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From: Brian Bullock <bullockb32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Linda Bullock
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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MB City Council,

Challenging times for sure. I know you feel it. One thing that will help is to not to make it worse by agreeing to do the wrong thing, and that's to divide our community even more by deviating from the BBTF mission. That would mean going down the path of burdening our fine citizens with a total over-reach. I've lived here for 30+ years and I only see citizens that are inclusive and embracing - - 100 years ago is 100 years ago! A lot of incredible, multi-racial progress has been made. If you agree to exceed the mission, some will like it and more won't. Please reflect, and stay within the boundaries of what the BBTF was set up to do. Staying true to the original goals will hurt some feelings, but is absolutely the most sane option available. Thank you.

Brian Bullock
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On Feb 15, 2021, at 12:14 PM, Brian Bullock <bullockb32@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello City Council!!

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

Brian Bullock
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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The absurdity of this is beyond comprehension.

What is the end game and who exactly is really connected with this destructive and divisive plan.

I have no idea what went on 100 years ago but what YOU are attempting to do is no fix.

As every one knows the Bruces' were compensated along with the overwhelming number of non black owners who had their land taken. It is Racist to compensate the Bruces' and not other owners. THAT IS A FACT! The 405 and the 10 and Rosecrans Ave let go back and see who lived on every piece of land that was taken and let's tie it all to RACISM - BUT ONLY RACISM TOWARDS BLACKS. YOU ARE DISINGENUOUS IN YOUR COMPASSION AND EQUITY.

Other Black owners at the time were compensated just like the Bruces' were and they relocated within the city as did many of the non blacks. The entire narrative that you are promoting is RACIST and destructive. What is wrong with you and who exactly are you representing.

I know for a fact that not just Blacks but Jews and other minorities were actively DENIED the right to even purchase property in many communities 100 years ago, let alone have the right to be compensated for the taking of their land by the government. I would say that all those who were denied the right to even invest in a community should have greater damages than those that purchased and were compensated.

What did the Bruces' and all the other owners pay for their land and how how of a gain or loss did occurred. If they made a gain they were less damaged than those who were denied the right to invest at all.

Who took the Bruces' land well it was the county of LA and not MB but I guess those details do NOT matter when you are painting with your large brush and calling MB a racist community.

Those of you are are so driven to tar us all not just for with just apologies and money but you want to forever burden us with a RACIST oversight committee. You must have VERY dark pasts or are getting paid or pressure because NO GOOD CAN COME FROM YOUR PLAN. It is negative and has been from the outset.

Blacks and Jews and you name it were all damaged 100 years ago ... The Bruces' it sounds were fortunate in that they were ALLOWED to purchase along with other black families in this community and were not PROHIBITED like in most communities at THAT time.

This should NOT be something that you as a body decides as none of the residents who live here currently had anything to do with what occurred 100 years ago and there are not RACIST policies that are in effect at presently. Your actions on this will be in fact RACIST. This needs to be voted on by our community and NOT by a body with questionable motives.

I grew up in Beverly Hills and we as a community had voluntary bussing prior to enforced bussing. It was a wonderful and diverse opportunity for everyone involved. Zero negativity and to this day we continue to have diverse connections with those that were a part of that voluntary program. I had a girlfriend that was black and I have cousins that are black and latino. It sickens me to make those distinctions, but YOU RACISTS require people to be categorized. I am not racist and I for one will NOT live in a city that categorizes me as one. YOU ARE THE TRUE RACISTS.

Come clean, let us know the real reasons that you are so compelled.... are you RACISTS, are you pressured, are you being blackmailed, are you being paid. Why exactly would you push this down this community's throats. What exactly is the positive outcome you are seeking because I only see destruction and civil unrest.

My suggestion to the community is any member who votes in favor of this should be recalled and /or all legal action should be taken against them to remove them from office. I would also investigate them for their connections, contributions, get their tax returns and investigate their histories and their families.

Why don't you focus your attention getting our kids back to school and stores opened, getting minority owed businesses in our city and getting rid of a superintendent that is a political hack. You are all just that political hacks who can not think for themselves. If Janice Hahn is your who look up to god save us all.

Martha Alvarez

From: Kim Brant-Lucich <kbrant007@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hearing from BBTF

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Dear City Council,

I am sure I represent many in our community who love our beautiful beach town and want to continue living here in harmony with our environment and our neighbors. The past year has been a time of reckoning for the U.S. in the wake of the horrific George Floyd killing. The George Floyd scenario has given rise to a new focus for all of us on coming to terms with our racist past. To this end, the City Council appointed the Bruce's Beach Task Force (BBTF) to look at our past and the events surrounding Bruce's Beach. The task force was created to engage in discovery about our past and to make recommendations about a path forward both for acknowledging Bruce's Beach and for us as a community.

I have followed the progress of the BBTF and its publicly available documents. I have also followed and observed the comments and critiques on NextDoor and in the Patch. Through these same sources, I have learned of a variety of racist occurrences in the past months, including the very recent incident of racial slurs hurled at a surfer near the pier. I am saddened by the opposition and attacks on the work of the task force from those who believe the task force is "villainizing" our community as racist. Some have suggested that the task force be dismantled. One could argue that they want to cling to the belief that we are, as a community, somehow exempt from exploring our past or focusing on a future and path forward as a diverse and inclusive community. It appears that this opposition group does not want us to be either diverse, inclusive or anti-racist. They seem to want us to retain our status as a 99.92% affluent WHITE community. I do not see anything in the task force materials that calls Manhattan Beach out as racist. What I do see is an acknowledgment of a past wrong (Bruce's Beach) and a proposal to acknowledge that and to focus on the future. It appears the task force fulfilled it's charter and has recommendations to bring forward. As a community, we MUST hear what the task force has to say. After all, the task force was appointed by you, our elected officials. We cannot allow a cadre of dissenters to attempt to negate and overwrite either our history or the work of the task force. Please do not allow this faction of our population to influence the City Council in its hearing, review and acceptance of the Bruce's Beach Task Force findings.

We need to hear from the Task Force and we need to engage in civil discourse.

Regards,

Kim Brant-Lucich

Martha Alvarez

From: Bruces Beach Task Force
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Martha Alvarez
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Thank you for your excellent presentation on Bruce's Beach

Public comment.

From: April Halprin Wayland [mailto:aprilwayland@aol.com]
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To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank you for your excellent presentation on Bruce's Beach

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Hello, Bruce's Beach Task Force!,

I attended the Task Force meeting and was especially impressed by the clarity and depth of Kristin Long's continuing research and presentation.

Thank you, each of you, for volunteering to be on the task force. I know how time consuming it can be.

And it takes courage to address thorny issues.

Many of us are waking up to the world around us; learning about our hometown's history is an immensely valuable piece of our education.

Warmest,
April Wayland

www.aprilwayland.com

“Poetry is the kind of thing you have to see from the corner of your eye . . . It's like a very faint star. If you look straight at it you can't see it, but if you look a little to one side it is there.” ~ William Stafford □



BRUCES BEACH TASK FORCE

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From: Constanca Esteves-Sorenson <cesteveessorensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Writing in support Bruce Beach's Task Force
Attachments: COLOR SHOULD NEVER.png; ATT00001.htm; Co-chair Napolitano's Alternative Resolution of Apology (2).pdf; ATT00002.htm

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MANHATTAN BEACH!

- We have been falsely accused of being a racist city!
- They are trying to create a "Racist Problem" where there is none!
- They want a permanent Social Justice Oversight committee!

CITY COUNCIL MUST DISMANTLE THE BRUCE BEACH TASK FORCE ON 3/16 AND REJECT ALL OF THEIR REPORTS!

ATTACK ON OUR CITY!

Council Members Napolitano and Stern, Members from the Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF), Superintendent Janice Hahn, and BLM members from outside MB have targeted our city as being racist and in "need" of reform.

What They Are Saying about our City:

- We are "complicit" in institutionalized and systemic racism and must be "accountable for its elimination."
- We are a racist city and signing an admission of guilt in their Declaration of Apology is "the first step in the journey of becoming an anti-racist community."
- MBPD is a racist dept. and excludes persons of color from MB. (no mention that Chief Abell is African American and has worked for the city for 30+ years).

What They Did:

- The BBTF was to provide a **FACTUAL HISTORY REPORT** on the Bruce story, dispensing with all of the rumors and hearsay, and set the record straight. They have not.
- They have written a sensationalized, inflammatory version of the truth.
- They've parlayed this biased history report into falsely accusing us of racism today.
- Councilman Napolitano: "We need to reconcile our past with our present to have a better, more inclusive future"

What They Want:

To establish the highly partisan BBTF or a "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission" as a **permanent oversight body**. This unselected body would do the following:

- Enroll City Personnel in workshops on development of "RACIAL EQUITY"
- Enroll the City in the "Gov. Alliance on Race and Equity" network to develop our community for "RACIAL EQUITY."
- Facilitate Schools to teach the history of Bruce's Beach (written by whom?)
- Expedite PD with collecting race-based data.
- Hire paid staff "to institute antiracism community programming."

- Facilitate development of **affordable housing and homeless shelters** in the city
 - **Help convert** existing rental units to **affordable housing and homeless units**
- The entire "justification" for this unselected body is based on the false pretense that we are **systemically racist**.

1920's MB: What the BBTF didn't report.

At a time when segregation was the practice in America, MB was more inclusive to Blacks than other beach cities.

List of Facts:

America ended the sin of segregation that took place between 1896-1964, when the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Although foreign and unaccepting to Americans today, the Supreme Court ruling on segregation made it lawful to create separate areas for Blacks & Whites: busses, schools, neighborhoods, etc. Unlike other cities, MB city leaders did **NOT** prevent Blacks from owning property and did **NOT** segregate neighborhoods.

The 30 lots located at current day Bruce's Beach to the Life Guard Hdqtrs. was owned by both **Blacks & Whites**. No segregation.

After the City purchased all 30 lots declaring eminent domain, the Black & White owners could buy elsewhere in MB. Most did. No restrictions. The lots were not "taken," nor were the Bruce's or any other Black family "driven out of town."

The NAACP lawyer representing the Bruce's stated the Bruce's were "willing to sell the property...for a fair price at any time."

The Bruce's owned 2 lots and received \$14,500, the other owners received considerably less.

LA Times reported the other land owners were upset that the Bruce's were overcompensated. The Bruce family built a beach bathhouse on their 2 properties, located on the land where the Life Guard Hdqtrs sits.

Their growing business attracted hundreds of tourists, mainly Black, from LA.

Once the city acquired the 30 lots through eminent domain, the Bruce's went to court. The case lasted 4+ years.

No court records, with testimonies from the Bruce's and their witnesses, have been included in the History Report prepared by the BBTF.

The Judge did not rule in the Bruce's favor but said they could purchase elsewhere in MB. They did not.

THE QUESTION STILL LOOMS:

What prompted the decision by the city leaders to enact eminent domain? Was the problem too many tourists coming to that area, or was the problem too many Black tourists? If the leaders were racist, why didn't they do as other city leaders and discourage Black property ownership or instill segregation when they legally could? The court documents could provide the answers.

RESIDENTS WANT THE FACTUAL HISTORY!

WE ARE NOT A RACIST CITY!

We are a city of inclusion.

We are a city of fairness and opportunity.

We are gracious, welcoming and compassionate.

We value our unique small-town beach culture.

We are diverse politically, ethnically, and religiously with Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, and Jewish synagogues and churches.

We value our PD & FD who keep us safe.

We value our schools and teachers which are a main draw for new residents with children.

We cherish our neighbors with hospitality.

We care for our environment with recycling, clean streets, and beach clean-up days.

We are protective of our "main street" businesses which many are locally owned.

We care for the Homeless with MBSafe.

We enjoy sharing with others our unique MB culture that is created by the residents.

We recognize the property values and rent are expensive in MB due to our proximity to the beach and the demand to live in a city with the values that make MB desirable.

Once the Task Force has submitted their Final Report on 3/16, City Council must **disband** the TF. Their task is done.

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COLOR SHOULD NEVER DIVIDE US!

RACE SHOULD NOT BE USED TO GRAB POWER!

The Bruce's Beach Task Force is proposing that MB CITY COUNCIL sign a

DECLARATION OF APOLOGY which states:

- MB to this day has racist practices against Black Americans resulting in economic, educational, criminal justice, and health adversities
- Black residents have **regularly** reported instances of racial profiling and harassment committed by community residents
- Black Americans continue to suffer the effects of racial discrimination when renting or purchasing property in Manhattan Beach
- MB has persistent racial disparities and discrimination
- MB must make amends by building low income housing, and establishing a **permanent** Commission on Racial Equity and Social Justice presiding over MBPD, city staff, businesses and schools.

MB Residents, Unite Against FALSE Accusations of Racism and a Permanent Social Justice Commission

THEIR PROPOSALS ARE DIVISIVE

TELL THE CITY COUNCIL: NOT IN OUR NAMES!

1) Send an email to City Council before 3/16, stating:

- NO MORE DELAY TACTICS BY THE BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE and Co-Chairs Napolitano and Stern.
- Consider the Report filed by the BBTF as final as of 3/16.
- Dismantle the task force **on March 16th 2021**
- Reject the reports by the BBTF: The History Report is riddled with rumors and hearsay, the Declaration of Apology is based on the false pretense of systemic racism, we don't need a "Social Justice Commission" in MB.

Email all 5 City Council Members here: citycouncil@citymb.info

2) Attend the Council Meeting on 3/16 via zoom at 6:00PM. You can watch the proceedings and you will be given an opportunity to give a 3-minute Public Comment. <https://citymb-info.zoom.us/j/93376200363>

3) View all BBTF reports here!!!! <https://www.citymb.info/home/showdocument?id=45945>

4) Stay informed, join our Network of like-minded MB residents and share with a friend:

BruceBeachGetTheFacts@gmail.com

PAID FOR BY "CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF MB."
WE ARE A NETWORK OF MANY.

Resolution of Apology

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH ACKNOWLEDGING AND APOLOGIZING FOR THE CITY'S ROLE IN THE RACIALLY MOTIVATED CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES IN THE AREA KNOWN AS BRUCE'S BEACH

The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach does hereby find as follows:

- A. During the years from 1912 to 1927, in and around the area bordered by Highland Avenue, the Strand, 26th Street, and 27th Street, roughly a half dozen Black families purchased property in the neighborhood as residences or visitor-serving businesses, including Willa and Charles A. Bruce, Major George Prioleau and Mrs. Ethel Prioleau, Elizabeth Patterson, Mary R. Sanders, Milton and Anna Johnson, John McCaskill and Elisa L. Irvin, and James and Lulu Slaughter.
- B. Willa and Charles A. Bruce established a resort known as Bruce's Beach, with a restaurant, dancehall, changing rooms, and showers. Bruce's Beach became a popular destination for Black Americans from the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area to recreate and enjoy the City's beautiful beach and ocean.
- C. Beginning in 1912, historians have documented that both the Black homeowners and visitors to this neighborhood suffered intimidation, harassment, and discrimination on the basis of their race by Manhattan Beach government officials, the police department, and other white residents. These acts consisted of:
 - a. Unknown persons setting residences on fire and causing other forms of property damage;
 - b. Unknown persons letting out the air from tires of vehicles owned by Black visitors;
 - c. An adjacent property owner cordoning off property so as to force Black beachgoers to walk one-half mile from this neighborhood to access the ocean;
 - d. The City Council enacting ordinances sharply limiting the creation of new bathhouses and other visitor-serving facilities in direct response to the popularity of Bruce's Beach among the Black American community; and
 - e. The City endeavoring to privatize the beach by entering into a sham lease of the adjacent beach with a white property owner in order to exclude Black Americans, and then causing its police department to arrest Black Americans (and only Black Americans) who ventured onto the beach.
- D. The purpose of these racially motivated actions was to make Manhattan Beach

inhospitable to Black American residents and visitors. Manhattan Beach residents at the time are on record expressing concern over the effect a Black population in Manhattan Beach would have on property values.

- E. When the acts of intimidation and harassment prior to 1924 did not have the desired effect of excluding Black Americans from the community, white residents, including realtors and civic leaders, pressured and persuaded the City Council to exercise its power of eminent domain to acquire the land for use as a public park.
- F. The City condemned properties included those of Black property owners Willa and Charles A. Bruce, Major George Prioleau and Mrs. Ethel Prioleau, Elizabeth Patterson, Mary R. Sanders, Milton and Anna Johnson. Twenty-five other properties owned by White property owners were also condemned as part of the action.
- G. As a result of the racially motivated condemnation proceedings undertaken by the City, a flourishing Black American-owned business was closed and a burgeoning Black neighborhood was scattered. This action, together with the now illegal practices of red-lining and racially restrictive property covenants, contributed to a lack of diversity within the community.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Manhattan Beach formally apologizes for:

- A. The City's racially motivated and discriminatory condemnation action to dispossess Willa and Charles A. Bruce, Major George and Mrs. Ethel Prioleau, Elizabeth Patterson, Mary R. Sanders, Milton and Anna Johnson, and all other property owners of their rightful property. The City directly apologizes to these former property owners for unjustly taking their property under false pretenses.
- B. The role that the City played by tolerating racial discrimination and harassment by City residents that went unpunished, causing terror and intimidation among the Black community.
- C. The role that the City played conspiring to exclude Black Americans from its beach and utilizing its police force to enforce such exclusion by way of unlawful and unconstitutional arrests and prosecutions.
- D. The role that the City played enacting facially neutral ordinances with the well-documented intention to discourage the expansion of Black owned commercial hospitality enterprises and to stymie the increasing popularity of the City as a recreation destination for Black Americans in the greater Los Angeles area.
- E. The City's overdue recognition of these events to the detriment of generations of Manhattan Beach residents.

The City Council hereby commits the City of Manhattan Beach to reject racism, hate, intolerance and exclusion. The Manhattan Beach of today is not the Manhattan Beach of one hundred years ago—our community and population is loving, tolerant and welcoming to all.

To that end, the City of Manhattan Beach unanimously adopted the Stand Up Inclusion Commitment on September 5, 2017, which states:

I commit to Stand Up against hate, prejudice, violence and bullying and STAND UP for respect and inclusion.

I will:

- Speak out when I hear someone being targeted because of their race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, religion, ability, gender identity, or any other factor. If it is difficult to speak out, then I will stand next to the person who is being targeted and offer my support;
- Talk about how stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination, and exclusion make people feel and how they harm our society;
- Ask myself, “How do I want to be treated?” Before acting or speaking, I will consider the other person’s feelings and be kind, respectful and caring;
- Not allow a prejudiced slur to go either unchallenged or unreported. If I see something, I will say something;
- Denounce online hate, bullying, and discrimination, and report hurtful conduct whenever possible;
- Unite and engage with diverse communities and educate myself on how to be an effective friend and supporter;
- Protect my neighbors by being inclusive and building communities where everyone feels welcome.

We remain committed to these principles as a community, in deeds as well as words. We don’t seek to condemn or divide, rather, we seek understanding and healing. An apology can’t change the events of one hundred years ago, nor are today’s residents responsible for the past actions of others. However, we offer this apology as a foundational act for Manhattan Beach’s next one hundred years and the actions we will take together to Stand Up against prejudice and hate, and for respect and inclusion.

Martha Alvarez

From: Priya Chatwani <priyachatwani5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment (3/16 meeting)

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Dear City Council,

I hope you are taking care!

I am extremely concerned about the recent ad in TBR. Racism in Manhattan Beach is not false. It is pervasive. And for people of color, it is extremely obvious.

Firstly, I would like to express my full support for the Bruce's Beach Task Force Report. It is the ORIGINAL resolution that I support - not the one submitted by Steve Napolitano.

Additionally, Manhattan Beach's Police Department must collect race-based data - without transparent data collection and awareness, we have no chance of overcoming and fighting racism together. I was involved in a lengthy and arduous public records request last year only to find that MBPD does not even track race-based data. That is unacceptable.

Thank you as always for taking the time to hear and listen to resident concerns!

Best,
Priya Chatwani
MB Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: wepmako@gte.net
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To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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I have become aware for the first time of the recommendations of the Bruce's Beach Task Force. The proposal before the Council at its meeting on 3/16/2021 seems to be that those recommendations be adopted in total.

I strongly recommend that these recommendations be broken down and subjected separately to a robust and comprehensive program of community discussion and consideration before presented for adoption. This process should involve wide distribution of each group of recommendations to the public and vigorous outreach to the community seeking input of the residents in writing and at community forums on the subject. Simply putting them before the Council on the agenda for a single meeting is not adequate.

Proceeding in this way would assure that whatever is ultimately adopted has been considered by the community as a whole and represents both the community's will and its commitment. We have all been in our covid cocoons and have not followed this process sufficiently closely to warrant the adoption of these recommendations as the will of the community at the upcoming meeting.

Putting this procedural question aside, I strongly recommend that great care be taken with regard to the apology to avoid prejudicing the City's position with regard to potential future litigation by descendants of former owners and others. I believe that the Apology proposed by the task force could be problematic in this regard.

Finally, I very firmly believe that, whatever the Council decides concerning the other recommendations, the recommendations concerning the continued role of the Task Force should be set aside entirely and considered carefully piece by piece after careful presentation to and discussion with the citizens of the City, as recommended in the second and third paragraphs above for all of the proposals. The granting of such a broad charter to this or any other group without careful consideration and community discussion and input is highly inadvisable.

Wayne Partridge

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From: T Walmer <walmy1@aol.com>
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To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] False Claims of Racism

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To Whom It May Concern, We would like to add our voices to the many many others who think this Declaration of Apology for racism in Manhattan Beach is unequivocally wrong. Manhattan Beach is not racist...We have lived here our entire lives and can't remember witnessing any acts of racism....We see Manhattan Beach as a welcoming place that doesn't need government to prove that.....The report will create more problems than it would purportedly solve while dividing the city. The whole report contains falsehoods that are easily proved wrong while branding Manhattan Beach as racist.

We would encourage the Council to not engage in any more delay tactics by the Bruce's Beach Task Force and Co-Chairs Napolitano and Stern.

The report by the Bruce's Beach Task Force should be final as of 3/16/21.

The Bruce's Beach Task Force should be dismantled on 3/16/21.

