10 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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Dear City Council,

Regarding Agenda item 10 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives, I support implementation of the homeless court for those who are homeless in Manhattan beach. The 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.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Wright

17.5 Year MB Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Don & Meagan Burrows <donandmeaganburrows@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item #10

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Regarding Agenda item 10 Report on the City's Homeless Efforts and Initiatives

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. I have seen first hand how well this is working in Redondo Beach.

Thank you,

Meagan Burrows
7 Arbolado Ct.
Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266

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From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:42 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB BLVD and Ardmore/Valley

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In 11 years here even on summer days or holidays, never saw it so bad traffic on MB BLVD backs up past Ardmore - and idiots that would appear not to be local move into the dead space of intersections between valley and Ardmore thus blocking north south traffic on those two roads even when lights are green (like what happens at Dockweiler And is a gong show). Whether it's that silly new all ways diagonal crosswalk or something else it's horrible and clogging up traffic all over downtown.

Won't be fun or safe for our PD or FD to respond to calls with downtown like that. And in crisis situations seconds count. They're right in the thick of that mess and it will slow response times.

Keep up the Bruce Beach Task Force drama and if our high moral ground finger pointing residents invite BLM back to town Again this summer - perhaps at a time they don't get their demands met from said ridiculous task force inferring our city And/or police are racist- quadruple nightmare for first responders to deal with possible "peaceful Protests", riots and looting with extra traffic problems. Our community is inviting potentially big time trouble.

Peace,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Julianna Faulkner <JuliannaF16@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] open the schools

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I am urging you to open all of our schools! We are being held hostage by the teachers union! The entire State is being held hostage! Do you really have the children's best interest at heart?

A very concerned Grandmother
Julianna Faulkner

Martha Alvarez

From: c.dreike <c.dreike@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; City Manager; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please give Senator Ben Allen a push

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Mayor and Council of Manhattan Beach,

I see that Manhattan Beach has passed a resolution for Local Control.

I have been emailing with Senator Allen for the last few days and I believe he is about to flip to OPPOSE SB9 and SB10. Both bills will steal away local control.

I am asking you to contact Senator Allen right away and ask him to OPPOSE SB9 and SB10.

The Senator is also partnered with Senator Wiener on SCA2 which will open a barn door of opportunity for Wiener and company to strip away local control.

Please pressure Senator Allen to withdraw from SCA2.

See part of my exchange below.

Thanks,
Chris Dreike
310-214-2175
California Cities for Local Control

From Ben:

I'm likely going to oppose but I don't know if they're going to take some of the amendments that some of the pro local control and fire folks are proposing. It's honestly doubtful that they will. And I'm pretty committed to SCA2. I don't believe that LC is opposing but happy to talk to them if they have concerns.

From: c.dreike
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:57:22 PM
To: Allen, Ben
Subject: 49 cities oppose loss of local control and 348 local electeds

Senator Allen,

I am right now on a zoom meeting with Mike Griffiths and California Cities for Local Control. There are now 49 cities that oppose loss of local control.

Those include Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Lawndale, Hawthorne, El Segundo. Al Muratsuchi wants local control.

Why not join us and oppose SB9 and SB10. And again, you should withdraw from SCA2.

Please let me know where you stand.

Regards,
Chris Dreike

Torrance, CA
310-214-2175

Martha Alvarez

From: Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 1:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach Rally

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Dear City Council,

Tragedy in Lake Oswego, Oregon. My sister lives in Lake Oswego, the town is in mourning. We must get our students back in the classroom, all grades/full time/now. We can't wait another minute. Please elevate your voices. -Joy (Manhattan Beach parent)

['We have to ask the follow-up question': Lakeridge football player dies unexpectedly](#)



football player dies ...

The 15-year-old boy's death is prompting a renewed focus on suicide prevention.

Please watch this one minute video of Manhattan Beach father and LA County public high school teacher who spoke at the Manhattan Beach Rally. Also, please watch video of Dr. Alice Kuo, Manhattan Beach UCLA pediatrician. We all must ELEVATE our voices and fight for the kids. Thank you for listening and watching. -Joy

[David Pell](#)





David
Pell

[Dr. Alice Kuo](#)



Kids Need Classrooms! Rally 2/23/2021 Manhattan Beach, CA
Dr. Alice Kuo American Academy of Pediatrics So. Cal Chapter

Martha Alvarez

From: Bruce Timmer <brtimmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 4:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Anne Timmer
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach Homeless Court

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I understand that on February 16 the City Council of Manhattan Beach will receive and discuss the Homeless Status Report. This is the perfect occasion to consider accessing the Redondo Beach Homeless Court.

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.

Bruce Timmer
429 4th Street
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 4:13 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; cgraves; jboxer; jcochran
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Idaho - Protests

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Idaho lawmakers to introduce a bill that would criminalize protests outside any private home

By Robert Bush

For two state lawmakers, the protests were too much.

Reps. Brooke Green (D-Boise) and Greg Chaney (R-Caldwell) introduced a co-sponsored, bi-partisan bill they hope will put an end to events like the ones last summer.

Under this proposed legislation, people showing up at the private homes of public officials and residents alike, would be a misdemeanor.

Chaney was vocal with his disgust toward the protests that took place over the summer, which is why Green thought he would be the best legislator to co-sponsor this bill.

"We have seen, across the board, it didn't matter who your allegiance was to, we've seen both branches actually hold captive our public servants in their homes," Green said. "Either from the Meridian police officer to our commissioners, to our health department districts to city council presidents and council members."

Watching this unfold and recognizing that lawmakers and citizens have an obligation to ensure public servants are protected is something that needs to be addressed, according to Green.

In addition to offering more protection to public officials, this bill will make it easier to give citations to those who show up to private homes to protest.

"We want to ensure that people will still continue to be able to express their First Amendment rights. I certainly would not bring something forward if I felt that this was infringing on it," Green said. "However, the line needs to be drawn in the sand. Our homes are the last place we can retreat to and we are pretty darn confident that what we have put forward in language, the intent of this legislation will stand that ground and we're certainly looking forward to that conversation."

This proposed legislation has already received push back on social media, according to Chaney. Some feel this bill is an infringement of the First Amendment.

"Like Rep. Green said, we don't want to limit the right to protest, but we do feel very strongly that when you take it to this level, what you are really communicating is intimidation," he said. "When you are a very small fringe group and you're using intimidation to get your way, what you're really effectively doing is drowning out the voices of everyday men and women in Idaho who don't share their extremeism and it's not majority rule."

This type of legislation is not a new concept; similar laws in other states have been tested all the way up to the Supreme Court. Utah passed a similar law in Salt Lake City and state lawmakers are attempting to implement the law statewide.

The bill from Green and Chaney is expected to be introduced during the Judiciary and Administrative Rules committee meeting on Wednesday.

MANHATTAN BEACH Greg Geiser, the CEO of Wedgewood Inc., kicked Mercedes and Pablo Caamal out of their modest home in Rialto, a working class suburb of Los Angeles. So that night the couple, joined

by supporters from the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), protested on the sidewalk outside Geiser's Manhattan Beach home in an effort to persuade him to sell them back their foreclosed house, as he had promised to do. The protest was also designed to draw public attention to Wedgewood's predatory real estate practices.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES Three people were taken into custody and two were cited over the weekend outside the Windsor Square home of Mayor Garcetti, where hundreds of protesters converged to demand the mayor cancel rents, according to an LAPD spokesman.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY Dozens of demonstrators converged outside the Echo Park home of Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer on Sunday afternoon to express their displeasure with a new round of COVID-19 restrictions that will take effect Monday. Carrying signs and waving flags, the protesters called on Ferrer to "Open L.A." and chanted, "No science. No data. No shutdown." Few of the 50 or so demonstrators were wearing face masks.