We reject and encourage the Council to reject the reports by the Bruce's Beach Task Force.. It is riddled with rumors and hearsay. The Declaration of Apology is based on the false pretense of systemic racism...We do not buy into that construct. It is dangerous. We do not need a Social Justice Commission in Manhattan Beach.

Please call us if you have any questions.

Tim and Megan Walmer 310-795-5318

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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The Bruce's Beach Task Force was formed to address the beach's history, rewrite the inscription on a plaque at the park and consider art installations. The task force has deliberately veered from its course to include other recommendations that would hinder the City Council, Police and Fire Department. Please end the task force 3-16-21!! We have complete faith in our City government to do their job in addressing racial discrimination and not by outside organizations that label our city as having systemic racism. MANHATTAN BEACH IS ALL INCLUSIVE AND NOT A RACIST CITY!!

Maxine and Murray Leral
residents of MB for several years
Senior Citizens

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From: Michael Williams <michael_4761@hotmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] BRUCE BEACH TASK FORCE

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To the five city council members of Manhattan Beach:

As a resident of Manhattan Beach for more than 34 years, I ask that the members of the Manhattan Beach City Council vote, as noted below, for the following reasons:

First and most importantly, "we the people of Manhattan Beach do not need the outside influences of Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Superintendent Janice Hahn attacking our city as being racist and in "need" of reform.

The BLM leadership (Patrisse Cullors) have posted their intentions and views and stated "We're trained Marxists**" and are attempting to undermine the structure of our society. We definitely DO NOT NEED this kind of destructive force in Manhattan Beach! See link below.**

<https://disrn.com/news/video-surfaces-of-black-lives-matter-founder-saying-were-trained-marxists>.



Video surfaces of Black Lives Matter founder saying, "We are trained Marxists" | Disrn

Last Updated Jul 4th, 2020 at 2:21 pm. A 2015 video clip has surfaced of an interview with Black Lives Matter founder Patrisse Cullors in which she assures her interviewer that the group has an underlying ideology, saying, "We're trained Marxists."

disrn.com

Without a doubt, we don't need a permanent oversight body for anything, especially if the body is UNELECTED!

A little reading of history will reflect that the road to hell is paved with good intentions! When people are appointed by highly partisan friends or associates to positions of power that cannot be removed, destruction follows.

We do not need a "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission" as a permanent oversight body.

We do not need to enroll City Personnel in workshops on development of "Racial Equity."

We do not need to enroll the City in the 'Gov. Alliance on Race and Equity' network to develop our community for "RACIAL EQUITY."

We do not need to teach the history of Bruce's Beach.

We do not need to expedite the Police Department with collecting race-based data.

We do not need to hire paid staff "to institute antiracism community programming."

Please vote as follows on the issue of the BBTF:

No more delay tactics by the Bruce Beach Task Force and the Co-Chairs Napolitano and Stern.

Dismantle the task force on March 16, 2021.

Consider the Report filed by the BBTF as final as of 3/16.

Reject the reports by the BBTF: *The History report is riddled with rumors and hearsay, the Declaration of Apology is based on the false premise of systemic racism, we don't need a "Social Justice Commission" in Manhattan Beach.*

Thank you.

JMW

Phone and address

will be provided on request.

Martha Alvarez

From: RICHARD BRANDES <rdbogie@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:22 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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So I read the task force report and it's ot all bad. But in my view it has central flaw. It assumes Manhattan Beach today is a racist community. They give no evidence of this other than the hate crime incident of a few years ago. I personally do not believe that we are systemically racist Whatever we do as a community to aid the country to advance minority outcomes should not be done as a penalty but as an act of good citizenship.

I'm not big on apologies for acts done by by dead people to dead people about a hundred years ago. But I know that 's the fashion of the day.

The most predictable recommendation was to enshrine the task force with permanent status. Forget about it. Thank you for your attention,

Dick Brandes
1220 5th St.

Martha Alvarez

From: Charles Southey <charlessouthey@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose

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Dear Council,

I am writing because I am concerned about what I am hearing about the Bruce's Beach Task Force requests/findings. It seems the the task force has overstepped its original charter.

As a resident, I do not want our City apologizing for actions the vast majority of the current residents had nothing to do with. I also do not see the need to make the task force a permanent fixture. It continues to separate our residents. Wasn't the goal to unite our great city?

I fully support: creating an art installation that could be educational, interactive, and contemplative.

Thanks for your time.

Charles Southey

Martha Alvarez

From: Bradford Williams <bradfordp47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Counsel meeting re. BBTF

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I do not believe Manhattan Beach is a racist city. I grew up here and bought my house here and do not believe it has ever been a racist city during my lifetime.

I am disgusted with the BBTF and expect counsel to reject any presentation from the BBTF outside the original scope of art piece, plaque and accurate history. It is my opinion that the BBTF in its current form, should be terminated as of March 16, 2021. Their demands are inconsistent with the desires of the tax paying residents of Manhattan Beach.

Regards,
Brad

Martha Alvarez

From: Anthony Tavernelli <ATavernelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Oversight Committee

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Dear City Counsel Members,

I believe that the Bruce's Beach Task Force (BBTF) should be dismantled. People's attitudes and opinions should not be policed or overseen by anybody other their peers. Nobody should be made to apologize for something they did not do, we shouldn't feel a need to apologize for our predecessors. We should all move forward with our best attitudes, with the hope that the next generation will do even better. As a community, it is our duty to cultivate responsible and ethical attitudes to the best of our ability through education. I would like to see this effort take place at the school level, not in a costly and unnecessary oversight committee. Furthermore, I do not believe any community should be required to build "affordable" housing, cities are entitled to some autonomy and people's own determination should dictate where they can or cannot afford housing in any given city.

Best Regards,
Anthony Tavernelli

Martha Alvarez

From: Lisa Acker <lisakacker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please let this be my voice, as well as the voice of many who will not speak up for themselves.

- * Dismantle Bruce's Beach Task Force Immediately
- * Reject the reports from the BBTF
- * Do not consider spending City Monies on a "Social Justice Commission"

Thank you,

Lisa Acker

Martha Alvarez

From: c.dreike <c.dreike@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; City Manager; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Please give Senator Ben Allen a push
Attachments: 030421 SB 9_SB 10 Oppose Letter 2021 El Segundo.pdf

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Mayor and Council,
Will you join El Segundo in opposing SB9 and SB10? El Segundo sent the attached letter to Ben Allen. Note the CC's to The League and their assembly member.

Best Regards,
Chris Dreike
for California Cities for Local Control

On 2/26/2021 4:39 PM, c.dreike wrote:

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

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Scientists seek to understand what is, while engineers seek to create what never was. As the "Bad Astronomer" Phil Plait says, "Teach a man to reason, and he can think for a lifetime."



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Office of the Mayor

March 4, 2021

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Chris Pimentel
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Council Member
Scot Nicol,
Council Member
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The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CITY OF EL SEGUNDO OPPOSES HOUSING BILLS SB 9 and SB 10 THAT PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATORY CONTROLS

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the City of El Segundo, I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose SB 9 and SB 10 that have been introduced in the Senate this year related to housing and affordable housing, which would potentially preempt local government regulatory controls.

- **SB 9 (Atkins) Increased Density in Single-Family Zones**
- **SB 10 (Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.**

SB 9 would require a local government to ministerially approve a housing development containing two residential units in single-family residential zones and require local governments to ministerially approve urban lot splits.

SB 9 as currently drafted will not create housing construction in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision making, and community input. State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements that are certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

SB 10 would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel without the need for CEQA. This measure would incentivize the construction of market-rate housing and create millions of luxury units while requiring few, if any,

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affordable units; and would not address some critical issues that have caused and exacerbated the housing crisis. SB 10 projects have the potential to attract high-income people who don't necessarily use public transportation into new luxury buildings adjacent to transit, bringing in more cars while providing insufficient parking.

El Segundo does not oppose higher density in residential areas where it makes sense but is opposed to where it would be utterly detrimental to the quality of life for everyone. We believe there should be incentives for cities to find ways to improve housing opportunities that suit each local jurisdiction.

For these reasons, the City of El Segundo opposes SB 9 (Atkins) and SB 10 (Wiener).

Sincerely,



Drew Boyles
Mayor of El Segundo

CC: Assembly Member Autumn Burke, 62nd Assembly District
City Council, City of El Segundo
Jeff Kiernan, League Regional Public Affairs Manager (Via email: Jkiernan@cacities.org)
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities (Via email: cityletters@cacities.org)

Martha Alvarez

From: Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:31 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Steve time to Stand Up and Come Back Home: We are a forgiving town

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Don't do it, Councilman Napolitano.
Come back to serving and protecting MB as you once did some years ago.

Steve you are in a very uncomfortable, unpopular position. I encourage you to think objectively about the broader legal and financial implications -finally think about who supports you day in and day out.

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THIS UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING ABOUT THE BRUCE BEACH APOLOGY LETTER AND PERMANENT TASK FORCE.

Zoom link: <https://citymb-info.zoom.us/j/93376200363>

This Tuesday 3/16 at 6:00.

AGENDA:

1. Resolve the Apology
2. Resolve a **permanent** Bruce Beach Task Force, proposed by the BBTF in Appendix 5.

SPEAK UP at the Zoom meeting:

The Resolution of Apology forces residents to apologize for racist acts committed by others.

Councilman Napolitano is the driving voice in favor of a Resolution of Apology and the deciding vote.

Direct your 2-minute comment towards him with the intent of influencing him to do what's best for the city.

State how long you have lived in MB.

Include the following:

1. Residents will not agree to apologize for something they didn't do. It's wrong and immoral.
 - o We do ACKNOWLEDGE and empathize with all of the property owners in 1920's MB, including the Bruce family, whose property was taken by condemnation under circumstances of racism. That was wrong and immoral.
2. Rename the resolution of apology to RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT
3. Tone down the inflammatory rhetoric in the history section of the Resolution. It reads as embellishments of every rumor that has circulated over the years. Our history of 1920s MB must be factual, not sensationalized.
4. Delete the entire "Stand Up" Pledge. Our community already stands up against racist acts by choice. The Pledge wrongly calls on residents to snitch on their neighbors for infractions.
5. Take out the final sentence that speaks to a "foundation for future actions" which opens the door to a permanent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission (DEIC) in the future.
6. Ask Council to move to **REJECT** making the Bruce Beach Task Force a permanent body as proposed in their Appendix 5, and to dismiss the Bruce Beach Task Force as their given time frame has come to an end.
7. RESIDENTS WANT THIS UNCERTAINTY OF THEIR FUTURE AND THIS DIVISIVENESS TO END. NO KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD ON THESE TWO AGENDA ITEMS.

THE BACK STORY:

COUNCILMAN NAPOLITANO IS CALLING ALL THE SHOTS

After tremendous push back from residents to the highly objectionable Apology Letter submitted by the Bruce Beach Task Force, Councilman Napolitano is running up the flagpole a more "PC" version.

Don't be fooled by the smoke and mirrors, his version still has the same objectionable points, plus some.
Council Member Stern has also submitted her version by doubling down on the progressive agenda of the BBTF.
All versions want a DEIC. This unelected body would run roughshod over our city, finding problems of diversity under every rock and around every corner, as well as acting as a de facto MBPD commissioner.

Make no mistake, Councilman Napolitano is a master wordsmith. His skills are to be applauded, except when they are used to manipulate residents.

On one hand, he says "MB is loving, tolerant and welcoming to all" then on the other implies we are not, "MB must pledge to reject racism, hate, intolerance, and exclusion."
We do reject racism. Did he miss the vigil for the Clinton's when their house was vandalized, in what may have been an act of racism? Hundreds of neighbors came together in unity at Metlox to support them.
We stood together out of choice, not because City Council calls us to do so in a "pledge."
The pledge also calls us to report anyone making a prejudiced slur. Report to whom?
This smacks of the dark days of McCarthyism. Forget it.

The Councilman has been determined to have residents apologize for the sins of others ever since he campaigned for re-election last fall.

His response to Mich Ward's questionnaire on Bruce's Beach on 8/15/2020:
"I put forward a number of recommendations including issuing an apology by the city to the Bruce Family and all victims of racist acts past and present."
Most residents did not see Ward's questionnaire during the campaign.
Had residents known the Councilman was driving the same progressive argument of the BLM activists, it's doubtful he would have won in a landslide of 11,000+ votes.

As an experienced attorney, he is quick on his feet, redirects conversations back to his interest, and when useful, causes confusion leaving people scratching their heads.

When Council rejected his bid to expand the Task Force Mission Statement to include more than a factual history report (9/1 CC recording),
he did it anyway by creating a subcommittee of the Task Force, giving them the mission of writing an apology letter.
He states Council provided the Task Force room to "make recommendations."
Was it the understanding of Council that "recommendations" meant establishing a subcommittee for the sole purpose of writing an apology?
Is this not considered a NEW directive?
Even the Task Force members questioned why they were writing an apology before the history was established, to which he replied, "they can be done concurrently."

It's unclear why the Councilman has decided to do the bidding for the activists.

The man who decides the future direction of our city is making the same argument for an apology as the people saying we have "racism in our DNA" and we are "white supremacists."
Many of these people don't even live here.
Every post and press interview about reparations by County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, is like catnip to the reparations mob.
This is a LOCAL issue for RESIDENTS and COUNCIL to address together.
But this is not just about an apology.
The woke individuals of the BBTF need an apology from residents as a stepping stone to a DEIC.
Sitting on a DEIC is about power, the power to force us to comply with every woke idea imaginable. To a hammer like a DEIC, everything looks like a nail.

Don't do it, residents.

Don't do it, Councilman Napolitano.

Come back to serving and protecting MB as you once did some years ago.

Find all apology proposals here under Agenda item 12: https://manhattanbeach.granicus.com/AgendaViewer.php?view_id=4&event_id=1573

Martha Alvarez

From: KATHI COLLIGAN <pandkcolligan@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:24 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop the madness!

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Manhattan Beach City Council,

There is a bizarre trend, that I believe is politically motivated and propagated by mindless media, to label people recklessly as racist. It's a dangerous label and its being thrown around very loosely.

I am extremely troubled by Manhattan Beach jumping on this bandwagon, and labeling Manhattan Beach as racist. I have read messages back and forth from Councilmembers including posts on Next Door and emails to others – and there are a lot of contradictions. I have seen back peddling about what City Council is or isn't doing, and I can't decipher what is truth. I have read the NY Times article stating that Janice Hahn is open to returning the land to the family, and also talk of restitution (this is all in NYT article).

I am tired of sitting back while a small number of loud citizens promote messages that I firmly believe the rest of the city does not support. Manhattan Beach is NOT a racist city. To blanket statement something like this is so harmful to the city and its residents. An apology assumes guilt – that is just a fact. Stop jumping on the "racist" bandwagon because it is a trendy political thing to do. It will harm our city. I love this city and the people in it. If we are labeled racist our city will suffer irreparable damage.

PLEASE STOP THE MADNESS! I TRULY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY OUR CITY COUNCIL IS DOING THIS.

Thanks,
Kathi Colligan
605 26th Street
28 year resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Jim <jim@vivahermosa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:22 AM
To: citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov; bill.brand@redondo.org; List - City Council; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; GChen@TorranceCA.gov; communications@bchd.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Spreader event coming up: St Paddys Day

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3-15-21

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

With restaurants open for indoor dining, even at a reduced occupancy level, St. Paddys Day is guaranteed to be a spreader event - unless you take action to stop it.

Please close all interior dining after noontime on St. Paddys Day, and ask your county and state officials to do the same. Otherwise we will bounce back up into the Purple tier.

Sincerely,

Jim Lissner

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j Viva Hermosa !

Martha Alvarez

From: Tracy Welzel <tracywelzel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Steve Napolitano
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

Steve - thank you for your long email and trying to clarify things. I sincerely appreciate it. To be honest, I kept my original email short and direct because I assumed city council was receiving many and I wasn't sure if a long email would be read.

Let me clarify 2 things:

1) I did not get my information from any source other than the agenda listed for the city council meeting tomorrow.

2) I have no doubt that racism was rampant in the early 1900's in MB and across the country, and that the purpose of the eminent domain proceedings were to get rid of a black resort in MB.

I'm going to try to keep this as short as possible, but it's difficult given how long the report from the task force is and how much within it I disagree with.

First, You say the task force "did not exceed the scope of what it was tasked to do." By their own admission, their mission "evolved" from the simple task of re-writing a plaque to something much bigger:

"On September 1, 2020, the City Council formed the Bruce's Beach Task Force and charged it with addressing the history of Bruce's Beach, re-writing the text on the existing plaque at the park and considering an art installation. **The mission evolved organically** to include recommendations for a formal apology; community forums; and other measures intended to educate, enlighten, and engage the conversation among our residents to combat racial injustice. "

Second, you write "the task force was unanimously appointed and all are residents of MB. "

Who do you think would want to be on this committee? My opinion is that it would attract those who feel we have a problem with racism in this community and believe that more needs to be done to right the wrong done to the Bruce's. If you didn't feel that way, why would you volunteer for this committee? So yes, I believe they started out with a bias. Also, given the original (small) task of the committee, concerned citizens probably didn't feel the need to be on it. This is my personal opinion and I could be wrong.

Next, you write "There's nothing in the Task Force's report or apology that states that Manhattan Beach is a racist city or calls anyone out as being racist." The first sentence in Appendix 2, Section 1 states: "Racism is deeply ingrained in American society ...".

I disagree with that statement. Also, please refer to Section 2, letters G and H that states black residents and visitors regularly face harassment from police and community members and face discrimination when renting or buying property. I would like to see some evidence to back up those claims.

In addition, you state that "To be clear, the Council has already stated it will not pay anyone for anything—no reparations, no restitution. We're not giving back any land either." I believe that the purpose of Section 3, Apology, and Section 4, Redress are specifically designed to push us to the next step of some type of reparations.

Which brings me to “ A social justice committee is not one of the Task Force recommendations.”

Then how do you define Appendix 5, Task Force Continued Efforts, and the **TWENTY-ONE recommendations**, including:

“20.Create a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission (DEIC), tasked with studying and developing proposals to redress the enduring harmful impact of systemic discrimination against Black Americans and other persons of color, increasing dialogue and awareness, advancing racial equity, and supporting educational and cultural programs for residents of the City of Manhattan Beach to focus on systemic racism and elevate culturally diverse artistic expression.” This is the definition of a social justice committee. I disagree with all 21 recommendations, but am particularly alarmed by numbers 3, 4, and 5.

Lastly, let me say that I find the idea of a large, interactive, walk through art exhibit to be a ridiculous idea.

In summary, as stated in the beginning of their report, over the past several years, MBUSD, the Chamber of Commerce, as well as business and religious leaders have adopted and implemented programs to provide education and elimination of racism in our community. We do not need more.

You correctly state that the committee officially only put through 5 recommendations in the final report. However, I would like to refer you to paragraph VII, Conclusion:

“As we have noted above, these are challenging issues. The greatest hope of the Task Force is that the recommendations set forth above outlined here will be the beginning of a process in our City. We have endeavored to respond to the Council’s initial charge and look forward to addressing the aspirational issues addressed in Appendix 5 in the coming months.”

I’m concerned that the council will vote to let the task force continue and that this vote should not be made until the community is made aware of the task force’s intentions. I don’t believe that most people in this community have read their full report. Hence, my original email which stated simply that I disagree with their recommendations, and believe they should not continue but rather be disbanded.

I apologize for the length, but appreciate the opportunity to clarify my positions.

Sincerely,
Tracy Welzel

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 14, 2021, at 9:27 PM, Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info> wrote:

Thanks for your email Tracy, I appreciate your input. Please understand that there’s a lot of misinformation circulating out there about the Bruce’s Beach Task Force, including the two page ad in the Beach Reporter this week. I apologize in advance for the long email, and if it sounds defensive, well, it’s because I’ve been accused of saying and doing a lot of things I’ve never said or done, so here’s my attempt to clarify some things in response to the fiction out there...

There’s never been any delay tactics by me, that’s just silly. Nobody wants to have this heard more than me at this point. The Task Force asked for some additional time to finish their report and we said ok. Wouldn’t be much to talk about at a meeting if they hadn’t completed their

report.

Formation of the Task Force was unanimously approved by the City Council last year after a lot of input and a renewed interest in getting and sharing the real history behind Bruce's Beach. The members of the Task Force were also unanimously appointed and they all live in Manhattan Beach.

The Task Force did not exceed the scope of what it was tasked to do. It may have talked about things that some folks didn't want it to talk about, but Task Forces talk about things, that's what they do. Hildy and I helped facilitate the meetings and provided input based on our experience, however, the work of the task force is the work of the other 13 members of it. Neither Hildy nor I wrote any of their materials, nor did we vote to approve what they wrote. Sometimes they listened to my input, sometimes they didn't.

There's nothing in the Task Force's report or apology that states that Manhattan Beach is a racist city or calls anyone out as being racist. I publicly stated last September that we're not a racist city and I've restated that again and again. It's also specifically stated in the Notes from the Co-Chairs and my version of an apology, both of which can be found in Tuesday's agenda.

The Task Force is not working with Supervisor Hahn on any of this. The Supervisor has made statements about giving back the Bruce's property which is currently County property. I have never talked to her about Bruce's Beach and at the end of the day, I think Supervisor Hahn knows that she can't give the property back because that would be a gift of public property.

To be clear, the Council has already stated it will not pay anyone for anything—no reparations, no restitution. We're not giving back any land either. The park stays a park.

I don't support the Task Force's version of an apology, I think it drags in other issues and instances that should not be included. My alternative apology is strictly focused on the City's involvement as a public agency in the racially motivated condemnation of the properties, all the properties, in the 1920's. It also says that we're not the same City today that we were then, that the current residents are not responsible for what happened then, and that today we stand against such racist actions. I'm not sure why anyone would be opposed to that. It's not a confession or assignment of blame or guilt, it's an acknowledgement of facts that we already know and our role in them at that time. And yes, I think that the City saying its sorry is a meaningful symbolic gesture that puts us on more solid ground going forward.

A social justice committee is not one of the Task Force recommendations. There are only 5 actual recommendations and that isn't one of them. The Task Force talks about wanting to work on putting one together in Appendix 5, but only with Council's permission. I don't agree that we need one and don't support it. However, even if it were created, this notion that it would have unfettered powers of oversight is complete nonsense. Commissions don't do anything but make recommendations. They're advisory. They have no power on their own to do anything. Only Council has that power.

If the racial motivations behind the condemnation are being questioned, I'd just advise you to read the history that the volunteers put together that deal with what happened and with the common misconceptions about Bruce's Beach as well. It's very well researched. Even one of the councilmembers at the time later admitted to it, saying they were advised by the City Attorney to never speak about the true reason behind it during the trial. The former Councilmember, Frank Dougherty said he thought it was the meanest thing he ever did and felt sorry for doing it. I've got a copy of the article if you want me to send it to you.

I've heard it said that this is a power grab, but I don't know what that means. What power? Who's grabbing it? And why?

It's been said that the Task Force's apology states that "MB must make amends by building low income housing, and establishing a permanent commission on Racial Equity and Social Justice presiding over MBPD, city staff, businesses and schools." The Task Force's apology language does not state any of those things.

Again, sorry for the long email, but I don't think it serves anyone to be misinformed about these things. If, after reading all this, you still are against the Task Force and everything they've done or recommend, that's fine, I get it. I don't agree with a lot of what they've put down on paper either, but it's only fair that their efforts be seen through a clear lense rather than purposely distorted one. Anyway, appreciate you reading all this and I hope it has clarified some of the issues for you. Thanks!

Steve Napolitano
Councilmember
City of Manhattan Beach

From: Tracy Welzel <tracywelzel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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I absolutely disagree with the recommendations of the BBTF especially their desire to become a permanent commission for which they have no authority! The task force should be disbanded immediately.

Tracy Welzel

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: denise berger <dberger710@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council. I feel (yet again) it is important to speak out for human dignity, conscious / intentional / inclusive leadership, and decency. I have heard that there are many people in our town who oppose the task force, its findings, and any suggestion of racism in our history (and present, evidently). I saw the ad.

Unfortunately, many of these oppositional people are narrow-minded, unevolved, self-centered, ethnocentric, unaware of their being in the world, lacking in social and cultural intelligence, but they have a loud voice. And they know how to organize.... And they are entitled... at least to their opinions. So, they get noticed and they get heard. But listening to them only keeps us back in time and unprogressive, to say the least. They are advocating to keep the town the same, keep the same norms, lose us in time. I can't even blame them. They simply don't know what they don't know.

Instead, it is important to me and others that you all know that there are plenty of people in our community who care about the ancestral damage we did to people - as a town - as an organization - as a system - and appreciate the task force work. We hope we will see the results of the research, and I hope your findings lead us all to an amenable path forward.... a path that creates a flourishing community FOR ALL.

Keep steadfast. Change is not easy and communities can not afford to cater to the laggards. We are heading toward a tipping point in our society and in the world. Being a town of popularity, I'm pretty sure we want to be in the majority and not resistant to the inevitable change afoot. Personally, I'm excited looking ahead to a world where diverse talents are honored, people respect their neighbors, kindness and common courtesy prevail, and opportunities exist for ALL people to rise with this wave.

Lastly, I want to add what I hope this town is NOT: people stopping other people in the street to berate them for the work they do. I am hoping that it was an anomaly - and a rotten apple, amongst sweet fruit - that stopped council member, Hildy Stern, to inform her that she is an embarrassment to the city. It would be great if the city publicly spoke up for Hildy, diversity, tolerance, acceptance and belonging. Whoever that person is has a great deal of growth potential, and that growth begins with incentives in the system to see a different path than the one filled with hate and stress.

May we all rise to a better occasion and pull alongside us the majority and eventually those resisting change and realize a community with opening hearts and minds for generations to come.

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Denise Berger

Martha Alvarez

From: Bruces Beach Task Force
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:22 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment - tonight's task force meeting

Public comment

From: Kaitlyn McQuown [mailto:kaitlynmcquown@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment - tonight's task force meeting

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Hello,

I am writing to comment on the development of the Bruce's Beach task force and recent events. I urge City Council to prioritize a public apology. Laying out the history is good and necessary, but because this injustice was enacted by the city at the time, the city of Manhattan Beach must put forth a public apology to the Bruces and all other Black residents who were pushed out as a consequence, as well as the targets of racist actions.

I was also disappointed to see Allison Hales' account of her experience on the task force and hope that she be included and heard in the future.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to ask the City of Manhattan Beach if and how it plans to provide restitution to the Bruce family for the wrongdoing they endured and continue to endure. I ask that the city join LA County's leadership in committing to full justice for the Bruce's in their respective jurisdictions -- meaning restoring the land, and providing restitution. I also ask the city how it plans to encourage people of all races to not only visit, but to rent or buy property in Manhattan Beach, in a commitment to rectifying the actions that prevented or dissuaded Black families from thriving in the city.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn



BRUCES BEACH TASK FORCE

brucesbeachtaskforce@citymb.info

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Martha Alvarez

From: Kristen Hopkins <kristenhopkins71@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Full time school return

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Our Manhattan beach teens are suffering. We need to be back in school full-time. The red tier status on March 17 allows our children to be back on campus. It is unacceptable for you to agree to one month from now having our children only returned two days a week. My daughter is 16 years old and clinically depressed. She has been Put on a few different antidepressants and sleeping pills to deal with the anxiety. It is heartbreaking to watch her cry all day while she sits and tries to focus on her zooms. She was an A minus student and now has Fs in 2 classes, Cs in two. College Will likely not be an option for her after this semester. Her only sport, indoor volleyball has been taken away for two years. She cannot participate in Beach volleyball it's on a club team which makes no sense so if she is forced to be in PE for the first time. This is cruel and child Abuse. Please do the right thing. Kids are ten times more likely to die from suicide than covid.

We beg you to care about kids, not politics.

Kristen hopkins

949 300 6665

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Barbara Johnson <bjtennisdog@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank you

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It is such a hard time for everyone.

I want to express my gratitude to all of you for pressing on, working towards keeping MB a safe and thriving “small town”.

Your jobs are not easy in the best of times.

Thank you

Barbara G. Johnson

Sent with blessings from the cloud

Martha Alvarez

From: robertbush dslextreme.com <robertbush@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:43 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; List - City Council; cgraves; jfenton; jboxer; jcochran; mmatthews; mbsrcorg@verizon.net; rideformbef; vic law1; ctorwill@alumni.brown.edu
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vzccine

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VACCINE – MANHATTAN BEACH

by Robert Bush

VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS Beach Cities Health District 310/374-3426 Ext. 256

VACCINATION LOCATION CVS 316 South Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach, CA 310/540-9183

VACCINE Moderna COVID-19 Two Doses (Four Weeks Between Doses)

Get Vaccine - Wear Mask

Vaccines are FREE, but they might want your insurance card anyway. Here's why...

There is supposed to be no out-of-pocket expense for the COVID-19 vaccine. And if you're uninsured, you can still get the vaccine for free.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — In order to beat [coronavirus](#), we need as many people vaccinated as possible. That's why the government has made the vaccine free to you paid for by tax dollars instead. But a WFMY News 2 viewer told us she went to Walgreens to get the shot and they asked for her insurance card and billing information. So, what gives? Of course, we reached out to the pharmacy. They said:

"We continue to follow CMS guidance as it's available regarding reimbursement for administration of COVID vaccines. There is a small fee attached to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine which will be reimbursed by insurance for residents who have Medicare Part B, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and commercial insurance."

So, the bottom line is that the shot is free, but providers can charge for the person's time giving you the shot. But, and here's the HUGE 'BUT':

The [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid](#) says you will not be charged that fee. It's billed to your insurance company. If you don't have insurance, it should be covered by the federal government.

Medicare says it's paying health care providers about \$45 to administer both doses of the vaccine. But again, the out-of-pocket cost to you should be free. And remember, anyone asking you to pay is a scammer.

Unfortunately, [vaccine scams](#) are everywhere. In fact, the Digital Citizens Alliance just recently did their own investigation. The investigation found fake COVID vaccines being sold on Facebook and Facebook Messenger and by then by text.

Some of the fake vaccines were \$175, but when folks paid the money, the scammers didn't even ship the fake vaccine and requested more money for shipping.

No matter how convincing someone sounds:

There is no cost for the vaccine.

There is no cost to register for the vaccine.

There is no way for you to pay to get a better spot on the vaccine list.

Martha Alvarez

From: Jeff Yeh <Jyeh@nylashoes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:59 PM
To: List - City Council; Suzanne Hadley
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please open up the Park Basketball Courts
Attachments: Around the Country_LTPBasketball.png; Coach Survey Out of State_LTPBasketball.png; Current CA_LTPBasketball.png

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Dear City Council:

My name is Jeff Yeh. I'm a resident, a parent, MBYB grade commissioner and a basketball coach; but more than anything, I am a parent of an 11yr old girl who has not been able to shoot hoop at a park for almost a year. As you probably know, most of our houses got very small yards so parks are really the only place a lot of our kids can shoot hoops at.

With the state reopening indoor sports now, please consider reopening our outdoor basketball courts this month.

We can regulate court time like how the city does with the tennis courts. Sign up requirements, 30mins or an hour at a time, 4 max per half court, no sharing of full court, masks required.

I have attached 3 sheets with info on INDOOR basketball and covid cases:

- * Around the Country
- * Coaches survey (from 42 of 43 states who played this winter)
- * Cali BBall (from parent survey of "speakeasy basketball")

So as you can see, there really isn't any reason for Manhattan Beach not reopening the courts with kids practicing lacrosse, soccer and volleyball on the fields already.

Thank you for your consideration and time. have a great weekend and be safe.

Regards;

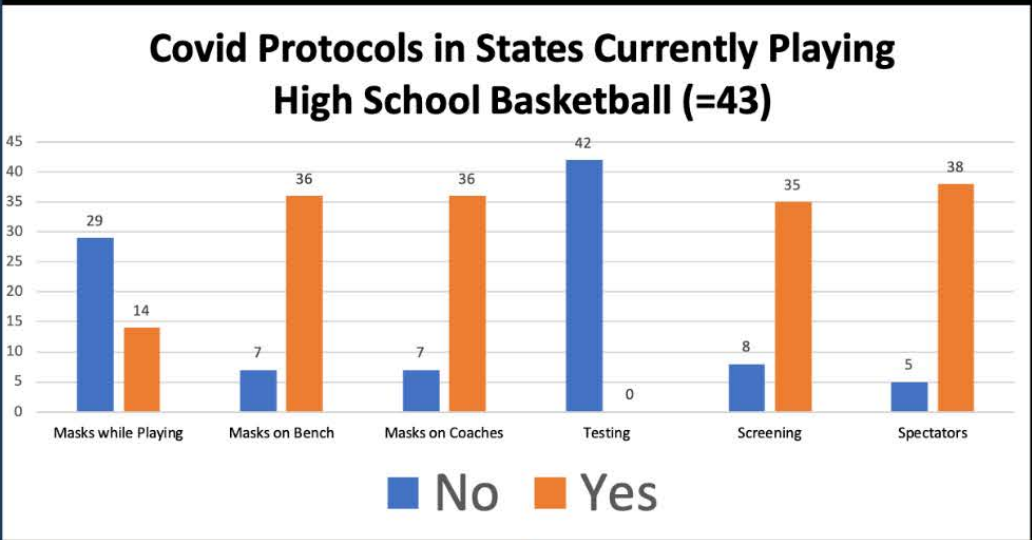
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Go Bruins!!!

43 Other States have Safely Played Over 215,000 High School Basketball Games This Season

As of March 2, 2021

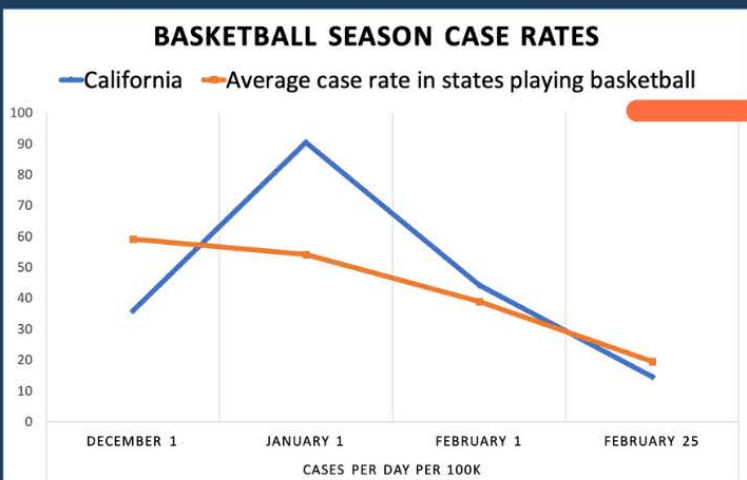
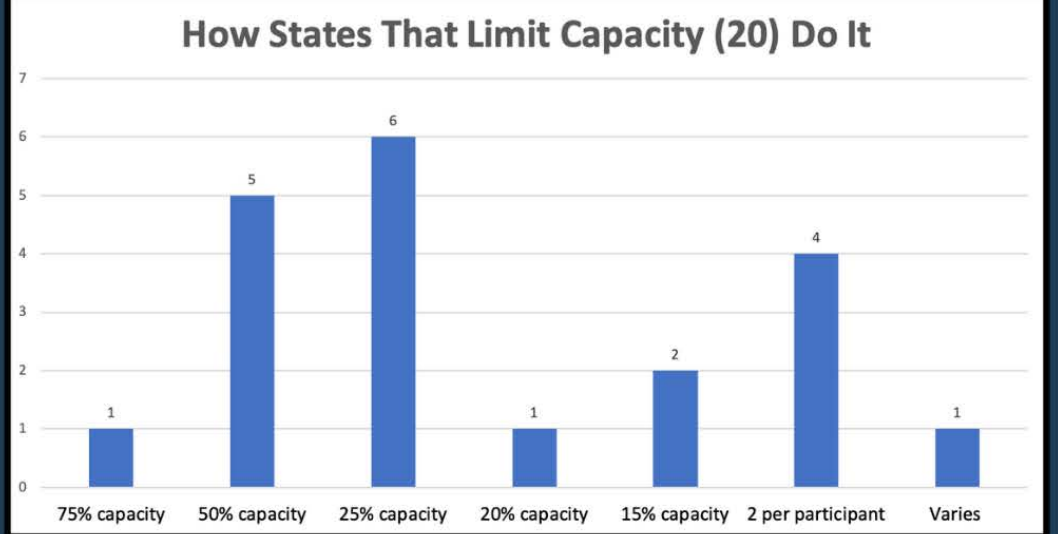
The states that came before California have been successful in allowing their youth to play basketball and have shown us in California that it can safely be done. The average case/d/100,000 when each state started was 49. California is at 12. The game is the same. It is time for California to allow our youth to play.

26 States Started Their Season Prior to the New Year **14 States are Currently in Playoffs** **Not One State Cancelled Their Season Once Started**



67% of states do not require masks while playing
84% of states require masks on coaches and athletes on the bench
81% of states require some level of screening
0 states require testing

88% of states allow spectators
20 of the 38 states that allow spectators limit attendance with the majority limiting capacity between 25% and 75%.



California now has a lower case rate than the average of all the states currently playing basketball. This would be a perfect time to allow our youth athletes to play basketball in California.

State case rates in states playing basketball did not increase during basketball season.

In fact, case rates went down.

#LETTHEMPLAYCA

Very Little Covid-19 Transmission Occurs During Playing and Practicing Basketball Confirmed by Coaches Across the Country

Survey data was collected from 480 coaches from 42 of the 43 states playing basketball between February 19 and February 24, 2021. Data is based upon their reported experiences during the 2020/2021 basketball season.

9,480 athletes

810 teams

28,080 practices

6,545 games

Athletes

720 out of 9,480 athletes reports of Covid-19 (7.8%)

28 out of 720 positive cases attributed to practices (3.9%)

20 out of 720 positive cases attributed to games (2.8%)

1 in 1,002

Rate of transmission from practices

1 in 327

Rate of transmission from games

.2%

of all 9,480 athletes contracted Covid-19 from a game

.3%

of all 9,480 athletes contracted Covid-19 from a practice

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin found that **mask wearing while playing basketball had statistically significantly the same Covid-19 transmission rate as outdoor sports**, which are currently allowed in California.

Coaching Staff

197 reports of Covid-19 among their coaching staff (2 - 3 coaches/team - 810 teams)

Only 5 positive cases attributed to practices (2.5%)

10 positive cases attributed to games (5.1%)

Some California Basketball Athletes Are Still Playing - A Lot

But only those with financial means, a geographic location that makes it feasible, and opportunities that allow it.

This reinforces the significant and growing equity issue that California has created among youth basketball athletes. The abundant research shows that it is safer and more equitable to allow school-based athletics.

Self reported survey data was collected from 222 California parents with children who have participated in indoor basketball. The data is based upon their experiences from June 1, 2020 through February 27, 2021.

Athletes represented in this survey = 301.

85% practiced
indoors

95% played games
in California

76% played games
outside of California

Inside California

38,842 Practices

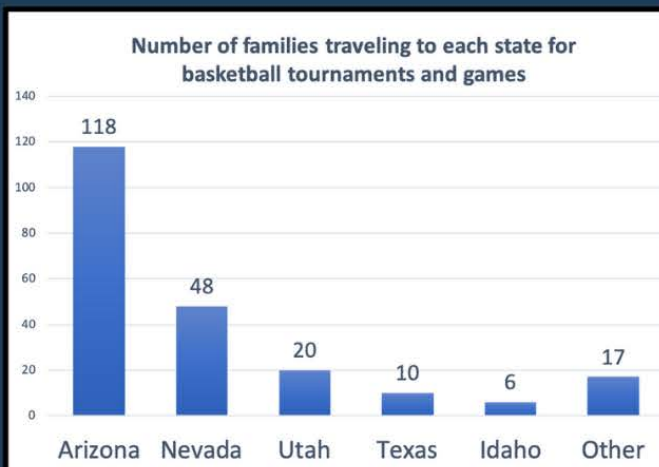
Since June 2020 about 760 practices happened each week. Most athletes practiced 3 days a week.

4,532 Games

Have been played in California which is about 150 games a week played by those athletes in our survey

**About 600 Teams
are playing in about
1,000 games
every weekend up and down the
state of California in what are
being called "Sports
Speakeasies"**

Based upon separate research identifying locations and determining teams and games during the month of February. This is a very conservative estimate.



Over \$300,000 total spent on out of state travel (\$3,000 per family)

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Outside California

2,895 Games

Have been played outside of California which is about 95 games a month played by those athletes in our survey

560 trips

taken out of state - about 2 trips per athlete

Most are flying

63% usually or always flew

Martha Alvarez

From: Kelly sullemeier <kellysulleme@hotmai.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Basketball hoops

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Dear City Council,

With all youth sports opening in California today, can we please get the basketball nets up and running again?

Thanks.

Kelly Sullemeier
210-364-2141

Martha Alvarez

From: Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:54 AM
To: MBUSD Superintendent, Mike Matthews; Katherine Whittaker Stopp; Jen Cochran; speel@mbusd.org; jboxer@mbusd.org; Cathey Graves; jfenton@mbusd.org; Rose Ahrens MBMS Principal; Ben Dale
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent!
Attachments: thumbnail (11).jpg; thumbnail (10).jpg

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Dear MBUSD School Board, Administration & Manhattan Beach City Council,

My sister's town of Lake Oswego, Oregon, is in mourning. They recently lost a freshman high school boy to suicide. The Lake Oswego Superintendent now says she is committed to breaking through barriers to bring back all students. Let's not wait another minute, all students need to be back in the classroom. I hope MBUSD administration and everyone on the MB school board are also committed to **breaking through barriers** to bring **ALL** students back to the classroom **NOW**. See attached message from Lake Oswego Superintendent. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Joy Roberts

Message from the Superintendent

This has been a bittersweet week. It was wonderful to welcome back our youngest learners, thus opening the doors for all K-5 in-person/hybrid students by next week, and secondary students soon. We were also heartbroken by the loss of a child in our community. The poignancy of this time is very real. We have heard the outcry from our community, and we were already in the planning stages for secondary to return. The surveys to secondary students and families this week signal momentum in our plans to return middle and high school students to in-person/hybrid and we will continue to communicate plans as they are developing rapidly.

There is nothing more important than the children we serve and I am committed to breaking through barriers to return to in-person/hybrid for any and all students who want this, while maintaining the online option for those who chose that. It is important for families to know what some of these impediments are. For one, we do not



Remembering Ezekiel Crowder



Martha Alvarez

From: Suyen Pell <s.pell1511@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kids Need Classrooms! - open school TODAY at full capacity allowed for all grades

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Dear MBUSD School leaders,

The school closures have gone on far too long and our children are paying the price. Neglecting full education and what is important for our kids need is nothing more than child abuse. Students are breaking down! Growing problems of depression, anxiety, obesity, fatigue, and have also caused vision issues with screen time only as the learning tool, and so on and on.... and last but not the least, the long term problems they will face next year as a result of one full year of school closuresthere is no reason for schools to be closed for any grades when the CDC recommends that it is critical for schools to be open as soon as possible for K-12 . Protocols to open for all grades should be implemented TODAY and not tomorrow.

David is a high school teacher and he sees the problem everyday with the kids. Zoom is not school!!! The kids need structure, guidance, and the right to a FULL education. He is ready to go back, teach, and be part of the solution TODAY.

When the board is not opening at full capacity allowed for all grades, the board is neglecting their responsibility to our children. PLEASE BE THE SOLUTION and FIGHT FOR OUR KIDS TODAY! Please do not wait another day!

Sincerely,

David and Suyen Pell

Mira Costa Parents

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Martha Alvarez

From: Melanie Molinari <melanietmolinari@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Why ALL Schools Should FULLY Reopen...

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There is some risk in everything we do. Teachers are not at higher risk than other essential workers. I wish people trusted the science. I wish people trusted the medical professionals and public health experts. Teachers may have a fear that they are at risk in the classroom. This is not backed up by the data. Teaching is one of the safest essential occupations. There is growing research that shows that non-pharmacological interventions — masks, plexiglass, distancing, ventilation -- are more than sufficient to keep school infection rates quite low. I think they should open school for full in-person education. Not only do children need academic instruction, but schools also provide the socialization, peer support and emotional development that is critical to a child's growth.