ORANGE COUNTY Orange County's chief health officer resigned after facing backlash over her countywide mask order in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Nichole Quick had been receiving increased security after she began facing threats and protests at her home due to her health guidelines. The Orange County Medical Assn. last week called Quick's resignation a "dangerous precedent that should concern all of us" and said that "we must ... not allow bullying to drive the health recommendations that can keep us safe and healthy."

Martha Alvarez

From: stewart rembert <srembo@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Erik Zandvliet; Carrie Tai, AICP; Bruce Moe; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: closing Manhattan ave

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Well this is my third email concerning the closing of Manhattan ave. and as I thought, traffic was a disaster this Saturday and Sunday. I moved here in 1997 because I wanted to live in a small beach town. Highland ave. was backed up for about 1/2 mile from Manhattan beach blvd. going north. All cars making left turns onto highland ave from 15th st. to Manhattan beach blvd had long wait times to turn. Both 12th st. and Ocean ave had far more traffic than it should have had. Last weekend it took me an extra 10 minutes to get to my garage on Bayview Dr. between 12th st and 13th place. All of this is a safety issue for the city. I could go on and on but why? Is it a pre determined conclusion that the council wants this to become permanent ignoring the concerns of the people that live in this area of the city?

Stewart Rembert

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Manhattan Beach,CA 90266

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Subject:Re: closing Manhattan ave

Date:Mon, 15 Feb 2021 10:11:25 -0800

From:stewart rembert <srembo@verizon.net>

To:Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info>, rmontgomery@citymb.info, ctai@citymb.info

City council,

This is my second email about the closing of manhattan ave. On saturday I had to call parking enforcement to cite a car parked in front of my house on bayview dr. From the window of my house I can see the intersection of manhattan ave and 12th st. and have seen at least 6 cars make an illegal u turn in the middle of the block between 12th and 13th st. not expecting to see the street closed. I have also seen that almost every car coming to that intersection come to a full stop without making a turn and watching cars back up behind it causing a safety issue as well as additional traffic. I have also noticed much more traffic on highland ave. this weekend but am not sure weather it was because it was a holiday weekend or an influx from the closing of manhattan ave. Additionally I noticed that the intersection of 12th st. and highland ave. was pretty much at a standstill with pedestrians trying to cross and vehicles trying to make turns onto highland ave. with the additional traffic.

I truly believe closing manhattan ave is creating a traffic nightmare as well as a safety issue as emergency vehicles (fire, police and ambulances)would have difficulty reaching their destination with this problem. I hope that the city council will open manhattan ave back to traffic permanently to alleviate these issues.

Stewart Rembert
1300 manhattan ave #C
Manhattan beach, CA 90266

On 2/1/2021 2:10 PM, stewart rembert wrote:

City Council,

I live in the 1300 block of Manhattan Ave and believe that closing Manhattan ave will have a detrimental effect on the traffic in this residential neighborhood . The entrance to my home is on Bayview Dr just off of 12th st. I believe that there will now be additional cars going down both of these streets creating possibly more traffic and car collisions .

The new street parklet will disturb nearby residents in several ways, but the most egregious impacts on everyone will result from substantial increased-congestion in Downtown traffic, as illustrated below. The parklet diverts all Manhattan Ave traffic to nearby residential streets, as well as to the intersections: 1) Man. Ave-MB Blvd; 2) Highland-MB Blvd; and, 3) 12th St-Highland. This unnecessary traffic-increase on Downtown streets will also greatly add to left-turns at these three critical intersections, exacerbating the congestion.

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Stewart Rembert

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stewart rembert

Martha Alvarez

From: Neil Leventhal <nl@lma-web.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Avenue Street Closure

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Open the street and stop this absurdity.

You may rationalize these actions with anecdotal cheers from one business, at the expense of another, but there is absolutely no reasonable or balanced justification for disrupting and undermining the entire character of downtown for such specious, uneven and unconfirmed benefits. And there is even less justification for the resources and degree of effort invested in this crusade.

Neil Leventhal
12813th St.
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Martha Alvarez

From: Jacquelyne May <jacquelynemay@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:11 PM
To: Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Erik Zandvliet; Carrie Tai, AICP; Bruce Moe; List - City Council; List - City Council; dmcphersonla@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The second street closure weekend

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Greetings,

This second weekend had less traffic and people but still proved to be a very poor idea.

I observed numerous Health Department guideline violations, several shouting matches and continued unsafe street access conditions.

Suzanne Lerner included screenshots of several posts that appeared on Nextdoor that made it clear that us downtown residents aren't the only ones affected by this poorly thought-out street closure which benefits only a few restaurants. One lady had an emergency with her daughter who was on the beach, she was unable to get to her in a very timely manner. We were lucky nothing worse happened. Inviting huge crowds with unsafe conditions is a recipe for disaster. Please do the right thing and cease this bad idea before we have a serious emergency.

Can't seem to get any information on whether the fire chief or Coastal Commission has signed off on this plan. I'd be very surprised if they had.

I observed a violent verbal confrontation where the police were called but never responded.

Code Enforcement was light. Sidewalks were impassable.

This experiment to reap financial benefits for just 5 restaurants has failed.

Sincerely

Jackie May

Sent from my iPhone

Jacquelyne May (External)

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Martha Alvarez

From: Jim Burton <jburton@ecokai.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:58 AM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Erik Zandvliet
Cc: Carrie Tai, AICP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: URGENT - Traffic Detour from n/b Manhattan Ave to east 9th Ave

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Honorable Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Council Members Napolitano, Franklin & Montgomery, City Manager Moe, Director Tai, and Mr. Zandvliet –

PLEASE RE-OPEN MANHATTAN AVENUE – THIS IS NUTS!

Personal observations over this past weekend can be summed up in one word – CHAOTIC.

- 1) Traffic was a very congested – possibly the worst I have ever seen for a February weekend - Unmanageable for those simply trying to get out/in/through town.. Personally, our northbound Morningside Drive to MBB exit was very difficult – mostly just frustrating. City should consider painting “KEEP CLEAR” at this intersection if this chaos is to continue.
- 2) Sidewalks were often impassable in many locations during peak times – in multiple locations.
- 3) God Bless Mr. Zandvliet – saw him placing “Wait for Walk” signs at MBB & Highland on Saturday and STILL many frequently did not follow the rules.
- 4) The timing of walk signals at the scramble intersections needs adjusting.
- 5) Alleys were full of e-bikes not stopping / observing the rules and cars still traveling in the alleys faster than was safe – have we thought about the need to speed bumps/humps if this closure continues?
- 6) Hired extra security disappointment - Not sure what the hired extra “blue-jacket” security team was tasked but saw more of them standing around in the alleys (3-5+) talking and/or simply walking around talking to each other than doing any actual enforcing. Did they in-fact site anyone for anything? What was their scope of service?
- 7) Particularly bothersome were the extra “blue-jacket” security that said “NOTHING” to a group of 7-12 kids skateboarding hanging out in the City Hall courtyard in front of the Police Station Entrance (420 15th). Many were not wearing masks and huddled together, there were backpacks and trash (candy/Chick Filet/Starbucks/Cookies) everywhere as they skateboarded. What upset me the most was not the kids or their disregard for rules – I picked up the trash later in the day after they left the area. Rather, I was upset as a tax payer we are paying for the compliance folks because of some “test” and they said nothing to the kids about wearing a mask.
- 8) On a positive note, the alleys were still not as congested with the actual vehicles as I expected around my house east of Highland.
- 9) Finally, on another positive note – I did eat at many restaurants this weekend and felt safe while seated.

The price of the resulting chaos is not worth it for these few businesses!

PLEASE RE-OPEN MANHATTAN AVENUE

Respectfully,

Jim Burton
328 11TH Street

The past additional test weekend was a disaster. In my opinion much worse than first “holiday weekend”.

Traffic congestion, blocked sidewalks,

From: Jim Burton <jburton@ecokai.com>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:46 AM

To: 'City Council - MB' <CityCouncil@citymb.info>; City Manager (Bruce Moe) <bmoe@citymb.info>; 'Erik Zandvliet' <ezandvliet@citymb.info>

Cc: 'Carrie Tai, AICP' <ctai@citymb.info>

Subject: RE: URGENT - Traffic Detour from n/b Manhattan Ave to east 9th Ave

A few points of clarification –

This morning – after the cars moved from last night - I can see that the intention is to remove the south side of parking on 9th btwn Manhattan Ave & Highland. This will help. I would also suggest that you consider removing two parking spaces on the north west corner of 9th and Highland. Where the white vehicle is shown on the attached image. This will provide much needed visibility for the many additional vehicles using east bound 9th Street wanting to turn left.

Not sure all this is worth helping these few businesses – but whatever we are doing – let’s make sure it’s safe!

Respectfully,

Jim Burton

From: Jim Burton <jburton@ecokai.com>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 7:44 AM

To: 'City Council - MB' <CityCouncil@citymb.info>; City Manager (Bruce Moe) <bmoe@citymb.info>; 'Erik Zandvliet' <ezandvliet@citymb.info>

Cc: 'Carrie Tai, AICP' <ctai@citymb.info>

Subject: URGENT - Traffic Detour from n/b Manhattan Ave to east 9th Ave

Honorable Mayor Hadley, Mayor Pro Tem Stern, Members of Council, City Manager Moe, Director Tai, and Mr. Zandvliet –

I am concerned about the decision to divert northbound Manhattan Ave traffic to east bound 9th street. Are we nuts!! How was this decided? Did we even look at the existing traffic conditions? 9th street is not even wide enough to allow two cars to pass at the same time. There is not even a stop sign at 9th and highland, a partially blind intersection! This is NOT a safe detour alternative. (PERIOD).

As a registered civil engineer in multiple states (including California) – I am concerned for potential City exposure – In my opinion, this is not a safe, well thought out, designed, alternative traffic pattern. Also, I am not sure the City would approve this alternative plan if it was submitted by a construction contractor because it does not meet current City standards.

Please re-consider this detour immediately. 9th and Highland Ave is A VERY difficult blind intersection to negotiate even at the best of times.

There are many other traffic concerns arising and I try to put some better thoughts together afterwork or over the weekend but the detour at 9th Street is a traffic safety issue and needs immediate action.

Respectfully,

Jim Burton

Martha Alvarez

From: sandy wu <sandywumd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:11 AM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown MB road closure

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Good morning,

I am writing in regard to the Downtown MB road closure. This second weekend has gotten worse. The vehicle and foot traffic are becoming overly burdensome. The outdoor restaurant music has become much too loud. This has to stop. We really need to open the street. The street closure is only benefiting the restaurants at the heavy expense of all of the neighbors. Please end this closure.

Sandy Wu, 120 12th St, #3.

Martha Alvarez

From: AMY LORENTZEN <amy.lorentzen@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 10:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Richard Montgomery; anapolitno@citymb.info; ktai@citymb.info; ezandviet@citymb.info; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] traffic downtown

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To whom it may concern,

While I believe the intentions were good with the street closure and the crosswalks. It is proving to be a complete nightmare. Traffic is backed past 15th ST on Highland at any given time of day. You have sent an extra 5000 vehicles a day to continue down Highland towards MBB or divert up to Ardmore. Having such long crosswalks at both MA & MBB is causing such back up and longer idling times with increased carbon admissions it seems counter intuitive to do this. Also by closing MA for a block the city has played favorites with which restaurants it is supporting. It seems unfair that the restaurants on this block are the only places that are benefitting, while everyone else from restaurants, businesses and those driving are being punished.

You tried it, it is not working take the loss and give us our town back. It looks more like Venice then MB now !

Amy Lorentzen

El Porto resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Michael Monaghan <michaelcmonaghan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:39 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Ongoing and Expanded Outdoor Dining

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Mayor and Council

I wanted to compliment you on the overwhelming success of your outdoor dining expansion, including the enhancement of walkability in our downtown. This amenity is a fantastic benefit to all of the residents of Manhattan Beach.

I encourage you to both expand, and make permanent, this overwhelmingly successful program. Given the success, the logical next step is to expand the program South to Arthur J, and East/West from Love and Salt to Shellbacks.

Again, congratulations on the success of the program and encourage you to further expand this Manhattan Beach resident benefit.

-- Michael

Michael C. Monaghan

Martha Alvarez

From: therese harris <mnajerie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:01 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] traffic

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The traffic on Highland has become unbearable.

The change in traffic pattern is ruining our small community Increased loud music from cars.

increased loud cars

increased cigarette and marijuana smoke from passengers in cars.

Yesterday the traffic was backed up to Marine.

It is safer to have walkers inconvenienced than have cars sitting in front of houses spewing exhaust.

Therese Harris

Martha Alvarez

From: flyfishron <flyfishron@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 7:49 AM
To: List - City Council; Jill Lamkin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Solutions

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Good morning Mayor Hadley and City Council Members,

I hope you all are well and safe. I wanted to share my response to Mike Simms email from last week regarding “equitable” solutions. In addition to my thoughts of last week, the impact of the closure of Manhattan Avenue on traffic and the ability to navigate our already comprised traffic infrastructure, was negatively impacted to say the least.

Please see below.

Sincerely,
Ron Guidone
Mangiamo

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: flyfishron <flyfishron@aol.com>
Date: February 17, 2021 at 9:00:58 AM PST
To: Mike Simms <mike@simmsrestaurants.com>
Cc: lisafguidone@gmail.com
Subject: Solutions

Mike,

Quite frankly the only thing that would help me is to expand my deck that I presently have. I’ve considered other solutions. However, for the type of food we serve and the slope and distance of the hill on MBB, it does not make sense for me to haul food up and down the block or around the corner to the Sketcher’s 24 minute spot. Besides I wouldn’t want to eat at the corner of Manhattan Beach Boulevard a Manhattan Avenue anyway. The putrid smell of the gas coming out of the sewer at that 24 minute spot is horrific. This feels like trying to get toothpaste back into the tube. It would’ve been right for the powers that be to have considered the impact of a promenade on Manhattan Avenue on all restaurants. Clearly it is a destination drawing guests away from other areas. It feels like Main Street in the best possible way. The only way to make everyone happy is to provide the same opportunities to all restaurants and that doesn’t appear to be possible. If we are looking to really be fair, we should all be playing on the same field. My decks were a huge expense, all of us on MBB, and continue to be quite costly. No one and done. We continue to rent these decks due to the construction and engineering involved. It is my understanding that the city of Manhattan Beach has taken on the cost of the new promenade on Manhattan Avenue. Is that true? If that is indeed true how very fortunate for all of you. Why

is this consideration being offered to just the restaurants on Manhattan Avenue and not all restaurants? It feels like the Manhattan Avenue restaurants are being favored over the rest of us. I continue to rent my decks and pay rent for my restaurant. The only equitable solution for those of us on Manhattan Beach Blvd., West of Manhattan Avenue is to allow expansion of our existing decks. I have to assume expansion of existing decks would help ALL restaurants no matter where the location.