Kids are suffering. Families are suffering, trying to navigate as workers, parents, teachers, psychologists and social workers, all simultaneously. The mental health crisis caused by school closing will be a worse pandemic than COVID.

The science and data are clear that we can reopen schools safely and successfully. However, media and the unions have fostered uncertainty and fear. We should all find a way to do right by our children with innovation and creativity, but above all, science.

*****2 hours of instruction, 2 days a week at MBMS is NOT enough!!!!**

Martha Alvarez

From: susan myers <susymyers@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Schools

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Our kids need this!
Thank you for your attention

S. Myers
MB
310-245-6133

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: Jane Tournat <janetournat@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council Members -

Who knew that the City Council of our sweet little town would see so much action!

It does seem that our town is a target, and the two page ad in the Beach Reporter clearly states the facts. Bringing up this 100 year old issue has caused division in our town, and it is time to stop it. It seems that false accusations of racism are popping up everywhere with all sorts of end goals. \$75,000,000 is quite an end goal, as is asking an entire town to apologize for being racist because of something that happened 100 years ago.

Our town is not racist. I am not racist. I have never really paid any attention to peoples' skin color, until lately, because of issues like this.

It is impossible to know all of the details of this very old situation. And, the history should not be rewritten filling in the blanks with sensationalized narrative.

Key Questions:

Is the City of Manhattan Beach prepared to pay reparations to all of the families? If the City is considering giving any reparations to the Bruce Family, then they should be prepared to also give them to the 29 other families who owned property back then. Once their descendants hear that the City is giving out money, they will start lining up for their share.

<https://easyreadernews.com/sandbox-should-white-families-who-owned-25-of-the-30-bruces-beach-lots-in-manhattan-beach-also-receive-reparation/>

Is the City also considering giving reparations to the Uyematsu Family who owned the land that Mira Costa sits on? They were put in Manzanar and forced to sell their land.

<https://www.lavistamchs.com/?p=46205>

What happened to the Uyematsu Family is tragic, and much more recent than the Bruce situation.

If we look further, we can find hundreds more cases that the City of Manhattan Beach could be accused of.

Instead of searching for 50 or 100 year old issues, that create division in our city, we should be looking forward and tackling more relevant issues like helping elderly residents who suffered from the year of isolation or helping our local businesses get healthy again. Having healthy stores and restaurants allow us to welcome a diverse mix of people to enjoy our small town.

Thank you,

Jane

Martha Alvarez

From: Deena Mader <deenamader@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:49 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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City Council,

We have followed the reports on the task force and city response to it. Seems this case was tried in court many years ago. It seems like a waste of time and money to re work it with no compelling new information. Calling the current city population racist seems an overreach? We have been here 21 years. We were not here back when the Bruce Beach lots were taken by eminent domain. Forcing social justice agendas on the current population doesn't seem fair. We are in support of dismantling the task force and letting the prior court decisions on these topics stand. The city has plenty of compelling issues to deal with today in real time without looking for topics to rehash, such as power poles going underground without further delay. We have waited literally 20 years, so spending precious resources on lots the city assumed 100 years ago, doesn't carry the salience to me that my tax dollars should be spent on today.

Thank you

Deena Mader
225 38th Place

Martha Alvarez

From: Kamala Horwitz <kamalamh@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:36 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council

Having been a 27 year resident of Manhattan Beach, I feel compelled to share my support of the work that the Bruce's Beach Task force is doing. My concern is that there are voices in the community who are reluctant to examine the past, adhering to an over simplified narrative that "Manhattan Beach isn't a racist" community. This "black and white" view lacks the nuance necessary for complexity involved when examining racial issues.

We must not forget that the past is present and healing and wisdom come from making meaning of the past. Making meaning of the history of Bruce's Beach and acknowledging what happened paves the way for a stronger, more inclusive and resilient community. It's important that Manhattan Beach not be pigeonholed into a defensive position and instead acknowledge what happened and let Bruce's Beach Task Force continue their important work so that the city can respond thoughtfully.

Thank you

Kamala Horwitz

Martha Alvarez

From: Nadine Jackson <nadinejackson54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:25 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach task force recommendations

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MB City Council,

I fully support task force recommendations and keeping task force on as advisory panel to City Council .
I appreciate work done by task force
and thought recommendations are
a "no-brainer" - I am shocked this is so controversial! I think when you know you've done something wrong, apologize
and make every effort to do better in the future.

Thank you City Council and Task Force for your hard work on this!

Nadine Jackson

Martha Alvarez

From: Alison Chavez <coffeychavez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:17 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Apology from the Bruce's Beach Task Force

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If we don't apologize, we are admitting we still are racists.

The Conservative Terrorists are using obfuscation and Doublespeak. I literally feel like I'm living in an Orwellian construct.

"The apology will divide us". The only reason is because they refuse to acknowledge the TRUTH. Instead of us acquiescing to nakedly racist/elitist demands, they should concede to DOING THE RIGHT THING.

As you must realize, the reason Janice Hahn and the County are involved is because Manhattan Beach appears to all the world as a racist enclave refusing to admit its past. The more these Conservative Terrorists sway your actions, the more the County will insert itself into the issue.

The more we refuse to apologize, the more racist we appear!

Period.

In actuality, it's the middle of the road folks who are trying to find an acceptable solution. I'm a fervent Progressive. If the lifeguard training facility is returned to the Bruce family, it is OK by me. So keep refusing to apologize. You are only hurting yourselves.

I'll get my signs ready for the INEVITABLE protests and wonderful publicity.

Go ahead and listen to the barely literate, rabid conservative Trump populists. If you think they represent MB, you are sorely mistaken. They will bring the whole town down. You were elected to lead. So LEAD!

Trump is fading fast and so will these people. If you listen to them, we will revisit this again. Council members Montgomery and Napolitano will surely face the music in the next election if they vote this down. Those silent and unaware residents will find out what you have done. It's easier to check a box in the booth, than take the time to write a letter.

Please vote your conscience so that you can look yourself in the mirror,
Alison Chavez

Martha Alvarez

From: susan underwood <swunderwood@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:33 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach reparations

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I know you all have very tough jobs, especially dealing with the pandemic on top of it. Thank you for your amazing service.

We all have been reading the extensive information about what happened in the early 1900s in manhattan beach. It appears that based on the situation at the time, all 19-20 families were treated fairly and compensated. I do not think you as council, representing our current citizens, should bow down to the public relations "machine" behind one of the families who is asking for reparations.

Please continue to do the right thing for our city.

There are many of us who stay relatively quiet in public, because that is our nature. Do not take that silence as support for the Bruce family PR machine. We feel they were treated fairly along with the other families and it's time to put this to bed.

Thank you,
Susan

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Carol MacFarlane <carolmacfarlane1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:31 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: clmacfarlane1@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force - OPPOSED TO RECOMMENDATIONS

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As a 10 year resident of Manhattan Beach, I have followed the history of Bruce's Beach and I believe this is a case that has already been settled.

The history of Bruce's Beach seems to be publicly revisited every couple of decades for the past 100 years, each time a different resolution put forth depending on the political tides of the era. The issue of eminent domain has been the story of our state (and country) since our inception and had it has always impacted people, families, and businesses, regardless of race. It happened to my family as well in the 1970's, and we too wish we could've kept that property for what it would be worth today. Unfortunately, that's not how eminent domain legally works.

The Bruce family was well compensated at the time for their property (as were nearly 30 other families). Many of those families(including black families) stayed in MB. The timing of this latest endeavor seems to be tied more to political activism than a fair, unbiased recounting of what happened. I read the biographies of the 13 member BBTF, and it appears that vast majority are smart, well educated, with most citing strong interest in "social justice/racial equity", not backgrounds in legal contracts or public eminent domain cases. It gives the appearance that the committee members came in already with a set perspective and agenda rather than an impartial review of the facts. I have read several recounts of Bruce's Beach history from long time residents and past community leaders that differ dramatically from the narrative being put forth by this Task Force and the national and local media. I have not seen the City Council (nor the media) give equal time to these differing perspectives.

The task of the BBTF was to determine the wording on the park plaque, artwork for the park, and an "accurate" review of the history of Bruce's Beach for discussion purposes. Anything more is out of the scope for which this committee was created. Frankly, I was shocked at what was presented by the Task Force in Appendix 5 of their report to the City Council. Beyond the recommendation of a public apology for the racist history of Manhattan Beach, the Task Force requests to stay in tact to oversee and make ongoing recommendations covering virtually every aspect of civic life including city planning, police dept, school curriculum, parks and recreation schedule and events, diversity training and recruitment, swim classes for children of color, creating affordable public housing, scholarships to MB students who study African American studies. etc. with the primary intent of creating "racial inclusiveness". Currently, Manhattan Beach is 1% African American. Is it the purpose of our local government to put such an emphasis on services targeting one specific racial group? Is it the purpose of our local government to socially reengineer our small town in the name of social justice? While we welcome and respect all persons of color in our community, the list of recommendations goes well beyond the scope for which this committee was created. Therefore, I respectfully request BBTF be dissolved once the final presentation is made to the City Council [on 3/16/21](#). Any restitution, reparations, or public apology should be decided by the residents of Manhattan Beach. If there is a consensus for a new resolution regarding Bruce's Beach, put it on a ballot. Let the residents decide. Anything less could open up the city to some very expensive legal challenges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol MacFarlane

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Dolores Gamble <dolores.gamble@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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To Manhattan Beach City Council Members

I would like to voice my opinion on the very incendiary two-page ad anonymously placed in the Beach Reporter. It sends the worst of all possible messages about what our city stands for. It also raises the question that in order to get city council's action and incite fear in our community, you just have to put an expensive ad in the local paper. The task force was a collaborative way to address a city challenge should be given the credibility and respect it deserves vs an anonymous ad placed in the newspaper.

Steve and Richard, it is my hope that you will stand up to all of this noise and put it in its place, the trash! I would hope there would be a very public denouncement of this anonymous ad for what it is: Fear Mongering.

If we are really not a racist community we should have nothing to fear from:

- A task force to study issues of race and structural disparities, including our very own questionable at best city history
- A study of our law enforcement actions

I have raised my kids here along with my husband. This community at its best is welcoming and caring. At its worst it is fear mongering ads in the Beach Reporter. I really cannot fathom how our city council would allow this ad and this tactic to impact addressing a very important part of our city's history AND what we want to be seen as - a diverse and honorable community.

Lastly and to be specific, talk of watering down an apology to the Bruce family is seriously the wrong approach. If we want to continue to feed the fire with the very people that would like to be heard, answer them with a lame apology.

Thanks for you time,
Dolores Gamble

Martha Alvarez

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Apology

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All,

In case you missed my article in Beach Reporter, here it is.

There is so much "fiction" fanning the flames of the Bruce's Beach legend and emotions. Last week's letter to the editor stated the Bruce's were 1) "driven out," 2) "under-compensated," and 3) "restricted from buying elsewhere in MB." The facts found by MB's multi-ethnicity commission on Bruce's Beach are: 1) the NAACP lawyer representing the Bruce family stated the Bruce's were "willing to sell the property ...for a fair price at any time;" 2) the LA Times documented how the families were "over-compensated," not under-compensated. Further, MB residents were up in arms against the MB Board of Trustees for giving excessive payments to the families; 3) the majority of Black families impacted bought and relocated elsewhere in MB. And, other Black families stayed in MB, too.

Maybe for effect, the writer of the letter concluded, "the park is a monument to racial hatred ... because white supremacists won." Wow! I concluded, from reading/researching subject, that prejudice played a key role in the eminent domain action and can/should be realized. However, this park should not be a monument for that. Remember, 13 White families owned 25 of the 30 parcels in the eminent domain action and were impacted. Lastly, the location now is a park and two blocks away from the beach. So, it is NOT a Beach and should not be named "... Beach." It should have a "park" name. Maybe "Reflection Park." That could suggest giving serious thought to our lives, other people and more.

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As for Napolitano's "apology", I have many concerns.

(1) The biggest concerns is that his words are addressing an action that occurred about 100 years ago and makes statements that implies that Manhattan Beach WAS and STILL IS "a racist community". He seems to be painting with a broad brush. Even if you believe that the eminent domain action taken 100 years ago was based upon prejudice, that period in America was a very different time, and should not lead to such a conclusion covering a century forward and paint our City as a "racist nor even prejudicial" community that must now undergo changes accordingly. (Furthermore, the suggestion by some individuals of the need for an on-going or permanent Task Force also is an exaggeration and wrong.)

STATING IT SUCCINCTLY, any apology that would characterize MB as a racist community is a damning statement and huge misrepresent of MB.

(2) His apology is "obvious"and might be viewed slanted/prejudicial against White people. His apology specifically mentions each and every Black family by name and THEN just adds "and White

families", which treats the White families as "insignificant" people. Imagine if the "race" table were turned in an apology and gave all of the White families "full respect" and the Black families were identified simply as "others".

We should not forget that 83 percent (the vast majority) of the properties were owned by White families and these families were dispossessed of their property via the eminent domain action. Yet they were afforded just an "also" comment in his apology. Additionally, White families owned 67 percent (4/6) of the strand properties but only warranted a side comment. The apology seems to assume that all of the White families were gleeful in selling their MB properties. I saw/heard no evidence that all of the White families were happy having to sell their property.

One might wonder if this apology is an attempt to state that Black Lives Matter, or that only Black Lives Matter. Wow!!!

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Plaque (if one is necessary)

As for the content and location of any plaque, first, the plaque's name "Bruce's Beach" is not appropriate. The Bruce's were a key element but only part of the story. If you want to tell the story, tell the whole story. Prejudice against Black people along with eminent domain 100 years ago unfortunately forced Black and White families to sell their property - or do only Black Lives Matter. Also, the location of a "statement" plaque, if there needs to be one, should not be at the top of the park, right next to Highland Avenue. Find a spot more central or nearer the beach. That upper location should be for the stonework name of the Park. (Yes, the Park is now called "Bruce's Beach" and the stonework plaque is showing the "current name" of the park. But, as I discussed above (in my Letter to BR Editor), this park is not a beach, is not at the beach, should have a park "name", AND not be called Bruce's Beach.)

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Sincerely,
Jon C.

Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Bruce's Beach Task Force Issues Final Documents: You must speak up or MB will be labelled as a racist city

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Forgive me for taking a shortcut but I am recovering from surgery and don't have a lot of energy.

I read the attached and you probably have too. My feedback is as follows:

- MB is not a racist city and to say so shows that the people saying that are the real racists. If MB and the USA were such horrible places why on earth would so many people come from so many other countries to live here?

-A letter of apology is crazy. Will the US Government write a letter of apology to Native American tribes? And if they did, what would it accomplish??

- I have heard that one of the people on the task force is not even a MB resident

-The task force went way beyond what the council chartered them to do

- Having a committee that advised the council to make the committee permanent seems a severe conflict of interest

-Treating this as a situation where the city compensates those black residents who gave up their property for a fee and then if they wanted they could relocated to other parts of the city forgets about the other families who were in the same situation but were white...why are they being ignored?

-Creating low income housing goes against basic American tradition of being able to build a business or career of your own based on your own hard work NOT handouts. That not everyone can afford to live here is a fact. That being said, those of us who have worked hard enough to be able to live here should not have to fund that opportunity for other people. I lived in Inglewood for many years while I grew my career and as I became more successful I moved here.

-And most importantly, to create a "SOCIAL JUSTICE RACIAL EQUITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" and staff is totally unacceptable. To have a committee that decides social issues and is over our police force, school system, force personnel to take Racial Equity classes and all the other Equity items seems like Nazi programming that ended up killing many, many people. May I remind you that the word EQUITY is not interchangeable with the word EQUALITY. If you don't know the difference please look it up.

Now is not the time to blindly follow what other cities are doing because they are under pressure from the far left.. Not all cities are giving up to the pressure from these groups. It seems we only hear about the ones that do. Now is the time to keep MB special. A place where everyone is welcome.

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

From: BB TaskForce
Sent: Mar 13, 2021 1:28 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients;
Subject: Bruce's Beach Task Force Issues Final Documents: You must speak up or MB will be labelled as a racist city

Why is it so important to write and speak at this week's City council meeting?

Because the Task Force went beyond their scope which was an art piece, plaque and accurate history at the direction of the two co-chairs.

Video clip: https://www.dropbox.com/s/1o5t23w62bdteoy/chairs.resolution.3.23.3.32_Trim.mp4?dl=0

Because the Bruce's Beach final document makes claims for which there is no evidence

- Black residents and visitors in the city have regularly reported instances of racial profiling and harassment committed by **community residents** and the Manhattan Beach Police Department.
- Black Americans continue to suffer the effects of racial discrimination when renting or purchasing property in the City of Manhattan Beach.

Why does it matter: Because the BBTF alleges the city of Manhattan Beach is racist and the City Council is racist and has systemic racist policies and procedures.

Video Clip: Racism in the DNA of MB

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8ypgyp7ihnlch64/DNA.mp4?dl=0>

Video Clip: The City Council is racist: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/p2zxubvj9bdsgaj/CCRWS.mp4?dl=0>

Because of these unsubstantiated claims the BBTF wants to become an diversity, equity and inclusion committee (DEIC) with unlimited influence over the city, police and school district

The City Council will review and revise policies, procedures, ordinances, values, goals, and missions through an anti-racism lens in an effort to end discrimination and harassment toward any person or group based on race or ethnicity.

An DEIC will have oversight of MBPD, review and advise on city policies, procedures and hiring, it will work with other social justice groups in the South Bay and MBUSD. It will become a very powerful group within the city.

Even though it was made clear the city could not give land, pay restitution or give reparations, there are those who are demanding just that.

Because advocates have promised to bring attention from outside to the issue and they have done just that.

Video Clip: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/002842oo76nlgh4/attention.mp4?dl=0>

Do you think if MB gives in they will go away or come back for more?

Look at Seattle and Portland which have been taken over by advocates.

Ultimately only you know what is in your heart and where you stand on racial issues. No one else can decide who you are or what you believe.

We should not be made to feel guilty for hard work and being able to enjoy a comfortable life.

I Believe Manhattan Beach Is Not A Racist City

What Must You Do!

Write to the CC and demand the TF be terminated as of 3/16

That the CC only accepts the plaque, art piece and an accurate history for discussion and nothing else.

Remind the CC that this is a local issue and should be decided by residents who pay taxes and vote.

List - City Council <citycouncil@citymb.info>

SHARE THIS E-MAIL WITH A FRIEND

SPEAK UP!

Tuesday

March 16th

6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting via the internet:

Direct URL: <https://citymb-info.zoom.us/j/93376200363>,

Meeting ID: 933 7620 0363

Final Bruce's Beach Task Force Documents

https://manhattanbeach.granicusideas.com/meetings/1573-city-council-regular-meeting-march-16-2021/agenda_items/6049a024f395e7702100d15f-12-21-0092-consideration-of-recommendations-fro

Martha Alvarez

From: Dave Gamble <dgamble@farmersagent.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Attn City Council - Bruce's Beach Task Force

Importance: High

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I have lived in MB for over 25 years. I have seen many changes during the years. I have never poked my nose into politics, but this anonymous add in our Beach Reporter is disgusting at best. It screams, we are racist, check us out.

Steve and Richard, it is my hope that you will stand up to all of this noise and put it in its place, the trash! I would hope there would be a very public denouncement of this anonymous ad for what it is: Fear Mongering.

If we are really not a racist community we should have nothing to fear from:

- A task force to study issues of race and structural disparities, including our very own questionable at best city history
- A study of our law enforcement actions

I have worked darn hard for the past 30 years to be able to live in MB, and raise my kids here. I finally and feeling some of the benefits of my years of hard work. However, I will not fall prey to these fear mongering residents that are so scared of homeless people, low cost housing, Black Lives Matter, and on. I believe that diversity in our community is an enriching and positive thing for all of us.

Lastly and to be specific, talk of watering down an apology to the Bruce family is seriously the wrong approach. If we want to continue to feed the fire with the very people that would like to be heard, answer them with a lame apology.

Thank you for listening.
Dave



David Gamble

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From: Jennifer Salem <jensalem4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My Suggested Edits for Adoption of Apology re Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council Members:

I have read through the original draft of the "apology", then Steve Napolitano's suggested revision, and then the proposed alternative by Hildy Stern.

1) I am so proud of Hildy and Steve as I know the two of you have taken the brunt of the heat for something that all of us own.

2) I believe that a combination of the Napolitano and Stern drafts as follows would best meet the needs of everyone involved as well as set our city on a forward path:

- **First section of "hereby finds" listing A through G remain as is.** -- these should be READ OUT LOUD at the meeting so that the factual information as noted by historians and investigated by the Task Force is presented to our community members (many of whom have very different facts in their heads)

- Second section where the "City formally apologizes for...":

a) Keep A-D as is;

b) I think that point E on Hildy's is going to be problematic whether I agree with it or not; I think some of the language is not understood by many in the community and the phrase "institutionalization of racism" could continue to inflame part of the community and keep the divide ongoing. I think the wording "The role that the City played, and the effect that it had, to discourage Black Americans from living, owning a business and visiting Manhattan Beach" is ideal and should be added. Would Hildy be willing to either remove the second half or rework the wording?

c) Hildy's F is Steve's E and stays as is.

- At that point it moves to the "The City Council hereby" -- PLEASE KEEP the four points that Hildy has written. Steve's apology is just an apology and doesn't make commitments for moving forward.

a) I think that after Hildy's 4 points, we could continue with Steve's great wording as a conclusion: "The City Council hereby commits the City of Manhattan Beach to reject racism, hate, tolerance and exclusion. The Manhattan Beach of today is not the Manhattan Beach of one hundred years ago." ***BUT CHANGE "our community and population is loving, tolerant and welcoming to all" TO "Our community and population continues to strive to be loving, tolerant and welcoming to all."***

Because currently, I can tell you that our community is NOT all loving and tolerant... sorry, but having been bashed repeatedly on NextDoor and private messages sent to me, and I can only imagine what you all have received...

Bringing up the Stand Up is well and good but these four points are new and show a commitment to moving forward. If you would like to conclude with a revisit of the Stand Up, I think it would be OK but not necessary.

I hope this helps a bit. Again, thank you all for your time and commitment.

Jennifer Salem
27 Lafayette Court, MB
jensalem4@gmail.com

Martha Alvarez

From: Susan Sweeney <susan@sweeneyhomes.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: S U S A N Sweeney
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Resident Against False Accusations

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Dismantle the Bruce Beach task force

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Martha Alvarez

From: James Turken <jamesturken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear council members:

I moved to Manhattan Beach 50 years ago. A few years later I married my wife who was born and raised here. Currently, I am a partner in one of the largest global law firms.

Frankly, I was appalled to read the so called Declaration of Apology that is factually devoid of merit and instead reflects an attempt to placate people who are making noise. It would also be utilized as evidence by some that we are a racist community. One thing that I am sure of is that, during my lifetime, this city is not and never has been racist.

While I do not know what motivated the eminent domain proceeding for Bruce's Beach, it is part of our history. I do support a plaque or memorial, I strongly oppose anything else. What should we do for our citizens of Japanese descent in World War 2 who were interned and lost their homes and businesses? What about Mexicans who had their Spanish land grants taken in California's immigration from the East and statehood? It is history and every country has done things that in looking back in time can be criticized.

We need to reject any report claiming we are racist and end the task force. It is time to move on.

Martha Alvarez

From: Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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New info that I think might be important. There is a 80+ year old lady by the name of Jan Dennis an ex Manhattan Beach Mayor who has been called the "real" historian of Manhattan Beach. So much so she offered \$50,000.00 of her own money to the new library when it was built if they would include a room for the History of Manhattan beach that would include Brue's Beach history. With photos that tell a different story. A beach resort the welcomed everyone even had a sign that said "all are welcome" I saw a pic of A.A. under the pier even where we are being told A.A. were not allowed . But It was turned down and the collection ended up at Cal State Dominguez. I have been told that she was never interviewed by anyone from the BBTF. I would like to know why not. She still lives in town her phone number is 310 372 8520 her website is <http://www.janstanstudio.com/>
Maybe someone from C.C. could call her and get a statement?
Scott

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Martha Alvarez

From: Edward Gajdicar <edward.gajdicar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF agenda item

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The City Council should consider the BBTF's recommendations regarding a new plaque at Bruce's Beach, an art piece and a historical record of events, if one can be verified as accurately depicting such events.

And nothing more all other appendices and recommendations must not be accepted.

Please terminate the BBTF on 3/16/2021 and thank its members for their efforts.

Edward G

Martha Alvarez

From: Thomas Budd <tbudd@focusadvisory.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Disband partisan task force

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I have lived here for 10 years and we are from Canada which usually doesnt get the same racist accusations as I have seen in the USA. I have read parts of task force report and I do not see what they claim . I do not consider manhattan beach racist and I think it's foolish to be making any such apologies as being pushed by task force . I do not see any reason for this task force to continue given what looks like extreme bias and omission of many key facts . This task force with its hidden agenda will cause more damage to this community as it has little interest I. The facts or balanced viewpoints . Thank them for the report and disband

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: John Stimpfig <th5figs@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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As a property owner and resident in the city of Manhattan Beach, I am urging the City council to do the following:

No more delay tactics by the BBTF and co-chairs Napolitano and Stern.
Consider the report file by the BBTF as final as [3/16](#)
Dismantle the task force [on 3/16/21](#)
Reject the reports by the BBTF.

To me, this a local issue and tax paying Manhattan Beach residents should decide what happens!

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Bill and Chris <biz@wckitto.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3/16/2021

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Sincerely,
The Kitto's

Martha Alvarez

From: ed@klasse356.com
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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As a side note personally, I voted for Napolitano because he came across as conservative. I will say that I am very disappointed in the position he has taken in this conflict. Mr. Napolitano may turn out to be just another politician that talks out of both sides of his mouth.

Thank you

Ed Rutherford
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Martha Alvarez

From: Susan Goodlerner <susan@drgoodlerner.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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As a long time Manhattan Beach resident, I am writing to voice my support for the Bruce/s Beach Task Force to do their investigation and to come up with an appropriate solution to address the racist incident that occurred in the past.

The world has changed, and it is valuable to acknowledge changes in attitude towards racial differences and to make everyone feel welcome on our town.

Susan Goodlerner MD

Martha Alvarez

From: Julie Watts <jules.watts@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1990 and am deeply appalled at being called a racist city. I have never witnessed any kind of racism in this town and am shocked at these allegations by people who don't even live in this town. I think it is absurd for Manhattan Beach to sign a declaration saying we are racist just because of the political pressure. I am also very opposed to handing over Bruce's Beach for something that happened many, many years ago. I am absolutely opposed to putting low income housing anywhere in Manhattan Beach. We have worked very hard to have money to be able to live in this town where real estate prices are off the charts. Brining in low income housing will only bring in more crime, drugs and bring property values down.

Please keep our beautiful town the wonderful city it has always been.

Regards,

Julie Watts
MB Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Marvin Hixson <marvinhixson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear All,

I Believe Manhattan Beach Is Not A Racist City!

I request:

- The TF be terminated as of 3/16
- That the CC only accepts the plaque, art piece and an accurate history for discussion and nothing else.
- Remember that this is a local issue and should be decided by residents who pay taxes and vote.

Marv Hixson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Martha Alvarez

From: Tracy Welzel <tracywelzel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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I absolutely disagree with the recommendations of the BBTF especially their desire to become a permanent commission for which they have no authority! The task force should be disbanded immediately.

Tracy Welzel

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Gary Neumeier <gary.n4646@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:53 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3/16 Council meeting regarding Bruce's Beach

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As a longtime concerned citizen of Manhattan Beach, I want to urge the City Council to end the Bruce's Beach Task force at the 3/16 meeting, reject the idea of having an over site committee, reject an apology letter and only consider a FACTUAL history report regarding the Bruce family land.

Martha Alvarez

From: Perry Colligan <pcolligan1957@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] False Accusations of Racism

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Members of Manhattan Beach City Council:

Though the following is a form letter, I think it accurately reflects my feelings. The racism narrative is being used for political gain, not to help those who need help. It has created an intense division in our society that is unhealthy and it has been promoted under false pretense.

I am strongly opposed to the creation of a Social Justice Oversight Committee and hope City Council can drop this discussion and move onto move positive and productive matters.

WE BELIEVE:

Acts of racism by a few individuals past or present, does not make us a racist community

- MB is a truly caring, open-minded, and welcoming community
- We are a city of inclusion
- We are a city of fairness and opportunity
- We are a gracious, forgiving, and compassionate community

We Cherish our MB Culture and Values:

- Manhattan Beach has its own unique culture
- We are a community that loves the outdoors. We bike, walk, jog, play beach volleyball, surf, boogie board, etc
- We value and care for our beaches with organized clean-up days
- We are protective of our small-town Main Street businesses that are predominantly locally owned
- We value our schools which is the main draw for new residents with children
- We value recycling and clean streets
- We value our neighbors with neighborly hospitality
- We are diverse politically, ethnically, and religiously with Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, and Jewish synagogues and churches around the city

- We enjoy sharing with others our unique Manhattan Beach culture
- ~Concerned Tax Paying and Voting Residents of Manhattan Beach**

Thank you for your attention and consideration,

Perry Colligan

Martha Alvarez

From: scott@dynagraphicsla.com
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:21 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Bruce's Beach TF

Expires: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:00 AM

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Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:19 PM
To: 'citycouncil@citymb.info' <citycouncil@citymb.info>
Cc: 'Bruce Beach Get The' <Facts@gmail.com>
Subject: Bruce's Beach

I am a member, in good standing, of the MB community and have lived here for 47 years.

I am absolutely appalled at the city council's wanton disregard for the well-being of my city.

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I demand you dismantle this task force immediately and reject any report from this BBTF as it is divisive to the MB community in ALL respects.

I am a proud and concerned citizen of Manhattan Beach.

I will not support any action that will be used as a "POWER GRAB" to, in the end, drive a political spearhead into the heart of the city I LOVE.

Scott Chalmers
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Martha Alvarez

From: David Rodriguez <davidprodriguez@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recent Easy Reader Article..

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Hello.. Some interesting facts contained in a recent Easy Reader Article (linke below) I hope all in council have 5 minutes to review prior to our meeting Tuesday...

<https://easyreadernews.com/sandbox-should-white-families-who-owned-25-of-the-30-bruces-beach-lots-in-manhattan-beach-also-receive-reparation/?fbclid=IwAR3MUfsXOSC-3BG2RPX2TNd3VnVE5vrQv8oF2FiIKlbf06CCvbHVCHxVBc>

Based on the article, and facts cited from a master's thesis written in 1956 by Bob Brigham, it seems that:

- 25 of 30 families displaced under eminent domain were white
- 4 of 5 black families displaced bought lots in MB
- The Bruce's received almost 1/4 of the overall eminent domain funds ...

I hope all are well and very much appreciate your leadership during these difficult times

Dave

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Martha Alvarez

From: Dana Taylor Old <danataylorold@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council members -

In advance of Tuesday's meeting, I would like to request that you cease the ongoing discussions around Bruce's Beach, as we now see widespread scope creep on behalf of the task force, and potential harm to *current MB residents* as a result.

The continued education and acknowledgement of the Bruce situation from one hundred years ago is solid, and so let us now move forward without any outlandish apologies and other actions that imply we (*current MB residents*) are a close-minded, racist town.

Council - please don't forget your constituents (*current MB residents*) and I encourage you to remember to look out for our continued well-being (*current MB residents*).

Respectfully,
Dana Taylor Old

Martha Alvarez

From: dpvusc59@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I feel that enough time has been spent on this issue.
The Task Force should be terminated so the City Council can get back to issues that affect the total populace.
My granddaughter lives with us and has several black friends.
I enjoy their visits and race has never been an issue

Sincerely,

David P Veiga

Martha Alvarez

From: bvbatbeach@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 2:31 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF Report and March 16, 2021 City Council Agenda Item 12

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Dear Council Members,

I have read the Bruce's Beach Task Force's ("BBTF") report and recommendations. While I appreciate the efforts of the BBTF on this topic, I believe that it has essentially ignored the directions of the City Council regarding its charges and role surrounding this matter.

First, I do not believe it is the role of the BBTF to judge our community and imply that Manhattan Beach is a racist community. I disagree with any such suggestion. While there are certainly racist individuals in our community, as there are in every community, that does not mean that our city as a whole is racist. In fact, I believe that as a community, Manhattan Beach is an inclusive and understanding city and its residents are generally open minded and tolerant of all races and religions. So I take offense to any suggestion by the BBTF that the residents of Manhattan Beach, as a whole, are racists. And I believe that misguided premise has created a circumstance in which many of the so called BBTF "findings" are nothing more than unsupportable opinions of a few individuals, who are not well informed or in a position to judge our community as a whole. More importantly, with the exception of the BBTF co-chairs, none of the task force members have been elected by the residents of Manhattan Beach and have no right to speak on behalf of our city.

Second, the BBTF's suggestion that it remain an active group with the power to advise and assist our city employees and leaders in formulating future policy as to any city issue is an improper "power grab". The BBTF has been charged with a very limited purpose. How dare it attempt to perpetuate its role in matters for which it was not been authorized to act or even express unwanted opinions. Again, most members of this task force are not elected officials and they should have no right or role in speaking for our fine city.

Third, please disregard any suggestion that the City of Manhattan Beach should apologize for any acts or conduct of some residents of this city who are long gone. What happened 90 years ago is not the responsibility of our current residents. And any apology in 2021 is a very slippery slope. I have no doubt that if there is any apology from the city at this time, that apology will be misinterpreted by others in the future, will be used as a sword against the city in a manner that may not even seem possible today, and will turn out to be a huge mistake. Just look at the well-intended efforts of the city back in 2006 to rename Bruce's Beach and erect a plaque to honor the Bruce family and the history of the park site. Today, those well intended efforts have been characterized as further examples of racism in Manhattan Beach, and the plaque has been labeled by some as a "monument to white supremacy". We may not be able to predict how future progressives or antagonists may characterize a 2021 apology from the city regarding Bruce's Beach, but I suggest you consider the possibilities of how any such apology may be spun or used against the city in the future, perhaps many years after you have completed your term in office. And please be mindful that any such apology is extremely dangerous, and will likely be used against the city in the future in ways that you probably cannot even imagine today. And any such apology may end up being a negative legacy for this Council if it chooses to surrender to social pressures from a few outspoken residents to placate the views of a significant minority of our residents. Please reject any suggestion that the city must apologize for conduct that occurred long before any of us were born.

Finally, on the subject of reparations, I want to remind the City that the payments made to the Bruce family in 1929 was a result of a negotiated settlement of an eminent domain action. The Bruce family agreed to accept \$14,500 to settle any and all disputes with the city, including all known and unknown claims, arising out of or relating to the acquisition of the Bruce family properties as a result of this settlement. There was no reservation of rights to pursue future claims. The agreement was a negotiated compromise, which the Bruce family, with the advice of counsel, freely agreed to. Why would any responsible city representative ignore this legally binding agreement, and voluntarily agree to even consider further consideration for this negotiated settlement? I am sure the City Attorney will agree that this settlement has been fully satisfied, and the Bruce family and their descendants have zero legal right to seek or obtain reparations or monetary damages. It seems to me that any agreement by the current City Council to pay further reparations to the Bruce family at this time, would not only be dangerous precedent but would likely be a gross violation of the Council Members' responsibilities to their constituents, the current residents of Manhattan Beach.

In closing, please consider the BBTF's recommendations regarding a new plaque at Bruce's Beach, perhaps an art piece for the premises and perhaps the acceptance of a historical record of events, if one can be verified as accurately depicting such events. And nothing more! And, please terminate the BBTF and thank its members for their efforts.

Perhaps our community will then be able to move on and continue to be a proud, welcoming and inclusive city that is focused on building a bright future for our residents and guests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill von Behren
MB Resident since 1980

Martha Alvarez

From: Katharine Nyhus <kath.nyhus@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:38 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Bruce's Beach Task Force

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To the members of the MB CC -

I am writing in support of the BBTF and in support of its continuation beyond the completion of an art piece and an acknowledgement. I just spent some time scrolling through a post on NextDoor about the task force, and I see a lot of false narratives.

One common narrative is that MB has been or will be labeled a 'racist city' if the task force is allowed to continue. I think the opposite is true. Addressing this racist incident in our past is complicated. It deserves time and nuanced thought, not a rush to completion.

It is much too broad a brush to say that any particular citizen of this city is racist or that the city itself is racist. What is true is that we are grappling with an ugly incident in the history of the city and that the solution is complex. There are lots of voices to hear from and many ideas to sort through.

The recent New York Times article that is often cited is entitled "This Black Family Ran a Thriving Beach Resort 100 Years Ago. They Want Their Land Back." If we take our time and offer thoughtful solutions, perhaps the next article will be entitled "Manhattan Beach, CA Sets an Example for Other Cities Grappling With a Racist Past."

Let's not fall for the false narrative that giving thoughtful attention to this incident will weaken our city or our reputation; the opposite is true.

Katharine Nyhus
530 24th St., MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Ellie Heffernan <esh7@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WE THE TAXPAYERS/ the 100 year history

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Dear Council members

We the taxpayers of MB do not want our hard earned dollars going to endeavors of the past. What was then fair or unfair dealings within the real estate market and legal proceedings have been finalized in the US Courts. It is not our responsibility to resurrect the dead issues and give it present day value. We have legal limits on such things, don't undermine them.

If a plaque is awarded it should be on the original lots owned by the Bruces and dedicated by the LA County with the approval of MB Citizens (keep the council out of it) No Art Structure needed, unless it is part of the plague.

There's more to life in MB this issue belongs in the Archives. GET OUT IN THE SUN EVERYBODY AND HUG SOMEONE.

A MB TAXPAYER--MAKE THEM COUNT

Martha Alvarez

From: James Saxon <james@saxon.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 12:14 PM
To: List - City Council; Hildy Stern; Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NOT A NETWORK OF MANY. Please support the commissions purpose and recommendations

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Council members and mayor:

Please witness the sad fragility of some (who knows how few) of your residents and their selfish biased, and contorted attempt to deny the city an opportunity to decently and reasonably acknowledge and addresses past wrongs.

Do not be intimidated by the angry moneyed defensive wordy thugs. Don't let a "network of many" hiding behind an anonymous ad alter your commitment to all citizens.

The task is simple.

Do what is right.

It's past time to make amends and reconcile.

Lead forward by example to show the nation what can be done to make our future better than our past.

Stop the bullies now. They are the ones who can no longer be tolerated.

Support and act on the commission's recommendation.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

James Bennett Saxon
Redondo Beach

MANHATTAN BEACH!

- We have been falsely accused of being a racist city!
- They are trying to create a "Racist Problem" where there is none!
- They want a permanent Social Justice Oversight committee!

CITY COUNCIL MUST DISMANTLE THE BRUCE BEACH TASK FORCE ON 3/16 AND REJECT ALL OF THEIR REPORTS!

ATTACK ON OUR CITY!

Council Members Napolitano and Stern, Members from the Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF), Superintendent Janice Hahn, and BLM members from outside MB have targeted our city as being racist and in "need" of reform.

What They Are Saying About our City:

- We are "complicit" in institutionalized and systemic racism and must be "accountable for its elimination."
- We are a racist city and signing an admission of guilt in their Declaration of Apology is "the first step in the Journey of becoming an anti-racist community."
- MBPD is a racist dept. and excludes persons of color from MB. (no mention that Chief Abell is African American and has worked for the city for 30+ years).

What They Did:

- The BBTF was to provide a factual history report on the Bruce story, dispensing with all of the rumors and hearsay, and set the record straight. They have not
- They have written a sensationalized, inflammatory version of the truth.
- They've parlayed this biased history report into falsely accusing us of racism today.
- Councilman Napolitano-- "We need to reconcile our past with our present to have a better, more inclusive future"

What They Want:

To establish the highly partisan BBTF or a "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission" as a permanent oversight body. This unelected body would do the following:

- Enroll City Personnel in workshops on development of "RACIAL EQUITY"
- Enroll the City in the "Gov. Alliance on Race and Equity" network to develop our community for "RACIAL EQUITY."
- Facilitate Schools to teach the history of Bruce's Beach (written by whom?)
- Expedite PD with collecting race-based data.
- Hire paid staff "to institute anti-racism community programming."

- Facilitate development of affordable housing and homeless shelters in the city
- Help convert existing rental units to affordable housing and homeless units

The entire "justification" for this unelected body is based on the false pretense that we are systemically racist.

1920's MB: What the BBTF didn't report.

At a time when segregation was the practice in America, MB was more inclusive to Blacks than other beach cities.

List of Facts:

America ended the sin of segregation that took place between 1896 -1964, when the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Although foreign and unaccepting to Americans today, the Supreme Court ruling on segregation made it lawful to create separate areas for Blacks & Whites: busses, schools, neighborhoods, etc.

Unlike other cities, MB city leaders did NOT prevent Blacks from owning property and did NOT segregate neighborhoods.

The 30 lots located at current day Bruce's Beach to the Life Guard Hdqtrs. was owned by both Blacks & Whites. No segregation.

After the City purchased all 30 lots declaring eminent domain, the Black & White owners could buy elsewhere in MB. Most did. No restrictions. The lots were not "taken," nor were the Bruce's or any other Black family "driven out of town."

The NAACP lawyer representing the Bruce's stated the Bruce's were "willing to sell the property...for a fair price at any time."

The Bruce's owned 2 lots and received \$14,500, the other owners received considerably less. LA Times reported the other land owners were upset that the Bruce's were overcompensated. The Bruce family built a beach bathhouse on their 2 properties, located on the land where the Life Guard Hdqtrs sits.

Their growing business attracted hundreds of tourists, mainly Black, from LA. Once the city acquired the 30 lots through eminent domain, the Bruce's went to court. The case lasted 4+ years.

No court records, with testimonies from the Bruce's and their witnesses, have been included in the History Report prepared by the BBTF. The Judge did not rule in the Bruce's favor but said they could purchase elsewhere in MB. They did not.

THE QUESTION STILL LOOMS:

What prompted the decision by the city leaders to enact eminent domain? Was the problem too many tourists coming to that area, or was the problem too many Black tourists? If the leaders were racists, why didn't they do as other city leaders and discourage Black property ownership or instill segregation when they legally could? The court documents could provide the answers. RESIDENTS WANT THE FACTUAL HISTORY!

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PAID FOR BY "CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF MB." WE ARE A NETWORK OF MANY.

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- 3) View all BBTF reports here
- 4) Stay informed, join our N

PAID :

JAMES BENNETT SAXON james@saxon.com

Martha Alvarez

From: Rory O <captainowow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 12:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Council needs to wake up. We're tired.

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Look it, it's not science anymore, it's subjective and amoral

Because it was never about the "science" or the "vaccines", it was always and still is all about CONTROL...

--"In a rare moment of truth of CNN Wednesday, Anthony Fauci admitted that there is no scientific reason why people who have had the COVID vaccine are still having their freedoms restricted.

CNN host John Berman asked Fauci "What's the science behind not saying it's safe for people who have been vaccinated – received two doses, to travel?"

"When you don't have the data and you don't have the actual evidence, you've got to make a judgment call," Fauci replied, declaring that Americans will just have to trust the CDC:"

We cannot trust CDC any further nor the city council. Too many of you are bleeding hearts. Quarantine the identified sick/ dispositioned. Leave the healthy alone. If you have to, give your tracers a temperature devices and sporadically check peoples temperature. Get them, not us who are healthy.

Trying to be everything to everyone is the surest road to failure. You're pretty much at the end of the road.

Rory & Marie OBrien

Martha Alvarez

From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:23 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF agenda item

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I believe the co-chairs have an agenda an DEIC using the apology as a stepping stone.

I am disappointed at the poor leadership of Steve and Hildy, this is evidenced by 3 apologies. The apology's also shows their real motives to enact a DEIC and put in place a progressive committee with extensive powers within the city.