When speaking to our long time downtown retail merchant friends, they have all echoed the same sentiment. It is the energy of restaurants that gives our town a spark of energy, continued energy. Even when our restaurants were only open for takeout in the last shut down, the downtown area felt like a ghost town. Like a shuttered set on a movie lot. Certainly there were people walking around getting food to go and shopping, but there was absolutely no energy in the town. Restaurants are a lifeline to all businesses. It is not fair that the group on Manhattan Avenue has been thrown a gigantic life preserver and the rest of us have not. We are all treading water and we are getting tired.

Sincerely,
Ron Guidone
Mangiamo

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 16, 2021, at 8:43 PM, Mike Simms <mike@simmsrestaurants.com> wrote:

MBB Restaurants Owners,

I'm reaching out to continue the conversation regarding solutions for increased capacity for your restaurants. While Manhattan Ave closure has been a boost for those restaurants involved, it sucks to see other restaurants not happy. I'm interested in finding more solutions for more restaurants downtown. Here are the past and current solutions proposed. Please let us know if we have missed any other solutions so we may bring them to the ad hoc meeting.

1. Street closure between Manhattan Ave and Ocean: This has been denied by fire and police. It's been brought up several times and it's always a no go.
2. Blanket Upper Pier Lot Closures: So far this is a no go, not a complete denial. The test case is the public dining tables at the Manhattan Ave closure, and so far this weekend they were not occupied. People want to be waited on.
3. Parking spots further down MBB below Ocean Ave or parking spots in upper pier lots for use by individual restaurants. I have not addressed these with the city, but I will if restaurants show interest.

4. Parking spots in front of Sketchers on Manhattan Ave.: The ad hoc committee says these are available for use by you all if you'd like to have them. Please confirm.

Please let me know if there are any other ideas to support you all. Jill and I need direction on how to help you. Please let us know your preference for the above and anything else.

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Mike Simms

Simms Restaurants

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Martha Alvarez

From: Julie Keese <juleskeese@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 7:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown street closure

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Dear City Council Members,

Although the intention of closing the street downtown was well intentioned, the consequences of the traffic nightmare that it has created are keeping me from venturing into downtown and supporting our local businesses. I do not live close enough in Manhattan Beach to walk to downtown, so instead of helping the five restaurants as intended, the new configuration is actually keeping me and my family far away from them and the other restaurants and shops downtown. I'm glad that I already had my semi-annual dentist appointment downtown before this fiasco was implemented. Do I need to change dentists because of this? I hope the trial basis for this is over quickly and the street is reopened.

Sincerely,
Julie Keese

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 7:36 AM
To: Prem Kumar, P.E., M.B.A.; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Nightmares

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This weekend traffic downtown was an absolute nightmare. It seems the new crosswalk causes gridlock. Miserable idea. Pedestrians can wait. Even without that fancy crosswalk, on busy days pedestrians disregard the walk lights and hold up traffic.

Also, in the past few weeks I've nearly hit a couple different kids on electric bikes cruising on main roads not following the rules of the road to include stop signs and traffic lights. Like YOUNG kids pre-teen and young teenagers. If they don't have a motorcycle license they shouldn't be using electronic bikes on the road either in my opinion. These parents are nuts. Wait until a kid gets killed and the parents go after a driver when it's probably going to be the kids fault.

Peace,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: jim quilliam <jimquilliam@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:39 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Street closure not working

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To City Council and Staff,

Emergency access and safety issues on the 100 and 200 block of Center place continues to be a clear and present danger to visitors, patrons, businesses, employees and local residents.

During the three times we attempted to leave our home on Feb 19, 2021 we experienced these three incident infractions below.

Note: These infractions were during a 3 hour period. This was before the city employed the patrolling and manning of the street, essentially barricading it so infractions diminished but emergency vehicles and resident access was inhibited.

February 19, 2021

1. Incident # 333 10:20am Illegal parking of trucks
2. Incident #386 11:30am Illegal parking of trucks
3. Incident # 486 1:28pm Vehicle illegally parked

February 20, 2021

- Incident #144 08:27am Illegal parking of trucks
11:22am Truck offloading in middle of Manhattan Ave

Essentially you have now set up multiple barricades (4-5 Barriers) between Ocean avenue and Highland avenue. This means residents and emergency vehicles need to exit their vehicle at each barricade and park their vehicle in the street several times to move the barricades between Ocean and Highland. These barriers are manned at times with 4 or more hired personnel moving the barricades only at certain times.

The barricades prevent residents from being able to exit and enter their homes and well as the free flow access for Emergency / first responders. The barriers look to be successful from your vantage point, although, they are not realistic, sustainable and provides a false sense of control while disregarding the true safety and emergency concerns.

The street closure experiment of closing off a major artery of the city has resulted in the continuing issues experienced in the incident infractions above as well as numerous additional negative impacts to other businesses, restaurants and residents. Your actions continue to be a clear and present danger to our visitors, patrons, businesses, employees and local residents.

Jim Quilliam

Martha Alvarez

From: dmcphersonla@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Liza Tamura; Martha Alvarez
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Traffic Debacle

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Mayor Suzanne Hadley
City Council
City of Manhattan Beach

Via Email: citycouncil@citymb.info

Subject: Downtown Traffic Debacle

Mayor Hadley and Councilmembers,

Statistics prepared by the city traffic engineer predicted that closure of Manhattan Ave would create gridlock in the Downtown.

Regardless, the city council conducts this ill-advised experiment for some unknown reason.

Per the email below, the Chamber of Commerce has excoriated the debacle. In my more than fifty years of experience, I do not recall the Chamber ever opposing a development.

Support for the Man Ave closure appears limited to the city council, those people who only come to the Downtown for eating and drinking, and operators of the five premises, two of which owned by one family.

The facts have proven the council's 'experiment' a disaster. If councilmembers continue to promote this charade, one can only conclude their motivation political, to benefit a few, at expense of all others.

Don McPherson

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kelly Stroman <kelly@manhattanbeachchamber.com>

Date: 18 February 2021 - 6:47:02 PM GMT-8

To: Bruce Moe <bmoe@citymb.info>, George Gabriel <ggabriel@citymb.info>, Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info>, Richard Montgomery <rmontgomery@citymb.info>

Cc: Jill Lamkin <jill@downtownmanhattanbeach.com>, mike@simmsrestaurants.com, mz@zislisgroup.com, Tabula Rasa Essentials <tabularasamb@gmail.com>, Linda McLoughlin Figel <linda@pagesabookstore.com>, Lori Ford <lori@gumtreela.com>, Vanessa Zippo <Vanessa@bobridges.com>, jenna@zislisgroup.com, Kelley Haley <kelley@homiemb.com>, Kris D'Errico <kris@shopbellabeach.com>, Molly Hobin <Molly@thehobincompany.com>, surfkb2002@aol.com, Chandra Shaw <chandra@trilogyspa.com>

Subject: Fw: Traffic plan and alterations for DTMB this weekend?

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Good Evening,

My phone is blowing up and people are REALLY upset about the road closure and detour signs as well as barriers that have been put in place/staged in the past few hours throughout DTMB. Closing off the streets, Holiday Open House style is going to devastate the retail and service businesses on Manhattan Ave. I understand temporary barricades, signs, cones, as well as flashing signs, have been put in place or staged, as far out as 5th/Manhattan Ave as well as 15th/Highland and many alleys.

Where is the traffic plan? What is the comprehensive plan for this weekend? Have the businesses been notified? Have the residents been notified? To do this for 5 restaurants in one block is completely lopsided. UGH.

If we are going to close down all these routes and streets, then we should have decided this far in advance so all businesses could have gone full Holiday Open House style and planned accordingly for employee arrival, customer appointments, and reservations, etc. I realize you might not actually close Man. Ave/9th to mid-day on Saturday, but the minute you do, Man. Ave will become a ghost town, south of MBB. If you route cars east on 9th up to Highland that is a dangerous cluster as there is no stop at 9th/Highland and 9th is a very narrow street.

I understand safety is paramount, but comprising many businesses is extremely unfortunate. I feel as if we are reacting and not thinking the entire impact through with regards to the dining and now all these detours and closures. This has gone from a THREE-DAY test/experiment, LAST WEEKEND, to much more, that has not been strategically thought out or communicated within the Ad Hoc committee, the business community, and the residents. If we were planning a large event in DTMB, we would have been planning this for months and everyone would be in-the-know and a seat at the table.

I respectfully ask that we are brought up to speed.

Thank you.



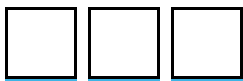
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Martha Alvarez

From: Barbara Lewis <blewis@megtoys.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Avenue Closures/Traffic Jams

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Hello,

I just want to add my voice to the group of Manhattan Beach locals who think the recent closure of Manhattan Avenue is a disaster traffic-wise and will actually discourage downtown business from people who actually live here.

Case in point: We live in the Tree Section but love to go to Manhattan Meats on Sundays to get some of their wonderful steaks to grill. Normally it's a quick trip I can talk my husband into because its fast, it's easy and there's free parking in back... Last weekend was a nightmare and took him forever. So this Sunday we just said forget it and went somewhere else. Not worth the hassle.

We have lived here since 1982 and Dntn MB is my favorite place to shop for the holidays and anytime. I totally support the local restaurants coming back to life, but there has to be a better solution traffic-wise. Maybe this is just temporary, but I saw that you were welcoming comments from your constituents and I wanted to provide this little anecdote. I do not want Manhattan Meats/Manhattan Grocery's business to suffer, nor any of the other local retail shops on Manhattan Avenue, because it's such a traffic nightmare.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lewis Morrison

Barbara Lewis-MEG

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Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Van Winkle <laura.vanwinkle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 8:08 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Outdoor seating in downtown Manhattan Beach

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Mayor and Council Members,

We live at 1316 Manhattan Avenue. We are very supportive of closing the streets in downtown to allow for more dining. However, it seems to have created more traffic. Is there any way to either close a larger area, or make certain streets one way?

It seems like the block that is furthest west on Manhattan Beach Blvd. would be great to have be foot traffic only. Could highland be both directions and Manhattan Ave be one lane North and one lane closed just for dining?

Our family would be very supportive of making more of the downtown area walk streets. Not sure how you handle access to parking but this seems like something that is important to do as MB becomes more of a tourist destination (both for locals and travelers visiting LA).

Laura James

Martha Alvarez

From: Carol Perrin <cplaw28@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 6:33 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to Manhattan Avenue Closure

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Dear Mayor Hadley, Council Members and staff,

As the representative of the Downtown Residents Group and a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, you already know the strong position our group and I take regarding the Manhattan Avenue closure, and the need to reopen the street immediately. I will keep this brief - just want to be on record since my computer is blowing up.

I appreciate that the Manhattan Avenue street closure was a test in an effort to leave no stone unturned to try to help the downtown businesses - but at the end of the day, the grade for this test is an unmitigated "F". The closure failed the test both on a holiday weekend and on a non-holiday weekend.

The complete disruption to our wonderful downtown caused by the street closure - all to further assist five of our many restaurants, is not justifiable. The disparate advantage given these 5 restaurants could be okay, if it were not given to the detriment of the other restaurants and retail and service businesses - and especially to the residents.

The numerous problems/issues caused by the street closure includes unbelievable traffic congestion, lack of parking and easy access to other businesses downtown, the dollar cost to our City to not only close the street but the additional costs of keeping downtown safe including additional personnel (the full cost of which has not yet been disclosed), the potential for a huge failure of access for firefighters, police and ambulances (yes, this was evaluated BEFORE the closure-but was it reevaluated when there was complete traffic standstill?), difficulty of residents getting to and from their houses and in and out of their garages, etc.

Many of us have been asked for a proposed solution. Luckily there is a very simple one readily available. OPEN UP THE STREET!

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best,
Carol Perrin

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Carol Perrin
cplaw28@gmail.com

Martha Alvarez

From: John Schmitt <johnbschmitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Closure of Manhattan Avenue

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Dear City Council Members,

This is the second letter I have submitted to the Council regarding the many problems caused by the closure of Manhattan Avenue. It is Sunday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m. and I just returned to my home after a long, frustrating drive through town to get to my garage on Ocean Ave. just north of Manhattan Beach Blvd. We have been here for 30 years and have never experienced anything like this before.

We fully support our local downtown businesses and restaurants and have always made it a point to shop and dine locally. We also realize that the COVID pandemic has hit these businesses very hard and that they are struggling to stay afloat. It seems, though, that this action was taken without much planning or consideration of the impact on other business and downtown residents. In fact, it seems that the only folks in favor of the present situation are the few restaurants in the closure area. Residents, other businesses, and restaurants certainly are not benefiting and are being negatively impacted.

As daylight savings time approaches this situation will only intensify. Now is the time to modify this plan or reopen Manhattan Avenue so that folks can take advantage of our beautiful downtown community. Please conduct a full traffic study and consider using enforcement officers at the major intersections to control pedestrian movement and keep traffic moving. It may be necessary to reroute and make use of one-way streets in order to ease the congestion. Whatever it takes would be welcomed.

Thank you for your consideration,

John and Evelyn Schmitt
1148 The Strand
Manhattan Beach 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Allen Fulmer <afids@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 4:24 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose- Manhattan Ave. Street Closures

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Dear Mayor Hadley, City Council members, and staff,

I am writing because the Manhattan Avenue street closing is simply wrong. It has turned our Downtown upside down in a major negative way, benefitting just five restaurants to the detriment of most everyone else. It is particularly harmful to the residents who are the lifeline for viability of the downtown businesses.

As a downtown senior citizen adjacent resident, getting to and from my house is not an inconvenience, it is a significant impediment for being able to live normally and get in and out safely and without spending extra hours a day in my car. And what if I or my neighbors need an ambulance?

And what about the other businesses - the retail, the service businesses, other restaurants downtown? I for one am a senior citizen and will not be parking at Metlox to go to the shoe repair, or the local Manhattan Ave. market! If the closure remains, I will endure this absurd traffic congestion once a day and find a mall somewhere to substitute for downtown.

And for a City Council that I thought had a focus on costs and spending, how does this closure make any sense? Will you be making public all of the costs to date for all the staff time dealing with the closures, the costs of signage, the costs of equipment and materials, etc. to close the streets - and now even the additional costs for more personnel to monitor the intersection(s)! Where is this money coming from? From the property taxes of the residents who are being harmed?

BOTTOM LINE - No one is disputing that we should help the restaurants and the other downtown businesses during this COVID 19 emergency, with the temporary parklets and other solutions, BUT THE BENEFIT TO FIVE RESTAURANTS TO THE HUGE DETRIMENT OF THE RESIDENTS AND EVERYONE ELSE - IS NUTS!