You can try to deny it but the DEIC would review police data, policies and procedures and view everything with an equity lens, that means if the police stops more blacks than whites they are racist. If the city does not have a representative number of blacks in staff or leadership positions the city is racist. An DEIC will only see numbers but will not look behind the numbers and ask questions. Any numerical difference will be alleged racism and the CC will genuflect to avoid being called racist, all to the detriment of our city.

Lost to me is why Steve would abandon his city, in which he was born, raised and now works here. Is he guilty, does he carry family guilt. Why do people hate who they are, carry so much guilt for the color of their skin? He used his lawyer language to walk around calling residents of MB racist, but he stills call residents racist.

To the City Council

A plaque, artwork and history were the task of the TF.
The TF must be disbanded on 3/16/21.
No reparations, restitution or restoration.
No Apology but an acknowledgement.
This is a local issue, and should decided by residents, if needed a referendum

VP

Martha Alvarez

From: Claudette Boehm <claudetteboehm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:21 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City council rejection and end to B.B task force

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To all five City Council members

As residents of Manhattan beach we unite with other citizens of our City and find the false accusations of racism and distortions of facts by the BBTF to be offensive and wrong. The task force should be dismantled at the 3/16 council meeting and its misleading reports rejected.

six citizens of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Don McCammack <dommc@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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> NO MORE DELAY TACTICS
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> Consider report filed by BBTF as final as of 3/16:21
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> Dismantle the BBTF on 3/16/21
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> Reject the reports by BBTF
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> Thank you,

Don McCammack

Martha Alvarez

From: Rose Osten <rcosten@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach committee

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This is getting way out of hand. Please stick to what was the original goal - I totally disagree that the city of MB is racist. You may have a few individuals that are but that's true in any community but that doesn't give you a right to paint the whole city as racist. I'm sure you can find instances of discrimination against so many others - not just blacks: Jews, gays, Muslims etc.

Rose Osten

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: CHRISTINE WYNAND <c-wynand@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:16 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Good Day,

I am a city of Manhattan Beach resident and homeowner for "44" years.

I do not see MB as the racist city as you are portraying it as.

I believe the report needs more information.

I reject the report by the BBTF.

Christine & William Wynand

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Ted Iantuono <tiantuono@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Teddy Iantuono
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Council Members:

I write to you regarding the Bruce's Beach Task Force. My understanding is that the purpose of the Task Force is to document the history surrounding the Bruce family's 1920s eminent domain case and to recommend ways to more appropriately display this history at the Bruce's Beach Park. In reading the Task Force's recommendations and some of the surrounding discussion, it would seem that a severe case of mission creep is at risk. Rather than outline my objections to the Task Force's off-task proposals and inferences, I would like to respectfully propose that the City Council direct the Task Force back onto its approved task. For the avoidance of doubt, I am deeply opposed to the wide spread racism that existed in the 1920s, but I reject the notion that Manhattan Beach is presently a racist community in need of the Task Force's direction on how to become less racist. I look forward to the upcoming City Council meeting and I appreciate your consideration.

Regards, Ted Iantuono (MB resident)

Martha Alvarez

From: Henry Alfano <halfano@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3/16/21 council meeting - Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Council Members,

Our city does not have “racism in its DNA.” Our city council is not “racist.” There may be racists in this city, but they are not the majority and do not represent the ideology of anyone I know.

I’m sick of hearing charges like this leveled against our great city. Can we do better? Sure we can. Do we need the accurate telling of what happened to the Bruce’s in the early 1900s? Yes, we do. Do we owe the members of the task force a debt of gratitude for their work? Yes, we do. Volunteering time for your city should be lauded. Especially for a red hot task force.

HOWEVER, some of the charges leveled on the task force zoom calls are disgusting and themselves biased. In “racism in our DNA.” No! That task force doesn’t get to label an entire city.

End it. Terminate the task force on 3/16/21. Get the true story they set out to expose and their recommendation of how we can legitimately and fairly acknowledge any past injustice. That was the goal of the task force.

Do not allow this to carry on as a permanent DEIC. As a voter and tax payer in this city, I refuse to approve this ongoing escalation of claims of racism leveled at every citizen here. End it. Do not create a committee with such broad power that they start to turn every day into a constant attack on our schools, police and city government. If you create an unfettered DEIC, comprised of people the likes of those calling all of us racists, you will destroy this city.

Take action as a council, if/when necessary. As we all know you do. Correct wrongs. Of course, take action against any proven racist activity. Rid our city of any paid employee expressing racist views or an agenda against people of color. I’m all-in to end racism wherever it shows itself.

Protect the people of this city from stereotype and bias. By and large, we are hardworking, compassionate, welcoming people and we should not be made to feel guilty about our lifestyle. This city does not have “racism in its DNA.” Whoever uttered that drivel, that blanket statement, is no different than the people they seek to expose as racist. Be bold. Call it out!

Close the business of the task force when complete. Do not evolve this into something it shouldn’t be.

Regards,

Henry Alfano

Martha Alvarez

From: Raymond Friedman <rfriedman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:29 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council - I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for approximately 10 years and own a home in the tree section. I have two young children (who are multi-racial), and my wife and I plan to remain in the community for years to come. I write to strongly urge the council to disband the Bruce's Beach Task Force as of March 16, 2021. Although I support the fact that we have taken time to examine the history of Bruce's Beach and learn from the past, the updated plaque and art piece are sufficient. The push for more radical steps (largely driven by outsiders who do not really know our community and who have advanced numerous unsubstantiated claims about our City) is unnecessarily divisive, totally inappropriate, and does not reflect the will of the residents. Further, I completely reject the incendiary suggestions that Manhattan Beach, as of today, is systemically racist - this is neither accurate nor constructive. This is an extremely important issue and my vote in future elections will largely be driven by the council's actions (and I will be working to mobilize the many other like-minded residents who are not necessarily the most vocal, but who are very much engaged on this issue).

Thank you for your consideration.

Ray Friedman
2800 Palm Avenue

Martha Alvarez

From: Carol Shafer <carolfinejewelry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:23 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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This is absolute insanity. I have lived here for over 35 years, belonged to various clubs, groups, and have and have had friends (black and white) in Manhattan Beach. Not once have I heard of any kind of racism in this town. Anyone who wants to live here has the right to. Anyone who wants to dine here has the right to. They are not discriminated against.

How dare the Bruce's Beach Task Force say that this town is racist and that we as today's residents must apologize for something that happened over 100 years ago! Is it sad that it happened? Yes. Should an art piece be made and a new plaque stating an accurate history? Yes. But that's it. Do black lives matter? Yes. Do all lives matter? Yes. You better believe that If an "All Lives Matter" organization were to come to fruition, they would be considered racist!

Here's my apology;

I apologize for voting for you, Steve. I apologize for the Task Force even starting these discriminatory lies against the residents of Manhattan Beach! Shame on you, Napolitano and Stern, for disgracing your own community! You have caved in to forces which were created outside of Manhattan Beach. You have tried to create a racist problem which doesn't exist! You should be thrown out of this city for disrupting what is already an inclusive town and lying about the fact that we are a racist community! Why don't you put your efforts into fighting for the homeless which includes every race and creed.

DISBAND THIS TOXIC TASK FORCE! IT'S A FARCE.

Carol Elizabeth Shafer

Martha Alvarez

From: JH <jrtrust3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:22 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Scam
Attachments: brucesbeach.pdf

Importance: High

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The City Council of Manhattan Beach is a complete "JOKE" if they continue to perpetrate the fraudulent claims that Manhattan Beach residents are "Racist" and that Manhattan Beach has a "Racist" problem. Why don't you get your head out of your butts and actually read the history of Bruce Beach and do your job for a change! You and your "Social Justice Oversight Committee" rants are the types of issues that divide people, but does not bring them together! None of you have read what was went to you several months ago and of course, blame Covid-19 or whatever other excuse that you can come up to NOT do your job and to NOT stand up the mob for what is true and correct instead of your typical nonsense! You cannot change history no matter what you try to do, but you try and conceal it and that is what "Cowards" do!

DO THE CORRECT THING AND TELL PEOPL THE TRUTH...I GUESS THAT IT TOO HARD TO DO FOR COWARDS AS YOU APPEAR TO BE!

JH

Martha Alvarez

From: Lisa Ann Clark <lisaann_clark@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF)

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I demand the TF be terminated as of 3/16.

I demand the City Council (CC) only accepts the plaque, art piece and an accurate history for discussion and nothing else.

I remind the CC that this is a local issue and should be decided by residents who pay taxes and vote.

Highlight, that at least one of the BBTF member is not yet 20 and doesn't pay MB property taxes. Their parents do.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Mickey Klinger <klingersrmk@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 6:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] To all City Council members

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I am sorry but I do not have a list of the Council Members in front of me as I am typing this.

Have you ever heard the following? **It is always 10% who ruin it for everyone else.**

I Believe Manhattan Beach Is Not A Racist City. However there are those people who think differently than I do. I have lived in the city for 20 years.

I think that the Task Force has gone off in the wrong direction. It would be a good idea to terminate the TF as of 3/16. They have done their job plus more than they were tasked to do.

It would be a good idea for the CC to only accept the plaque, art piece and an accurate history for discussion and nothing else at this next meeting. However, an accurate history may be hard to come by at this point.

I agree that this is a local issue and should be decided by residents who pay taxes and vote.

M. Klinger
21st Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Neely Swanson <neelyswanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Hildy Stern
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Racist flyer
Attachments: Manhattan Beach racist flyer.3-13-21.pdf

Here is the link to the article (I believe it is the same one you reference). What is most damaging was its placement in the paper's front section as a full page article. [NYT Bruce's Beach](#)

Also attached is the flyer.

It would do everyone on the council, especially Ms. Hadley, who has already greatly embarrassed the town with her extra-legal stance on masking and schools, to read a current best seller called *Caste*. Further, I sense Ms. Hadley's sub-rosa influence on the group sending the flyer.

The term "institutional racism" in the flyer is, I believe, an equating of the term systemic racism. I do not, personally, believe the town is institutionally racist. One does not have to be directly guilty of the origin act itself to try to right a wrong caused by others.

Linked also are the articles that covered the cross burning (it was later found to be a tire) and threats to the family I referenced in the first email. [LA Magazine](#) and [Daily Breeze](#) and [ABC 7](#)

I will not be attending the Zoom meeting. I do, however, by sending this email, register my support of the county solution and the Task Force's purpose in delving into the previous ugly history.

Neely Swanson

On Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 1:39 PM Hildy Stern <hstern@citymb.info> wrote:

Oh my, Neely

A cross burning in MB?! That's an outrage. (I don't think I remember hearing about that.)

Now a flyer to add insult to the emails and two page ad? - Would you be comfortable sending me a picture of that flyer? The campaign to disseminate false information and raise alarm about the efforts of the Bruce's Beach Task Force has quite a deep reach.

And I wasn't aware of a NYT article from today. (I only know of the March 11th article). Do you have a link to an article printed today if it's different than the March 11th article?

I'm glad to know you don't share the views expressed in the flyer. We would certainly benefit from hearing from others with similar views. If you would be comfortable encouraging the people you know in MB who do to also contact the full city council, that would help us to hear from a more representational voice in the city.

Please stay in touch,

Hildy

From: Neely Swanson <neelyswanson@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:24 PM

To: List - City Council

Cc: Larry Swanson

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racist flyer

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To all,

I am in receipt of a racist flyer that objects to the Bruce Beach discussion and possible county restitution efforts.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of such discussions, the continuation of a local task force and oversight committee. Manhattan Beach has experienced an egregious example of racism in recent years with the burning of a cross on the lawn of new African American residents.

We are not an ethnically or racially diverse community and so must be extra careful when issues of inclusion arise.

This anonymously sent blue flyer exclaiming that WE ARE NOT A RACIST CITY is suspect and only underscores the concerns that have now reached the national stage with the full page article in this morning's *New York Times*.

The voices of that flyer do not reflect my views nor the views of most of the people I know in Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,
Neely Swanson
320 16th St.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Dayle Eisenhauer <dayleeisenhauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment BBTF

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Dear MB City council members,

After reading this week's Beach Reporter spread, I am so confused.

Bruce's Beach issues have been brought up and discussed by many on both sides. But this now is getting ugly.

As a 35 year Manhattan Beach resident, I have lived here happily with all my neighbors, work associates, and friends. I think I understand how discrimination can hurt people as I grew up back East where Italians, Irish, French, and Portuguese might be looked down upon depending on your neighborhood.

I don't see overt discrimination here in Manhattan Beach. Just the opposite. I currently teach a parks & Rec zoom class and my students are all nationalities. I have been teaching at Joslyn for almost 7 years, no problems.

Adding a permanent commission is definitely not needed. We cannot fix Bruce's Beach. We cannot give back property taken 100 years ago. That is just ridiculous.

But we can acknowledge it was wrong. We can create a monument to acknowledge this wrong doing.

I hope to join the zoom meeting on March 16. And I hope you do not let outside influences control your meeting. Good luck.

I am proud of my city council and hope you do the sensible thing.

Respectfully,
Dayle Eisenhauer
2400 Pine Av
MB

Martha Alvarez

From: John Altamura <john@altamuragroup.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Having lived in Manhattan Beach since 1962 I can truthfully say that I have not witnessed any racism in M.B. For the BB committee to say there is systemic racism is a false narrative. There should be no monetary reward to the Bruce family or any other entity that claims racism exists in MB. This committee should be disbanded immediately and all of their suggestions summarily dismissed. There should be a plaque explaining the history of the area, including the facts that there were 30 families living there, 4 African American families and 26 Caucasian families. The area should be named Bruce's Park.

John Altamura

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Martha Alvarez

From: Sarah Schneider <frausaschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 3:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terminate Bruce's Beach task force

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Hello,

As a current resident of Manhattan Beach I Believe Manhattan Beach Is Not a racist city. I grew up in a low income area in Los Angeles where racism DID exist however it was amongst each other and not at the hands of the 1% of white students/families who attended my school and lived in the community. As a POC I was constantly ridiculed in school for being to dark or to light and did not know where I fit in. As a resident of MB I have never felt as though I people in Manhattan Beach are racist. I have joined Vollyball groups, volunteer organizations and a church here in Manhattan Beach and have never been a "victim of racism" for my dark skin and ethnic features that make me a minority in Manhattan Beach.

I was raised by single mother living paycheck to paycheck in my younger years. My mother worked very hard to give us everything we had. When I became an adult I worked hard to enjoy the comforts I did not have growing up. One of those comforts is currently living in Manhattan beach. In the 1990's as a child my mother would take us Manhattan Beach for beach days. She would get a coffee on MB Blvd and we would sit at the beach eating sandwiches brought from home, playing in the water and chasing seagulls away from our chips. I dreamed of living in a place like Manhattan Beach when I grew up. I have spoken to my mother who still loves to come visit me in Manhattan Beach. She assured me we were never victims of racism for our dark skin when we would visit years ago and she has never felt people of Manhattan Beach are/were racist against her when she visits for her extremely dark skin.

Residents of Manhattan Beach should not be made to feel guilty for hard work and being able to enjoy a comfortable life in Manhattan beach. This task force needs to be terminated as of 3/16. The City Council should only accepts the plaque, art piece and an accurate history for discussion and nothing else.

Thank You

Sarah Schneider

* Visitor since 1990, Hermosa Beach Resident since 2013 and Manhattan Beach resident and Homeowner since 2016

Martha Alvarez

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 2:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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

Site Visitor Name: Maurine Jennings
Site Visitor Email: majennings52@aol.com

Dear City Council members,

Considering the actions of the Bruce's Beach Task Force, and future City Council and County considerations, there needs to be a reality check. So many people are ready to jump on your "MB is Racist" bandwagon choosing to yet again manipulate history out of ignorance or for personal and/or political purposes. "History" did not start in 1920. Narrowing your perspective in this manner is choosing to be completely racist and discriminatory. In reality, the Black family was just as racist and discriminatory as the next man because the REAL victims of this "land grab" action, both here and nationally, are the members of the indigenous American Indian nations.

If you are truly focused on honesty and making retribution for historical racist actions, then let's have an honest, open conversation about our fellow citizens who to this day are still treated as second-class citizens; living on reservations and in cities under the weight and burdens of broken promises and treaties. To take this action now, to reward the Bruce family while not even trying to do your true diligence in ascertaining and making retribution to the real victims is self-serving and dishonorable.

There is no honor in closing one's eyes to the truth.

Thank you for time in allowing me to share my feelings on this matter with you.

Maurine Jennings

Martha Alvarez

From: Doreen Dice <ddice@tdaltd.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bbt

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Council members

No more delay tactics by BbTF and Napolitano and Stern. Consider report final as of 3/16/21. Dismantle task force.

Reject BBTF reports and do not agree or sign documents stating an apology.

Doreen Dice

Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Neely Swanson <neelyswanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Larry Swanson
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racist flyer

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Sincerely,
Neely Swanson
320 16th St.

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Martha Alvarez

From: John MacEachern <johnnymac123@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Good afternoon council. We are John and Ann MacEachern. I have lived in MB since 1967. A long time. In all that time I have NEVER witnessed a racial incident. For people to say our city is racist is a terrible insult. I cannot begin to tell you how sad this makes me feel. Please end this task force when their assignment is complete. Please listen to residents who have lived here for many years. Everyone is welcome on the beach, the Strand, in our city parks. WE ARE NOT A RACIST CITY!!! John MacEachern. 540 4th Street. MB. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Geoff Lewin <geoff.lewin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:29 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach task force

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Good morning.

I am writing to strongly urge you to limit any more delay tactics by the Bruce's Beach task force and cochairs Napolitano in Stern. Please consider the report filed by the task force as final as of March 16 and dismantle the task force on that date.

I am shocked at the declarations of apology and believe it is much more divisive than accurate and does not reflect my feelings nor the feelings of anyone else I know, minority or not, in Manhattan Beach. We do not need to waste money on a social justice commission which will no doubt continue to see racism and social injustice to justify their own existence.

Please and this immediately thank you.

Martha Alvarez

From: Lindy Welk <lindywelk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Los Angeles County; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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To the Manhattan Beach City Council, The Bruce's Beach Task Force and Supervisor Janice Hahn

Please keep to the original mission statement for the BBTF. The new discussion seems to now focus on repurposing the land or giving it back to the Bruce family descendants. How can it be ok to pivot this far from the original intent of the BBTF? The citizens of Manhattan Beach deserve better.

I live a block from Bruce's Beach and just during the past year of the pandemic, I have seen countless people gather safely, outside in a safe, open, public space. We are humans who need other humans. This beautiful park is open to anyone, without exclusion. Now there is discussion to eliminate the park, which is free open space to all, and limit it to a new hotel, or low income housing, or whatever else can be devised to "repair our racist past". This is nonsense. A park is for EVERYONE how can that be overlooked?

As for the County land and the Lifeguard Headquarters housed there, is this suddenly obsolete? Are you telling the citizens of Manhattan Beach and anyone who enjoys LA County beaches that the Lifeguard Headquarters is obsolete and can just be returned to the Bruce family? Just think of that for a moment. Something that benefits thousands, if not more, is going back to a single family. Isn't that the opposite of inclusion?

Citizens of today cannot be held responsible for something that happened 100 years ago. Times were very different then. Across the country great atrocities were being perpetuated against all types of people. Thank God we have learned and grown from that and are very different people today. History should be told accurately. The Bruce family should get that recognition. But they are not the only one's this happened to. It was systematic at the time. It is not so now. We cannot be held to account for the past by giving back land that was paid for and even addressed in a court of law to have been fairly compensated for. With our 2021 eyes, things can seem very different and unfair, but what is unfair is to hold current citizens responsible for acts of the past.

If you really want to be fair, you should skip the Bruce family and give everything back to the Native Americans who we took everything from at the start of this country.

Keep to the original BBTF mission. We are talking about an inclusive community, a park and beach and the safety of a Lifeguard Headquarters for EVERYONE.

Respectfully,

Lindy Welk
Manhattan Ave resident
20+ year Manhattan Beach citizen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Martha Alvarez

From: Ray Joseph <Ray@rjfinehomes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:08 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Bruce's Beach

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Do you think Manhattan Beach is currently Racist?
Do you think our Police Department is Racist?
Is the city Staff Racist?

I'm not racist nor am I raising my son to be one. I think having a perminate "Equality Committee" is a recipe for disaster. Committee's by definition have to come up with proposals, actions, and agendas. I think these proposals, actions, and agendas will be problematic in the future. I don't this committee to influence the school curriculum. I do not want them to have police oversight. I don't want any future impact from Bruce's Beach on our non-racist community.

My neighbor's son is having a difficult time getting into Medical School because he's Asian. I guess too many Asian's in Medicine. Do we need ALM protests?

My dad was the poor immigrant kid in the back of the class that didn't speak english. They wouldn't give books to him. Then the principal asked why the kid that didn't speak english won all the Spelling Bees. They started to pay attention to him. He worked hard and got a PhD in Physics. He led the team that invented the computer chip needed to land on the moon. He started a chip company and several other companies. He even had dinner with the President of the United States. The San Jose Computer History Museum has been interviewing him on all of his accomplishments. No bad for a poor immigrant kid.

My view is equality is in books. As parents you know the hard part is getting kids to read them. We are not a racist community. Bruce's Beach was a 100 years ago and Manhattan Beach has evolved.

I do not want to see a continued fall out from this. I dislike activist groups coming into our town trying to make our community out as racists.

I think some people are using Manhattan Beach to be seen as influencers online and that's wrong. You should watch the documentary "Fake Famous" on HBO. Scary what the world is turning into.

Ray Joseph
Manhattan Beach CA 90266
310-545-7295

Martha Alvarez

From: Jean Parks <dosparques@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 7:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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What a waste That was then this is now There were also many other white families that were bought out by 'eminent domain' and not just in MB. Why is Black always capitalized and not white? Racism? Just a thought. G Dreher

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: mking@hgla.com
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 4:43 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I share the concerns of the Concerned Residents of MB. Dismantle the task force.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: roger spencer <roger90266@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 4:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Consideration of Recommendations from Bruce's Beach Task Force/Item 12 of 3/16/21 Council Meeting

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I strongly support the City's anti-racism work through the Bruce's Beach Task Force.