Thank you for your consideration.
Allen Fulmer

and Manhattan Avenue needs to be reopened right away.

Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Raiche <nancy.raiche@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 4:00 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Manhattan Avenue closure

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Richard

My solution is to let restaurants use parking spaces for outdoor dining until they can serve indoors. My suggestion is to open Manhattan Avenue to two way traffic.

Thanks for listening and considering my point of view.

Nancy Raiche

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 21, 2021, at 3:34 PM, Nancy Raiche <nancy.raiche@gmail.com> wrote:

I continue to be concerned about the traffic congestion caused by the closure of Manhattan Avenue. I support the downtown restaurants and want them to succeed, however this closure only benefits 5 restaurants at a cost to the rest of the community. The cost is traffic congestion. It's also more difficult to exit my garage near 12th Street and Ocean or get back to it. when I am coming home from south Hermosa Beach. All in all, it doesn't seem worth the cost, and is an imposition to residents while also probably diminishing business for downtown shops. Allowing the outdoor seating without closing the street seems like a more reasonable temporary solution, until they can resume indoor dining.

I do not support the closure of Manhattan Avenue.

Nancy Raiche
1148 The Strand
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Raiche <nancy.raiche@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 3:34 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Cc: Carol Perrin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Avenue closure

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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Talia Frederick <taliafrederick@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:26 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: flyfishron@aol.com; hililili59@aol.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New street closure

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Good Morning All,

First off, thank you for helping to get the outdoor restaurant dining open in MB and not just the parklets. I know this was a statewide decision but you all worked to help make it happen. It came just in time! Trying to survive on takeout alone was getting so bad, my parents were very close to making the difficult decision to throw in the towel after 44 years of successful business in downtown Manhattan Beach. Thank goodness we made it!

I have something I would like to question, however. I am curious how the street closure from MB Blvd. to 12th street to allow these 5 specific restaurants additional seating is fair to the other restaurants in town who are not fortunate enough to have real estate located on that one chosen area. Optically it appears to be unfair. Is there an explanation to this other than that area being the easiest place to close traffic? Will there be some sort of compensation to the restaurants who are still struggling with only 25% of normal capacity? My family and others have new frustrations in that the additional seating MB Post, Nando, Slay, Tacolicious and FWD have gained actually affects Mangiamo's sales negatively. Since there is more seating at these other businesses, guests are dispersing to all this new real estate and there isn't as much traffic to the other restaurants especially during the week.

This "experiment" which was supposed to be temporary over the Valentines weekend is not equitable to every other restaurant who was not given this "gift".

I believe the right thing to do is take this street closure out sooner than later. OR grant the other restaurants the same proportionate opportunity. I am not opposed to giving restaurants as much ability to stay alive as possible but I believe it should be equal to all. Perhaps the city can allow the other restaurants to bring in extra tables like how Slay Italian and Arthur J have extended their seating down the sidewalks in front of retail businesses and walk streets. Mangiamo can fit 19 tables on their decks with plenty of space and distance, but they are following the ordered social distance protocol so they only have 13 tables. There is nowhere else to place tables.

Please advise as to how this will be rectified.

Thank you,

Talia Frederick

(Daughter of Ron Guidone of Mangiamo)

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Rick Buckley <rbuckley@larealtypartners.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:34 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown Manhattan Ave closure

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Mayor and council members,,

I am a resident at 1312 Manhattan Ave. Let me first say, I love what you are doing to help the restaurants in our downtown. Additionally, I feel you should try to increase all the city's restaurant seating during this pandemic.

I just don't like the full closure of Manhattan Ave. The traffic gets so backed up and it sometimes takes me 20 extra min to get to my house using the routes that remain (which everyone else is being forced to use). I have had several deliveries (postmates, amazon, etc) come back as "non deliverable".

Anyway you can make Manhattan Avenue a "one way street" to keep traffic moving through downtown?

Rick Buckley | Principal



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Martha Alvarez

From: Kids Need Classrooms <kidsneedclassrooms@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Derrick Abell; Bruce Moe; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KIDS NEED CLASSROOMS PROTEST: Wednesday, February 24th 4-6pm
Lightgate Sculpture
Attachments: 2021.02.24.KNC Press Release.pdf

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Hi Chief Abell & Manager Moe,

We wanted to let you know that we are holding a protest and appreciate all that you do to keep everyone safe in our community. We have attached the press release to give you more information about the rally. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tiffany Wright at 213-500-1433.

Sincerely,

Kids Need Classrooms

Martha Alvarez

From: Jacquelyne May <jacquelynemay@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Bruce Moe; List - City Council; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Downtown street closure to benefit restaurants

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From KCAL news:

02/03/21

"Beginning Feb. 12, Manhattan Avenue will be closed to vehicles between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and 12th Street, the city announced Wednesday.

"Closing Manhattan Avenue allows for more spacing, which is necessary to prevent crowding in an area that has lots of restaurants in close proximity," said Mayor Suzanne Hadley in a statement.

The closure will remain in effect indefinitely."



JACQUELYNE MAY (EXTERNAL)

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So do our concerns carry any weight?

Which is true? Temporary experimental basis or indefinite?

We who must live here would like to know.

Thank you.

Jackie

Martha Alvarez

From: Tabula Rasa Essentials <tabularasamb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Jill Lamkin; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet; Michael Zislis; Michael Greenberg; Kelly Stroman; Linda McLoughlin Figel; Pat Graham; David Slay; kathyknoll@earthlink.net; kriley555@yahoo.com; cielo@cieloboutiquesalon.com; hushhushhairsalon@hotmail.com; Mike Simms; kristin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Road Closures on Manhattan Avenue

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Thank you Erik, et al, for changing to wording on the signage at 5th street advising drivers of the closure at MBB and letting them know that businesses are open and MB is thankful for their patronage.

It goes a long way.

Respectfully,
Maureen



Tabula Rasa Essentials

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On Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM Tabula Rasa Essentials <tabularasamb@gmail.com> wrote:

As a follow up to my letter last night, today there are **9 parking spaces in downtown** with signage indicating **no parking** (some with no indication of timing - others indicating Friday - Sunday 12:00-9:00pm). You do realize the weekends are **the busiest time periods for ALL businesses**, and I am emphasizing ALL! 5 spaces are closed off on 12th Street above Manhattan Avenue. It is so unfair to the immediate surrounding businesses. On 9th Street, 3 spaces are removed east of Manhattan Avenue from 12-9pm. For what purpose? 9th Street is blocks away from MBB/Man Ave. A 24 minute meter space on MBB is removed in front of Foundry. Why?

To the common person, putting a barricade, or a sign saying "road closed to thru traffic" implies you shouldn't proceed. It doesn't say, locals please come through, "you" are welcome to be here. There is a sign in the middle of MBB below Highland that indicates "detour ends". ??? The signage mentioned last night is redirecting traffic AWAY from our businesses. And now, 9 more street parking spaces are unavailable! I urge you to stop taking away more spaces of what's left of street parking. **ALL** of our businesses have a crucial stake in the success of our downtown and deserve to be treated equally. Redirecting our customers is doing nothing to help drive business. This is completely unbalanced and unfair.

Additionally, delivery trucks are taking up full blocks when delivering their goods. On Manhattan Avenue alone, this morning, there were 4 delivery trucks taking up multiple parking spaces as shown in the photos. Luckily it was 9:30. The vast majority of retailers open at 10am so it didn't

immediately impact the stores, but perhaps it did the dry cleaner, salons, meat market, bakery. Perchance does the city mandate all deliveries must take place before 9am? Perchance does the city require the delivery trucks to use designated loading zones and not block public parking? UPS and Fed EX use loading zones.

Here's an idea. Why not immediately set up a city wide valet parking program for downtown and the north end?

Photos below.



12th Street heading west



12th Street heading east



9th Street heading east



MBB/Man Ave NW corner



Delivery trucks



Delivery trucks



Another Delivery truck

-Maureen



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On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 8:16 PM Tabula Rasa Essentials <tabularasamb@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Hadley and City Council:

I was asked on Monday how my business was last weekend. Very good - it should have been very good - it was Valentine's Day and I am a gift shop. The revenues were not as great as last year, but it was successful in light of a very challenging 11 months. I expressed how important it is to have our restaurants open. The relationship between restaurants and retail is critical. We both need one another. We welcome the foot traffic they generate and the outdoor seating certainly provides a magnetic energy. What I could not qualify is if the enclosed outdoor dining area 4 blocks away from me contributed to any of our success this weekend. It was spectacularly busy. Traffic, however, was backed up on all our main corridors - Highland, MBB and Manhattan Avenue.

I attended your meeting last night. I listened to the pro's and con's of the MBB to 12th Street closure on Manhattan Avenue from everyone who spoke, including the council's discussion. I am fully in favor of outdoor dining and hope it continues into the future with a fair playing field for all our businesses. However, what happened today with signage all over Manhattan Avenue is astonishing. Without any communication or fair warning to our businesses or residents, nor any mention during last night's council meeting, road closures and road block signage is all over downtown and most specifically directed towards Manhattan Avenue. See attached photos.

I understand the need for safety first, and I will always support the effort to ensure our community is safe. Can you explain to me - to all of us frankly - why closures of such magnitude emerged without any notification to our businesses or our residents? It appears you are shutting down our streets like Holiday Open House or Fireworks - except this isn't Holiday Open House or Fireworks! We have 5 restaurants and public seating built out in an enclosed area surrounded by safety barriers. You heard traffic was a problem last weekend, a holiday weekend no less. So instead of noticing our businesses or having a discussion, the city is essentially closing off Manhattan Avenue both south and north of the outdoor seating area by redirecting cars elsewhere. Drivers are directed at 5th Street to turn right to Highland as the road is closed ahead. At 9th Street, a cone sits in the middle of the road with barriers on either side and signage saying the road is closed and to detour right. At 15th and Highland signs indicate no through traffic and road closures heading west. At virtually every west heading street off Manhattan Avenue road closure signs are posted. You are essentially shutting down Manhattan Avenue from 5th Street to 15th Street if drivers properly follow directions. Will the barriers be moved across the streets by the weekend? Customers will be prevented from parking in front of our businesses. Really?

I have been in this town for a very long time and so have many of you. We all know the devastating effects street closures have on our businesses. While they are understood during Holiday Open House and Fireworks, the signage installed today is unforeseen and unfair. Our businesses have already given up 19-21% of street parking to outdoor dining. Most businesses are operating at 25% or less capacity for almost a year now. Our businesses are scraping and pivoting, protecting, defending, and working harder than ever before to keep our doors open. Whether we have a staff of 5 or 50 or hundreds, we have the responsibility for the livelihood and safety of the people on our teams - and we need the revenues generated by sales to customers to keep us afloat. The enormous emotional and physical tolls it takes for our owners to continue pushing forward, cultivating clients, feeling optimistic, creative, and financially sound so we can pay our employees, our vendors, our landlords and offer the services and experiences we are known for is tremendously difficult. So when signage is installed all over town essentially redirecting potential customers away from our businesses, it is overwhelmingly discouraging. We are fighting every single day - restaurants, retailers, salons, service businesses - to weather this pandemic. No one shared with us the closures. We saw no traffic plan. We heard nothing of it last night during the council meeting. We have been utterly blindsided.

I am completely disheartened by what I saw today. It's very unbalanced. I don't see the partnership in this. I don't see the fair playing field. It's just not right and it's going to significantly hurt our business tomorrow, and for however long you intend to keep the signage up.

Respectfully,
Maureen McBride
Owner, Tabula Rasa Essentials
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Martha Alvarez

From: George Kaufman <GAKMANLAW@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:07 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP; Erik Zandvliet
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Closure of a portion of Manhattan Avenue

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Greetings,

Our and our neighborhood's primary form of ingress and egress from the area south of the Pier heading north and returning from that direction is via Manhattan Avenue. It avoids heavier traffic leading to and at the signaled intersection of Highland and Manhattan Beach Boulevard, and a crowded section of Highland Avenue between MB Boulevard and 15th Street. Taking this option away has and will create inconvenience and delays and excess traffic on Ocean (generally relatively lightly trafficked, with heavy pedestrian presence) and Highland Avenues, as well as MB Boulevard between Manhattan Avenue and Highland. The other day for one example I was in a line of cars waiting to make a left off of MB Boulevard to go north on Highland that backed up all the way through the intersection at Manhattan Avenue. In fact there was no way for those who wanted to travel east on MB Boulevard to get through this line of cars, so they were also backed up.

If my memory serves, I recall lengthy and skeptical analysis and traffic studies as to for example, whether a stop sign could be added in the Tree Section or other proposals much less impactful than at issue here.

We do sympathize with the difficult situation of the restaurants during the pandemic. But let's be smart about helping them without making things more difficult for others. And certainly, as far as this proposal is concerned, let's not commit to anything beyond a very limited trial period, much less anything that could extend beyond the pandemic emergency.

Thanks for your service,

George Kaufman

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 5:09 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; cgraves; jboxer; jcochran
Subject: [EXTERNAL] California's Vaccine Rollout

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California's Vaccine Rollout has been Plagued by Data Issues

by Robert Bush

NASA's Perseverance Rover landed on Mars (Red Planet) on February 18, 2021 (300 million miles in seven months traveling at 12,000 miles per hour).

Only to discover that all the Martians had received their COVID-19 Vaccine doses.

California's vaccine rollout has been plagued by data issues, leaving the state unable to keep track of how many doses of the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine are available at any one time. Omitted doses, uploading errors, lag times and software mishaps. Now county officials say they are worried the data accuracy issues will cause future allotments to be curtailed based on flawed conclusions from faulty figures.

The state published a dashboard to "make vaccine data transparent and accessible to all Californians, but the dashboard was so riddled with errors. The accuracy of the state's vaccine data overall is improving, which has helped California raise its national ranking for doses administered, but the effort has often been a manual and painstakingly slow process, said California Department of Public Health spokesman Darrel Ng.

The data problems have made it appear that counties have been slow to get doses out to the public, prompting the state to look for new ways to speed up

administration. Newsom said the state will sign a contract with Blue Shield of California to overhaul the way the state allocates vaccines and to improve data collection.

“I’m hearing from multiple local health departments in the greater Sacramento region that they’re experiencing the same issue with missing doses [in the state registry],” Aimee Sisson, Yolo County public health officer said during the hearing. Dr. Paul Simon, chief science officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, added that “we’re seeing the same thing here in Los Angeles.”

Part of the issue with the state’s data is the large number of vaccine providers entering information [using different types of software](#). At times, the errors and delays have been the result of the software itself, some county officials have said. Other times the state’s immunization registry indicates the dose information has been uploaded, but then fails to update the totals, according to county officials.

California’s significant vaccine data collection problems were first exposed when Newsom told Californians to “hold me accountable” to a goal of [administering 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine in 10 days](#). After that deadline passed, state officials said coding errors and data lags made it difficult to say whether Newsom met the goal.