It is not controversial to admit past wrongs and work towards reconciliation. America, including Manhattan Beach, was built on white supremacy and anti-Black racism. Slavery required racism to place Blacks in another category from their white slave masters. That racism infected many aspects of American life over our history and we still feel its effects. I believe the BBTF is an important gesture by the City of Manhattan Beach to acknowledge past racism, to connect us to that past, and to do the right thing to actively fight racism.

Also-the anonymous "Concerned Citizens of MB" and their two page Beach Reporter ad do not in any way represent me. I re-read their ad several times and I'm not quite sure what the point is they are trying to make. In fact, I find their ad offensive. I'll take just one piece of the ad as an example:

"List of Facts:

America ended its sin of segregation that took place between 1896 - 1964, when the Civil Rights Act was passed"

Racism and segregation are not the same thing. Neither racism nor segregation ended in 1964 with the passing of the Civil Rights Act. Somehow the authors published the ad days after the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, AL. Bloody Sunday took place in 1965, after the authors claimed segregation ended. 1965 was also the year the Voting Rights Act passed. One could also look at America before 1896, when the authors claim segregation began. Our Declaration of Independence declares "all men are created equal" as justification to rise up against a tyrannical government.

The above "fact" is just a small example of the nonsense in the "Concerned Residents of MB" ad that reads as a plea from White residents to uphold the status quo. It's not clear at all what the expected harm will be. The fact is that Bruce's Beach is a well documented example of racism in Manhattan Beach's past. Let's do what we can to reconcile with our racist past so we can continue to build a more inclusive city.

roger spencer
1335 21st St
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Louise Wolf <ldwolfpack@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:57 PM
To: List - City Council; Louise Wolf
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task Force Recommendations

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Dear Council,

I have read the recommendations of the Task Force in Thursday's Beach Reporter. I do not agree with the "Declaration of Apology". Instead we can ACKNOWLEDGE the past and move forward in light of history and continue to be a great inclusive community.

I believe a "Declaration of Apology" is based on a false accusation that we are a racist community. Furthermore an "apology" only opens the door to more demands and concessions not to mention divisiveness in our community.

Sincerely, Louise Wolf
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Joan Libera <joan@liberadesign.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council: Race should not be used to GRAB POWER...

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Dear City Council, and City Council Members,

- > **No More DELAY Tactics by the Bruce's Beach Task Force** and Co-Chairs Napolitano and Stern.
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Read Article: The Wall Street Journal: Friday, March 5, 2021
'Equity' Is a Mandate to Discriminate

Sincerely, A resident / property owner in MB.

Martha Alvarez

From: Olivia Roth <olivia@rothrealestateco.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT accuse me of being a Racist!
Importance: High

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Attention to all City Council Members:

I am not a racists and I do not believe that our City is racist, so please do not take my LIBERTY away from me and put words in my mouth! I do not want an unelected body to dictate how this City is run.

- No more delay tactics by the Bruce's Beach task Force and Co-Chairs Napolitano and Stern.
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You have awoken us!

Respectfully,

Mike and Olivia Roth

Martha Alvarez

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach contact from City of Manhattan Beach

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

Site Visitor Name: Susan Goo
Site Visitor Email: Susehil562@ail.com

Hello,

It is not a good idea to give Reparations to the Bruce Family. What happened was terrible. So many things could have happened to the family it's hard to put a price tag. If this goes forward is California going to give back the land to the Japanese families that was taken from them when sent to camps, then you have the Native American Indians we took so much from them. I know your heart is in the right place; this is a dangerous precedent to set.

Martha Alvarez

From: Alex Beinfield <ab@blueduckcap.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:43 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Brittany Sheehan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] If MB turns into Venice we are out

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Dear Council -

It's my understanding that two of you are supportive of low income housing and potentially other radical ideas for the Bruce's Beach area. These are bad ideas. Please see this video of Venice. This is exactly what MB will become if the ideas being thrown about by you and the "committee on racism" or whatever it is called get implemented. It would be a disaster. Anyone with a brain knows this. You actually only need eyes - not even a brain. See Venice!

<https://twitter.com/NextLAMayor/status/1370483559341854722>



Kevin Dalton on Twitter

"Congratulations to @mikebonin and @ericgarcetti for turning one of the most beautiful and desirable places in Los Angeles into the one of the most frightening places on Earth in just a few years. H/T to @RealBFolks for sending the video my way <https://t.co/5o788Cxl2X>"

twitter.com

If MB copies the disastrous policies of Venice then my family and I will pack up and move. We will sell our house. I personally know at least 10 other families that would do the same. That would be really sad for us because we only moved here in 2017 from NYC - in part because NYC was starting to become unsafe and dirty and not a nice place to live anymore (also due to liberal policy). We love it here; we don't want to move. But this type of stuff scares us. And countless others for that matter.

Please don't ruin MB because of some need to virtue signal and be "woke".

Respectfully,

Alex Beinfield
Chief Investment Officer
Blue Duck Capital Partners, LP
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203-247-7228

Martha Alvarez

From: CHRISTA LYONS <christamlyons@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to dismantle the task force.

I find it so upsetting that this task force has made our city be in the news in a negative manner. I just heard it being discussed on Talk radio today. Manhattan Beach is NOT a racist city. Perhaps there are some racists who live here and perhaps there are people who do bad things that live here, but that doesn't mean the city as a whole is racist or bad.

I believe that the task force came about as a result of threats to our city. I saw the yelling and threats being shouted last Spring. There were awful things yelled and scary threats made. I'm upset that you are allowing this to continue. You were threatened and bullied to do something by angry mobs.

It's disappointing that we now live in a society where the bullies, under the guise of "social justice" are creating more divisiveness and hurt than good. I am going to guess that nothing you will do will satisfy or make them stop. I'm tired of hearing about privilege and white washing. There are many many many residents that share my opinion..residents of all different colors and ethnic backgrounds. The problem is, they, like me, are afraid to voice their opinion. I am afraid sending this letter that is could possibly result in me being harassed or called names. That is just so wrong.

Please dismantle the task force. Do not give this group more power. Stick up for our city. Make statements saying we are NOT racists. Please, stop pandering to the bullies. And please, do not post my email anywhere as I am afraid that I will be called a racist for expressing a feeling that isn't popular with the task force. Pay attention to wrongs happening now rather than those that happened 100 years ago.

CHRISTA LYONS

I have not and will not verify or investigate the information supplied by third parties.

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Curran <mcurran71@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 12:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach - Racism versus Economics

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I have been a Caucasian resident of Manhattan Beach for 50 years. I bought a duplex in the Gaslight District in 1976, because as a single man, I needed the tax breaks of depreciation. The only reason I could afford it was the income from the upper two bedroom unit, plus my salary from a full-time job at a bank. I had no idea the appreciation that would occur in the future. When I got married two years later, my wife and I moved into the upper unit, with one of its former tenants moving down to the single unit. A year later, my wife became pregnant with our first child, I changed to a higher paying job, and we bought a house in the Tree Section (more parking, more privacy, bigger lot for our expanding family), all in the same month. Apparently, even though I was still a vice-president at a national bank, and my wife was a department head at a major aerospace company, and we put 36% down payment from a swing loan on the income property, the lender wanted a co-signer on the \$175,000 loan. The house has appreciated from \$118/s.f. in 1979 to a current median price of about \$1,006/s.f., meaning that we could not afford to buy or sell our current house, the latter because of capital gains even after a current couples \$500,000 capital gains exclusion.

40' by 126' lots on our street have been selling for \$2.1 million, with houses going for six and seven figures more. A Black family recently bought a new house a couple of blocks south, and I am under the impression that we neighbors made sure that they felt welcome. Another Black family right around the corner owned a house they remodeled and added to, and flew a Stanford flag. I have always admired them, because Stanford was the only university that rejected my application. A number of diverse celebrities, Lakers, Clippers, Kings, Raiders and Rams have bought here, not necessarily because of the wide, white sand beach, but also because of the excellent school system, temperate weather, central location, and small community feel. The high prices paid for those qualities are the barriers to entry, not racial profiling.

It is my understanding that when the City exercised eminent domain on the thirty lots which comprise Bruce's Beach, two were owned by the Bruces, who were paid considerably more than the other owners, according to the L.A. Times. It is also

my understanding that there were no CC&R's or other restrictions preventing the Bruces from using the money to buy elsewhere in Manhattan Beach.

As far as a proposed settlement theoretically racial profiling the entire City of Manhattan Beach, remember the Clinton family of Manhattan Beach? That is the Black family whose front door was fire-bombed by some criminal a few years ago. The outpouring of support to the family from the Manhattan Beach community after that attack was inspiring, financially, and in writing, and the rally held by a couple of hundred Manhattan Beach residents at Metlox Plaza shortly after the attack. Another point in favor of Manhattan Beach not being racist is that Manhattan Beach Police Chief Abell is Black, and has been with the Police Department for over 30 years.

Another reason I don't believe that the Bruces should be compensated by the City is for the same reason I don't want undergrounding in the Tree Section – we are retired and should not be assessed hundreds or thousands of dollars against our parcel. There is an economics issue again. Also, when the eminent domain was exercised about a century ago, it was different people, a different community, and different times.

Please feel free to reply to this email if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Curran

Martha Alvarez

From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Masks downtown

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Here is yet another reason to let up on masks in downtown. Somethings got to give. I don't recall any science "Dictating" the demand of masks.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/dr-jim-meehan/surgeon-destroys-myth-if-masks-dont-work-why-do-surgeons-wear-them>



Surgeon Destroys Myth: 'If Masks Don't Work, Why Do Surgeons Wear Them?' | CNSNews

Joe Biden removes his mask before speaking at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Del. (Photo credit: JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images) A response to people who use the classic fallacious argument, "Well, if masks don't work, then why do surgeons wear them?" I'm a surgeon who has performed more than 10,000 surgical procedures wearing a surgical mask.

www.cnsnews.com

From: Rory OBrien
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:45 AM
To: CityCouncil@citymb.info <CityCouncil@citymb.info>
Subject: Masks downtown

Good Day CCMB,

So as an elderly resident having received my 2nd covid vac, 3 weks ago, CDC says that I, and others like myself, do not have to wear masks. Do you tracers know this, and if not, what are your plans for leaving "US" alone?

As noted in the news:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Monday released highly anticipated guidance on practices considered safe for those who are fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus, relating to gatherings, quarantine and testing. Of note, the federal health

agency said that those who are fully vaccinated can spend time with unvaccinated people indoors, with no mask, so long as those who are unvaccinated are at low-risk for severe COVID-19.

"As vaccinations increase, this guidance represents a first step toward returning to everyday activities in our communities, and CDC will update these recommendations as more people are vaccinated, rates of COVID-19 in the community change, and as additional science and evidence become available," the CDC said in a press release regarding the guidance.

Rory OBrien
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Jennifer Salem <jensalem4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:13 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Response to "Concerned Citizens" & our MB Community

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Dear MB City Council members:

First of all, thank you as always for your service. I am in awe for all that you have endured the last 12 months.

I am writing in support of hearing the Bruce's Beach Task Force report and AGAINST the statements and recommendations that "Concerned Residents of MB" have proposed in their 2-pg ad in today's Beach Reporter. I have written a letter to this group earlier today and wanted to reiterate to you what I wrote to them in response to this two-page ad stating "We have been falsely accused of being a racist city."

Racism in various forms can and does exist within Manhattan Beach by some community members and businesses. And unless the group "Concerned Residents of Manhattan Beach" is composed primarily of residents of color, it is impossible for members who are Caucasian to make a sweeping statement that "racism does not exist in Manhattan Beach".

I have close friends of color and they love Manhattan Beach and yet they have continually experienced acts of subtle racism and some overt racism. I would be happy to give you an extensive bullet-point list of what I have personally witnessed them endure in the last 5-8 years alone. Without question, the majority of residents are not overtly racist but ALL of us have unconscious biases of some sort and to pretend we don't just ignores the problem.

The conversation should be "Let's make sure that Manhattan Beach is welcoming to all" rather than "Manhattan Beach is not racist". Let's talk openly to our residents and visitors of color to hear their stories rather than react defensively which just closes the door on any communication and any chance of improvement and growth.

Breathe and don't be defensive. My reality is not someone else's reality. One person may not see racism occur in our city; others do. There is no right or wrong. Let's work together to make our community stronger and more inclusive than ever.

Council members, thank you again for your time and your dedication. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Salem

Martha Alvarez

From: Don Spencer <donspencer.art@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:10 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Today nearly one out of five marriages involve mixed race couples. For Obama to have twice won the Presidency required his receiving massive acceptance from all races. Individuals of every race are finding great success in all fields of endeavor.

One hundred years ago it was common to make broad prejudgments about those from many groups, not just racial. One hundred years ago those of many groups were by deed denied a right to purchase some properties.

Today is not one hundred years ago. To lay on today's public a responsibility for the "sins" of those long dead is a contemporary sin in process. This behavior reveals the sad fact that there are still some verbally skilled people who cannot imagine lives lived without a deep need for a racial identity (In other words, thinking like racists think). Perhaps those of a Leftist bent see their case for racial division is dissolving and are desperate to revive it. For some, making race important is like overdosing a drug. Once the idea is absorbed, egos are stimulated to feel excessively important, virtuous, or victimized. The psychological dysfunctions of those advancing this Bruce's Beach agenda should not be projected onto the majority who understand there is no reason to attribute any special value or fault to any person because they were born to any race.

I was here when the McMartin case slammed through Manhattan Beach. I thought it had hit the limits of derangement. I was wrong.

Don Spencer
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310 546 7913

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:42 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comments

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Hi,

I just submitted a public comment but do not know how to edit or add to it. I would like to add that I know a number of residents that agree wholeheartedly with my position, but because of fear of cancel culture attacks on their character or their kids even, threats, vandalism, threatening packages sent to their homes, and harassment from others in the community online they are fearful to post public comments.

My original comment :

No apologies, no restitution, no reparations, nothing more than a presentation of all facts and an art project as was supposed intent of this task force. So far what the local press and some residents on social media are pushing, including those on the task force, seems to be motivated more by feelings and political ideology than facts. Also an intent to smear the brave men and women of MBPD as well as residents of our city as racists.

Thanks,
Matt Domyancic

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Martha Alvarez
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Add to public comment

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Hi, I don't know how to add to my public comment. Can you please add to it if possible :

"many residents agree with me but fear retaliation, character assaults and cancel culture if they make public comments. Many have already threatened our community as it is over these racial narratives while making their demands."

Thanks,
Matt Domyancic
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 12:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Apologies and Art

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Can one of you please point me to where in town I can find the apology and art project dedicated to the Native Americans of whom we took this land from?

If there's not such a memorial already, when will you guys be starting that task force?

Sincerely,
Matt Domyancic

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Liz Vohwinkel <lizvohwinkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear council members,

I submitted the below letter to the Beach Reporter this morning, and I share with you as well. I encourage you to push forward with the task force in a meaningful way, and look for more substantive ways to right the wrongs of Bruce's Beach. I also want to say that I hope you will not be swayed by the silent bullies who placed such an inflammatory ad in today's issue of the paper, and that you will not issue an apology for striving to do good.

Sincerely,
Liz Vohwinkel

"I was disappointed to read in today's issue that the Bruce's Beach task force has made such meager recommendations on the matter at hand. I ask the City Council members who selected and convened this task force if the time and resources allocated were necessary to achieve such negligible results. It is my hope that Los Angeles County will take stronger action, in consultation with the Bruce family, to properly address the Bruce's Beach history and its future.

Regarding the "concerned" residents of our city who placed a two-page ad to make claims of not being racist, I question how firmly held their beliefs are, and if they are truly "many" and proud of their words if they are not willing to sign their names to such a unilateral statement.

As for myself, I realize the time is over to merely say that I am not racist, but to actively be anti-racist, and advocate for equity and against institutional and structural racism – whether I was directly involved in those racist acts and policies or not – and recognize my privilege born out of the history of those policies. In the words of Ibram Kendi, "to be antiracist is a radical choice in the face of history..." and we can and must do better than those before us to fight for a more just society. And I am willing to sign my name to this statement.

Liz Vohwinkel, concerned Manhattan Beach resident "

Martha Alvarez

From: Jerry McPherson <jmcpherson13@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:10 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force (BBTF)

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Consider the 3/16 filed BBTF as final
Disband the BBTF on 3/16/21
Reject BBTF History Report, Declaration of Apology & Social Justice Commission

Martha Alvarez

From: Chris Cutroneo <Cutro@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:00 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council - In Support of Bruce's Beach Commission

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Dear Councilmembers,

As both a resident and an employee of the City of Manhattan Beach, I want to voice my support for the Bruce's Beach Commission and goals it is trying to obtain. An art installation and an updated acknowledgement is a great and simple start. I also very much like the idea of a sustained community engagement program as mentioned in the report. We need something that is sustaining and not a single shot – a regular engagement with how our community's past so that it can teach us how to be different going forward in a positive way. This is not to say that Manhattan Beach is still stuck in the 1920's – we have grown considerably beyond that in so many positive ways. But as with any individual, group, town, etc we need to reflect on the past, what impressions were made and make what amends that we can to show how our community has grown into a welcoming society. Continued growth is good for all and makes our community even better. The Bruce Family also needs the feeling of acknowledgement – it was a horrible racial thing that happened and it has likely weighed on them over the past 100 years. What happened then wasn't right.

Second, though this is not in your domain, I am fully supportive of what Janice Hahn is bringing up from a County of Los Angeles perspective as part of the Bruce's restitution. The Bruce's need that real recompense that our city may not be able to fully provide.

Lastly, a big (and continued) thank you to the Bruce's Beach Commission, including all City Council and city staff participation. It was likely not an easy assignment. There continues to be a lot of differing but loud opinion coming from a small portion of our resident community but what I hear from my city co-workers as well as other residents of Manhattan Beach, there is significant support for the Commission's efforts.

Keep up the good work,
Chris Cutroneo
530 24th Street, MB

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Martha Alvarez

From: Bob Tedeschi <tedeschi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:43 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LOVE the idea of a Social Justice Oversight committee!

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Amazingly forward-thinking proposal, and one that will make MB an even more desirable place to live. Kudos!

Bob Tedeschi

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: stephanie mclagan <mcmadr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 7:53 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task force

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No more delay tactics, consider report final. Dismantle the task force. What about the other families? If you start here then Dodger stadium needs to reimburse the people they moved out and the same for LAX and other sites. StephanieMclagan

Martha Alvarez

From: Angela Nelson <adnelson625@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 4:14 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruces Beach

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Good morning!

I left a message with Suzanne Hahn's office today. I was trying to get answers regarding opening schools. Sadly, my 12 year old nephew attempted suicide last night. He felt he had no other option. Luckily, he will be getting all the support he needs to get through this mess. Side note, remote learning does not work. Kids are slowing dying inside and not learning anything!

Ok, back to the Bruce Beach issue - I was pleasantly surprised to receive a call back today from Hahn's office. I appreciated the phone call.

While on the phone I took the opportunity to ask about Bruces Beach and her stance on that. I was told she is totally FOR returning the land back to the Bruce family. Is this correct? And, how many of you feel the same way? This happened 100 years ago! How is this the right thing to do? Unfortunately, bad things happen to good people. Why can't we live in the present and focus on what's most important in our community? Why are we looking back on something that neither you all nor I had anything to do with? It's my understanding the Bruce family was more than compensated for their land. Is there talk of compensating the other families, who were white? Will they get land? Curious why only the Bruce family is being considered for reparation.

It seems like the Task Force has taken their job to another level - outside their jurisdiction. Who is managing this group of individuals?

It is my understanding the Task Force was to research the history, create an educational curriculum for the community and refresh the plague that currently sits just west of Highland. Unfortunately, I have heard this group of individuals has gone outside their parameters and is now drafting proposals like returning the land back to the Bruce Family. How will the Bruce family pay the property taxes? I live on the strand and I can tell you my property taxes are crazy expensive. And, if the Bruces sell the land to a developer who decides to build low income housing, will you compensate the surrounding neighbors? They will lose the majority of their equity in their homes given that they now live next to low income housing. Raise your hand if you think this is fair? Those folks worked hard to be able to live by the beach. My husband worked 30 years to afford us a home on the strand. And, now the talk of low income housing is all over social media. I am just baffled this is even a consideration.

You are wronging an entire community by trying to fix the past. It simply does not work that way. For decades land has been taken away from people - all over the world!

My family is Italian. My grandfather worked hard day and night to become a jeweler. He was able to open a store in Washing, D.C. One night a gang came into the store and robbed him of everything he had. They stole over \$500,000 worth of jewelry. Cops were called. My grandparents were told to cooperate with the gang and give them what they wanted. All the while my grandmother was raped during this stand off.

My PaPa never spoke of it. EVER. He only worked harder to become more successful. Years and years later do I have the right to sue the descendants of the gang members? Do I have the right to take back what was my grandparents property, which would have essentially become my family inheritance? No, I don't. Those living family members had nothing to do with their parents poor decisions. That was in the past. Bad things happen to good people. You move forward and make the world a better place and don't look back.

People enjoy Bruces Beach. I see more and more families enjoying a beautiful park. It's glorious on a sunny day!

Lastly, who gives you or the Task Force the right to make decisions that will gravely impact those neighboring homes? Is this even legal?

I will say this as kindly as I can. I am not racist. I grew up on the east coast. My best friends were white and black. I never saw color. Sadly, because of your agenda and this Task Force, you are dividing our community and making Manhattan Beach a hostile place to live. All you have to do is go onto NEXT-DOOR and you will see the animosity between neighbors. The Task Force created this mess. Make it right. Get rid of this unnecessary group and lets move forward as a community full of compassion and unity!