The state’s pandemic response has been hampered in other ways by poor or [outdated data systems](#), including the August discovery that a public health [computer database failure rendered numbers unreliable](#) and prompted second-guessing about actions taken to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Facing criticism from county officials about the persisting vaccine data issues, Dr. Tomás Aragón, director of the California Department of Public Health and state’s public health officer, told lawmakers during Wednesday’s hearing that there is an “incredibly intense focus” on “cleaning up the data, improving the quality.” “We have to improve the data,” Aragón said.

Dr. Sonia Angell - director and state public health officer at the California Department of Public Health department resigned, just days after the state announced a fix for a glitch that caused a lag in collecting coronavirus test information that's used to make decisions about reopening businesses and schools.

Martha Alvarez

From: Keith P <keithrp2568@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:

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Love

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From: Keith P <keithrp2568@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021
Subject:
To: Sabrina <beany1955@aol.com>

Sabrina,

God, your Father and mine, reminded me of
a very important item - left out in yesterday's correspondence :

Jesus is God's Sanctuary.

Love

Martha Alvarez

From: Isabel Mullin <isabelmullin@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Input on MBsafe recommendations

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I wanted to tell you that I support the idea of utilizing the Redondo Beach prosecutor for the homeless court and hiring a social worker dedicated to Manhattan Beach for arranging for services.

Isabel Mullin
1405 Magnolia Ave

Sent from Isabel's iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: heathergothitched@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:27 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: KidsNeedClassrooms@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draft Letter (Kids Need Classrooms)
Attachments: KNC CC Letter Draft v2.docx

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your continued support in getting our littlest residents back on campus. A draft letter is attached to this email.

The MBUSD's teachers union pushback to reopen is solely based on anecdotal stories have been taken out of context and are irrelevant to the safety of opening classrooms. Most (if not all) of the families that are traveling or meeting together in family pods have secondary students who are currently distance learning and not going to classrooms. Once these students are back in the classroom, we expect that parents will answer the daily questionnaires honestly about whether they have socialized outside of their households or have traveled in the last 10 days. Our district has a zero tolerance policy for dishonest answers to the daily questionnaires that provide the access to "in person" learning. It's policies like these and adherence to the district's approved safety plan that will keep our teachers, staff and children safe.

Love always,
Heather Kim



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: KidsNeedClassrooms@gmail.com

Kids Need Classrooms! PROTEST

Manhattan Beach Residents Organize PROTEST to Reopen Schools

Manhattan Beach, CA (February 24, 2021) - Manhattan Beach residents, organized as a group of like-minded residents called “Kids Need Classrooms!”, is holding a second PROTEST this school year to open Manhattan Beach schools.

What: Parent PROTEST for Kids Need Classrooms!

When: Wed, Feb 24 at 4:00pm

Where: In front of MB City Hall, 1400 Highland Ave at the Light Gate Art Exhibit

Parking is available underground at the Metlox Plaza or behind the library in metered spots.

The PROTEST will take place just before the MBUSD School Board’s regularly scheduled board meeting. There will be speakers at the event to educate parents and residents on the opening guidelines and highlight where our school board has not yet complied. There will also be an opportunity for parents to speak at a short open mic session. Confirmed speakers include:

Tiffany Wright, Kids Need Classrooms! Organizer
Deidre Gurney, Kids Need Classrooms! Organizer
Dr Alex Cherniss, Palos Verdes Peninsula Superintendent
Matthew Brach, Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board President
Ross Novie, Founder of LASchoolUprising.com

(Kevin O’Donnell, Founder of Open Schools CA will also be in attendance)

The group is expecting at least 100 parents and local supporters to join the PROTEST to show city leaders we expect schools to open, in full, to the extent the County has allowed, as well as urge County and State officials to allow secondary schools to fully open in compliance with CDC recommendations.

Attendees of the PROTEST will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing as required by the City.

Kids Need Classrooms! is a grassroots organization of like-minded residents of the City of Manhattan Beach committed to providing in-person education for all grade levels. If you would like more information please email kidsneedclassrooms@gmail.com ###

Draft Letter: City Councilmembers to MBUSD School Board and Superintendent

To MBUSD School Board and Superintendent Matthews,

As Councilmembers of the City of Manhattan Beach, we are obligated to serve the public interest of our citizens. Youth under the age of 20 make up one of the largest constituencies within our community (20%), yet have the least voice on issues affecting them. We can all agree that school closures have had an overwhelmingly negative effect on their mental, social and physical wellbeing. In addition to the direct impact on families, school closures have also had a significant impact on the broader MB community. After nearly a year of schools being closed, we were thrilled to see that as of Feb 16th, the cases in LA County have dropped low enough to allow TK-6 graders to safely return to full-time in-person instruction.

We have received a significant number of letters and several passionate parents spoke at last night's council meeting, all pleading for our help to reopen MB schools. They expressed concern that there is not a sense of urgency around fully reopening our elementary schools from either the MBUSD board, teacher's union or superintendent. They also indicated that while it is possible to fully open at this point, you have indicated that there are no plans to move children off the current hybrid model. While the safe reopening of MBUSD is entirely in your hands, **we urge you to work to expediently open all of our schools to the fullest extent possible now.**

While the actions of LAUSD should be considered, we all know that COVID infection rates have been significantly lower in the City of Manhattan Beach than in the county at large. MBUSD can and should be able to act independently from LAUSD based on the nimble nature of being such a small district and our unique demographics. We have the opportunity as a district to pave the way for the rest of the county by setting the example for quick, safe public school reopening. Children are suffering across Los Angeles, and we can be part of getting ALL students back in the classroom, not just those in our district.

We urge you to act now by:

- Safely and meaningfully open our schools by bringing all students back at least 4 days a week for impactful instruction with their peers. One day a week is not enough. Hybrid is not enough. EDP daycare for secondary students is not enough.
 - o Spacing in classrooms should not be a hold up. We understand that a significant amount of work was done this summer to plan and prepare for reopening. As part of that work, a comprehensive analysis demonstrated that it is possible to place students 6' apart in the classrooms of all of our MB schools. LA DPH has also indicated that 4' minimum is acceptable in circumstances where 6' is not possible.
 - o Teacher vaccinations should not be a hold up. The CDC has recommended reopening schools in advance of full teacher vaccination, and child to adult transmission among elementary age children is extraordinarily rare.
- Communicate a full reopening timeline for TK-6 with MBUSD parents, working toward the goal of fully opening as soon as possible. Create and distribute a transparent dashboard that shows the actual number of students receiving in-person instruction on campus at least 4 days a week. Misrepresentation and lack of transparency has created mistrust among parents and this needs to be rebuilt.

- Bring the full 25% of middle and high school students back on campus now to allow for as many students to benefit from in-person learning as the county allows. As of today only 32 middle and high school students out of 959 allowable have returned. Students could be rotated on campus to stay within 25% max and allow them the opportunity to learn in person.
- Continue to advocate on behalf of the families of Manhattan Beach for the safe full-time return of middle and high school students with the State and LA County Dept of Public Health and LA County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for working diligently to serve the best interest of one of our largest and least vocal constituencies, the children of our city. We pride ourselves on being a place that families choose to come because of the strength of our schools and community. Entire families are leaving Manhattan Beach in search of open schools and better opportunities for their children. The children of our city today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Let us work collectively to put their best interests first and keep families here. The effort we put in now will benefit the future of the entire MB community, not just our children today.

Thank you,

Councilmember