Let it go. Take a deep breath. Enjoy the fresh air and have a picnic on Bruces Beach. Life is too short to live in the past.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Angela Nelson

Martha Alvarez

From: freebuddha <barkingbuddha@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:52 PM
To: freebuddha
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: FW: "task forcees" "nothing to do with covid bill" "nothing to do with bruces' beach task force and "appropriations"

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From: freebuddha
Sent: Mar 11, 2021 9:50 PM
To: "barkingbuddha@earthlink.net"
Subject: FW: "task forcees" "nothing to do with covid bill" "nothing to do with bruces' beach task force and "appropriations"

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Subject: FW: a new bill: "nothing to do with bills bills" to "add a tax program or program to pay off the nothing to do with bills bills to pay off the debt is climbing bill"

FW:

keep praying✳
peacewithgod.net

[Sad Affleck - YouTube](#)

voter's remorse

[Just As I Am - YouTube](#)

just as i am

how can americans send thank you pizzas to the tireless congressmen, and state governors, mayors, city councils who are working tirelessly.✳

it seems like most americans are on the same logic of things.
it's just a small ratio of people, news outlets, social media, (let the free markets decide!!!) compared to the rest of the country and the world who are supporting americans and congress.

most of the installed leaders abroad did not last, and the installed administration will not here either.

[LEO TERRELL AND DR. OMEKONGO DIBINGA | DR. SEUSS BOOKS | SEAN HANNITY | 3.1.21 - YouTube](#)

the democratic party had installed, destroyed, cancelled the entire culture of libyans, iraqis, afghanistanis -- americans, tell the coup circles in congress to stop cancelling them, to bring the troops home, and the cancel culture here will start to resolve. also, the democrats need a bill sent to them from those countries that destroyed them.

go leo terre!!!!

americans can file towards black lives movement as a fraudulent ponzi scheme (i.e. bernie madoff)

the countries abroad were cancelled by the democratic side, majority, and a handful of "war rinos", from here and nato countries, in the last decade.

if we start the process of uncancelling their countries, that the same circles are cancelling here.

then, the debt of cancelling can start to be cancelled here.

[Mr Smith1 day ago](#)

OMG with Rand Paul we finally a politician who understands how the world really works - I'm seriously impressed, I had no idea he was so articulate and informed

[Larry Elder \(@larryelder\) / Twitter](#)

black american conservative on "reparations" (read the bill, it probably is exactly like the covid bill. can someone break down the reparations bill. congressmen can hire errand service angels (for !10 to 20-25 an hour) to read the bills.

states, cities, and counties have these kinds of bills to address and cease, too.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1367620547048329219>

<https://youtu.be/eYKV7AhdKuQ>

why was dr. seuss and muppets cancelled.

[Compilation of President Reagan's Humor from Selected Speeches, 1981-89 - YouTube](#)

ronald reagan, mayor tom bradley.

the same bills back then were written then.

hundreds of thousands to determine how younger people feel much better than older people.

the congressmen are accurate: many of the bills are "nothing to do with bills" bills but "give money to friends bills"

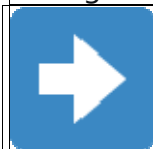
a new bill: "nothing to do with bills bills" to "add a tax program or program to pay off the nothing to do with bills bills to pay off the debt is climbing bill" 🗑️

Alabama's governor temporarily extended the state's mask order before officially ending it in April. At least 17 states are planning to end the mandate, or are no longer requiring people to wear masks.

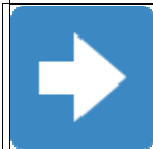
more states are snowballing and following ending the shutdowns.

lindsay graham:

ICYMI: Spoke about the \$1.9 trillion [#COVID19](#) legislation Democrats are preparing to jam through the Senate without GOP support.



90% of the money is unrelated to COVID.



Democrats are using reconciliation to fund their liberal wish list!

(the details of this "covid 19 bill")

[GOP Senator mocks "Nancy Pelosi's greatest hits" in COVID-19 relief bill - YouTube](#)

NEA do not have anything to do with covid 19.

he breaks it down and shows the wishlist of the covid 19 bill - republican opposed it.

[JUST IN: Marjorie Taylor Greene issues WARNING for Democrats - YouTube](#)

america is a country still a beacon of hope and light, and freedom.

[Lindsey Graham lists "nothing to do with COVID" items ONE-BY-ONE in \\$1.9 trillion relief bill - YouTube](#)

the congressmen spend time and their own money, effort to produce charts, visuals

[John Kennedy lays out GOP case AGAINST Biden's \\$1.9 trillion relief bill - YouTube](#)

(learning from the hearings and our congressmen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6dqzg4RT30>

senator Rand Paul on congressmen pet projects --

[Ronald Reagan Interview on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson - 01/03/1975 - Part 02 - YouTube](#)

ronald reagan had the same conversation with johnn carson that senator rand paul had regarding nancy pelosi's tunnel and chuck schumer's bridge about \$23 trillion dollar spending heading the "department of treasury into department of debt." (john kennedy jr.)

"everytime a congressmen introduce a spending program, he has to introduce a tax program to pay for it."

everytime a "nothing to do with covid bill (or a george floyd bill, or a equality bill, "reparations - cough, cough, ponzi bill, "appropriations dole bill" - cough-cough.

all these bills have the same gifts that the covid bills do, the groups receiving them americans should contact, etc) passes ...

house and senate can introduce a bill, to keep democratic side accountable, for a program to pay back the debt.
fair.

an accountant should be brought in to hearings!!!

<https://usdebtclock.org>

(the visual is an excellent one to bring into hearings, councils, etc. found on senator rand paul's website)

[Senator Toomey Dismantles Democrats \\$1.9 Trillion Spending Bill on Senate Floor - March 3, 2021 - YouTube](#)

even pat toomey

Martha Alvarez

From: Courtney Rice <courtneyrice@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask that you dismantle the Bruce's beach task force on March 16, 2021. I have lived in Manhattan Beach for over 14 years, and I reject the reports by the BBTF. The Declaration of Apology is based on the false pretense of systemic racism and no social justice commission is necessary in Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,

Courtney Rice
Resident
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Andrew Hunter <arhunter6@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force Hearing - March 16

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Dear Council,

We have been Manhattan Beach residents since 1998. We have found MB to be a welcoming and compassionate city that is diverse ethnically, religiously and politically. Unfortunately, the Bruce Beach Task Force has gone well beyond its stated mission and decided to submit a report with unproven accusations, innuendo and inflammatory rhetoric. The report's recommendations for, among other things, a permanent oversight committee, and its proposed resolution of apology are inflammatory and will only serve to divide the city's residents. For example, Section 2, paragraph H of the resolution claims that; "Black Americans continue to suffer the effects of racial discrimination when renting or purchasing property in the City of Manhattan Beach." The report is silent on any evidence of such ongoing pervasive or systemic racism in MB. To the contrary, in the rental units we own in Manhattan Beach, all of our current tenants are people of color.

The task force appears to have become a form of witch hunt, and it should end on March 16, 2021. Reject the resolution of apology as written because it is based on the false pretense of systemic racism ongoing in MB. We do not need an ongoing commission to continue to paste MB in a false and disparaging light.

If the task force actually wanted to do something constructive, it should have just stuck with its original mission and come up with concrete suggestions to promote education and understanding concerning diversity and inclusion. You were elected to represent the residents of MB. Please do so on March 16.

Andrew and Justine Hunter

Martha Alvarez

From: Allison Compton <teamfreeda@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear MB City Council,

My name is Allison Compton and I was born and raised in Manhattan Beach and currently a resident. In regards to the FALSE accusations of racism surrounding Bruce's Beach I demand....

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- Consider the report filled by the BBTF as final as of 3/16.
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Allison Compton

Martha Alvarez

From: Ryan Miller <rmillerjd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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City Council,

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and hearsay, the Declaration of Apology is based on the false pretense of
systemic racism, we don't need a Social Justice Commission in MB.**

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Ryan Miller

Martha Alvarez

From: GWPOP Talk <gwpopstalk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Hello City Council Members:

No more delay tactics. The BBTF report should be heard on 3/16/21 and considered final. The "History Report" is not accurate. We are not a racist community and we do not need a Social Justice Commission.

The facts are, the 2 lot property in question was sold at a fair market value along with 28 other lots, owned by both white and black persons. The Bruce's agreed to sell and were fairly compensated for their property. If the Bruce's wanted to continue living in MB they could have bought another property in MB. They chose not to do so.

We do not need a Declaration of Apology because there is nothing to apologize for now and certainly not for a fair priced property sale 100 years ago that was readily agreed to by the Bruce family.

This is a waste of the City's taxpayers dollars, council time and good energy of it's citizens. MB has always been a friendly city and still is a great place to live no matter you skin color, religious beliefs or sexual preference. We are a diversified and tolerant little beach city, let's go forward, not backward in time.

Thank you and good luck bringing this challenging attack on the character of our citizens to a swift halt. If you want a good life and want to live in this beach city, you've got to work for it, just like everyone else. I think we all know that and it's time to stand up for our rights.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hunter
1230 6th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Martha Alvarez

From: Ulrich, Laurel A <Laurel.Ulrich@marsh.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:13 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Ulrich, Vance
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council Members-

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and request that the Task Force file their report on Bruce's Beach on 3/16 and then dismantle the task force. I reject the reports by the Task Force that MB is racist and the Declaration of Apology is not one I support as the basis is false. We do not need a Social Justice Committee in this town it causes more divide than ever!!! The task force never even provided the information to the City Council that they were supposed to. To get LA County involved and open the door to low income housing in MB is OUTRAGEOUS! Why is there such a drive to ruin MB by bringing in low income housing, homeless and racial divide. Yes, ruin. Have you been to Venice lately? Downtown LA? Have you read the Wall Street Journal and LA Time articles on how unsafe and unhappy the residents are there due to the homeless and their trash and needles everywhere and the fall of their property values? If this task force continues, it will be at the demise of our sweet town and at the expense of the actual tax paying homeowners-and by expense I mean both from a property value standpoint as well as our safety and overall pleasant clean atmosphere. Stern should be ashamed of herself for how she has ramrodded this task force to meet her own political agenda. I honestly detest what the task force and its leaders are trying to do to this town and to continue having a task force or council or whatever you want to slyly call it -is just racial divide and MB's demise. My family has spent 35 years here and moved to this lovely town for it's beauty, cleanliness and safety and this city council is putting at all that at risk for the residents here which is shameful. And for what??? Because you want to bully us into saying we are racist??? STOP JUST STOP WITH YOUR LIES. You don't know me and you don't speak for me. I will be on the city council zoom.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Don Carpenter <don@carpenterconstruction.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racism

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First and foremost, thank you all for your dedication and service to our great city. As a resident of this beautiful city for 67 years I've never reached out to the council because I believed they always had the city's best interest at heart. I'm still a believer but the BBTF is scaring me. I don't want anybody deciding whether I'm racist or not and I surly don't want anyone apologizing on my behalf!

Let's find a way to put these issues to a vote and LET THE CITIZENS OF MANHATTAN BEACH DECIDE.

Sincerely,

Don Carpenter

Martha Alvarez

From: Cynthia Stokes <cindystokes33@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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NO MORE DELAY TACTICS

Consider report filed by BBTF as final as of 3/16/21

Dismantle the BBTF on 3/16/21

Reject the reports by BBTF

Thank you,

Cindy Stokes
133 3rd Street
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Cindy Bond <cindy@bond-associates.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: BBTF

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I received an error message so I am not sure if my letter/email went through yesterday – so I am resending. ADDITIONALLY, today there has been MORE news coverage about Bruce’s Beach! The task force should be held liable for any violence that results from this!!! So much for protecting the city and residents and doing what is in our best interest.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have been a resident in Manhattan Beach since 1993 and have owned a business in Manhattan Beach since 2000.

The racist allegations being made about our city by the Bruce’s Beach Task Force and the demand for reparations that accompany those allegations need to STOP. The City and task force have brought awareness of an injustice and this is a positive thing, but it was 100 years ago and to use this as an example of current racism in our city is preposterous and offensive. I would guess that not ONE SINGLE person that lived in Manhattan Beach is still alive today living here. The task force is putting a target on the city of Manhattan Beach and on the back of each and every resident. This is wrong and dangerous! The whole thing has been taken way too far. Please disband the task force immediately and we do not need a permanent “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee”.

You all were elected to protect our city, our values and all we cherish about Manhattan Beach. Building low-income housing, garage conversions and homeless shelters in our city is NOT supported by the residents and is NOT what is best for our city.

Concerned long time Manhattan Beach resident,
Cynthia Bond

Cindy Bond, CPA

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Martha Alvarez

From: Michelle Gilley <mmgilley15@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] What's happening to out town?

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Greetings,

I am a 28 year resident and I feel our town is headed in the wrong direction.

There are so many important issues and we are spending way too much time on Bruce's Beach. I am fine with the 2 initial proposals and thats it. No more. This happened 100 years ago. How about focus on 2021?

My top concerns are recovering from all the damage done to local businesses due to COVID-19, crime and graffiti, homelessness. A tent on the beach just north of the pier is OK? Just yesterday my husband and I walked on the pier at noon and encountered 2 teenage boys drinking beer who gave off the wrong vibe. Really we just turned around and went home. So sad this is what we are becoming.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gilley

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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My husband and I have some thoughts and reactions to the work of Bruce's Beach Task Force (BBTF).

First, the scope of the task force was expanded beyond the original assignment of researching and proposing new wording for a new plaque and possible art at the site. It seems most members of the city council had strong feelings that the original assignment NOT be expanded but that BBTF accomplish the work at hand.

The information available on the city's web site shows the BBTF divided into three sub-committees: history, community forum and resolution of apology.

We agree that research on the history of this large piece of land is important to share with the citizens of Manhattan Beach IF it is complete, factual and accurate. The Community Forum and Resolution of Apology sub-committees have taken liberties in a massive expansion of their duty on the BBTF. The BBTF recommends, "The City Council will create a Commission on Equity, Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion (EDSJI) tasked with redressing the enduring harmful impact of systemic discrimination against Black Americans and other persons of color in the City of Manhattan Beach." We categorically deny that there is systemic discrimination in our city and there is no reason to create a new city commission. We see no evidence to back up the discrimination claim. In fact, in the early 1960s, my husband and a friend assisted a black family in moving into the tree section.

Another recommendation is that "The Manhattan Beach Police Department will expedite and implement the collection of race-based data in line with requirements outlined in the Racial and

Identity Profiling Act.” As long-time residents in MB and devoted readers of Daily Breeze, Easy Reader and the Beach Reporter, we have not read any reports of “black profiling” in MB.

Lastly, the confessions in the apology written by BBTF have no evidence to back them. We strongly recommend that the City Council vote against this apology.

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell

Joe Ferrell

Residents of Manhattan Beach since 1971

1018 Duncan Avenue

“Have we reached the ultimate stage of absurdity where some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, while other people are not held responsible for what they themselves are doing today.”

— *Thomas Sowell*

Martha Alvarez

From: Stephan O. <stephanoliveira07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force Comment

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Hello all,

I am a resident in Manhattan Beach and a graduate from Mira Costa High School. I have lived in Manhattan Beach all my life and have seen first hand the way in which my peers have been treated as a consequence of being people of color.

When I was in middle school, a girl in my grade had her home in Manhattan Beach the victim of a racially-motivated hate crime. My mother's friend has a daughter who is in her freshman year at Mira Costa High school; as early as 4th grade, this girl hated her hair because it wasn't the same texture as the other kids' and her skin because it was darker than the other kids'. My mother had approached me as she was in middle school and asked me if Mira Costa was more diverse, because it was really weighing on her to be one of the only black kids in her school. My mother's skin is darker than mine as well as more visibly Latinx than I am; the frequency at which she'd been asked if she was my nanny is appalling. Speaking with Mira Costa High School alumni who are people of color, those who took AP classes found that teachers and students didn't believe them when they'd said that they were in the advanced courses; comments that were not nearly as frequent for their white peers. I emphasize that these comments hadn't been in disbelief that the individual was challenging themselves, but with the intent of highlighting that the individual was a person of color and their intelligence was called into question as a product of that.

But that's just within Manhattan Beach; I and others hesitate to mention that we're from Manhattan Beach because it is always met with raised eyebrows. With the people of color I've spoken to, they've mentioned, "Oh, we're not welcome there. I'll be walking along, minding my own business and everyone will be staring at me like they've never seen a black man in their life." There is a distinct sense of ostracization that people of color experience within our community.

That is why it's not surprise that the events surrounding Bruce's Beach occurred. When it first came to light, I was not surprised. After all, so many of my peers had been facing backlash for existing as people of color within Manhattan Beach. There had to be some sort of systemic issue that had led to the predominantly white racial makeup of our community. With the additional context of redlining and the prominence of the KKK in our history, it furthers the point that systemic racism has lasting consequences within our community.

I add the following two images to highlight the lasting impact that the refusal to address the racism in our community has led us to experience. The parallels between these propaganda posters are shocking and I sincerely hope that our city council has the common sense not to repeat such grievances.

**THE TRUTH
about the
KU-KLUX-KLAN**

ADDRESS BY
Dr. J. Rush Bronson
Nationally Famous Orator and
Lecturer

Entrance to Pier
HERMOSA BEACH
Saturday Eve.
June 7—7:30 p.m.

Half Hour Band Concert
Public Meeting—All Welcome

FIG. 9. Ku Klux Klan meeting advertisement, Manhattan Beach News, June 6, 1914. An anonymous telephone intimidation campaign and other harassment was mostly organized by the Ku Klux Klan, or at least their sympathizers, to terrorize the **Bruce** and other African Americans who visited Manhattan Beach and the South Bay region of Los Angeles County. The newspaper ad states in the last sentence: "Public Meeting—All Welcome." In a public medium, this is an ironic tagline for use by a group with a well-known history of white supremacy and racial oppression, intimidation, and violence against black and other marginalized people in the United States and abroad. Kenneth T. Jackson indicates in his 1974 book *The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930* that the group had suburban chapters in Redondo and Hermosa, cities near Manhattan Beach. Courtesy Manhattan Beach Historical Society Archives.

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**COLOR SHOULD NEVER
DIVIDE US!**

RACE SHOULD NOT BE USED TO GRAB POWER!

The **Bruce's Beach Task Force** is proposing that MB CITY COUNCIL sign a
DECLARATION OF APOLOGY which states:

- MB to this day has racist practices against Black Americans resulting in economic, educational, criminal justice, and health adversities
- Black residents have **regularly** reported instances of racial profiling and harassment committed by community residents
- Black Americans continue to suffer the effects of racial discrimination when renting or purchasing property in Manhattan Beach
- MB has persistent racial disparities and discrimination
- MB must make amends by building low income housing, and establishing a **permanent** Commission on **Racial Equity and Social Justice** presiding over MBPD, city staff, businesses and schools.

**MB Residents,
Unite Against FALSE Accusations of Racism
and a Permanent Social Justice Commission**

THEIR PROPOSALS ARE DIVISIVE

TELL THE CITY COUNCIL: NOT IN OUR NAMES!

1) Send an email to City Council before 3/11, stating:

- NO MORE DELAY TACTICS BY THE BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE and Co-Chair Neapolitano and them.
- Consider the Report filed by the MBTF as first as of 3/16.
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- Email all 5 City Council Members here: citycouncil@citymb.info

2) Attend the Council Meeting on 3/16 via zoom at 6:00PM. You can watch the proceedings and you will be given an opportunity to give a 3-minute Public Comment. <https://citymb-lfbu.zoom.us/j/932128834>

3) View all MBTF reports here!!! <https://www.citymb.info/home/showdocument?id=45945>

4) Stay informed, join our Network of like-minded MB residents and share with a friend:

brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com

PAID FOR BY "CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF MB."
WE ARE A NETWORK OF MANY.

I'm also angered by the calls to remove Allison Hales from the task force. I'm angered by the resolution by Napolitano to remove mention of systemic racism and its lasting impacts upon our community. Do not repeat the consequences of the refusal to address this issue and further contribute to the stigmatization of our marginalized community members.

-Stephan Oliveira

Martha Alvarez

From: Trevor Harris <tlharris551@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:55 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Please count me as among the many concerned residents of Manhattan Beach regarding the lack of clarity surrounding the history of Bruce's Beach. In more than 20 years of living in this community I've never witnessed prejudicial behavior towards African Americans by the residents of this city or any of it's employees or elected officials. It's time to dismantle the BBTF and I'm adding my name to those calling on you as leaders of this community to do so.

Thank you.

Martha Alvarez

From: PEFF EICK <peffeick@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:41 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council

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My name is Jeff Eick, I have lived in Manhattan Beach for over 60 years. I spent 4 years defending our country in the United States Army, did 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. I was in an integrated Army, serving in combat alongside many men of color. I am not, and never have been, a racist. In all the time in Manhattan Beach I have never seen a racist act by any employee of the City. I am appalled that the City should be labeled racist. Thank you for your time, Jeff (Peff) Eick

Martha Alvarez

From: Jeanette Avery <jeanette.avery@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:52 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce beach

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I have lived here in Manhattan Beach since 1982, there has never been any racist incidences in my neighborhood or the town. I refuse that Manhattan Beach give up Bruce's Beach for any racist reasons.

Jeanette Avery for 473 33rd St.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 phone number 310-283-7085

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Martha Alvarez

From: TRISH PIETRZAK <aussietp310@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:43 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pls terminate the Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Good Afternoon Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

As a 21 year resident and business owner in Manhattan Beach I am compelled to implore you to disband the BBTF and terminate their duties asap. The whole idea behind the task force is offensive to me – both the insinuation that we are intolerant as well as the drastic reduction in the quality of life here in Manhattan Beach should any of the “inclusive ideas” come to fruition:

NO to low income housing

NO to garage conversions

NO to homeless shelters

And while I’m at it, just in case it comes up, NO to rehab centers or recovery group homes. As elected leaders for 90266, please keep our neighborhoods, healthy, safe and clean.

Very disappointed residents,
Trish Pietrzak and Terrell Brodnax

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Martha Alvarez

From: SHAWN A LYONS <shawnalyons@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:09 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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I am appalled to hear how members of the Manhattan Beach city council have overstepped their authority and to condemn a whole city to racism for the sins of the few of the past, this is absolutely ludicrous.

For members to go out and speak on behalf of social justice without facts is immoral and a disservice to the people that they represent. This action will only divide the community and keep it from moving forward and making it a more inclusive community. The actions of of the council will have a dramatic effect on the community and ruin the loving community that it has become. The next action will be to defund the police and let the criminals run through it and take what they like and ruin the businesses that have worked so hard through this pandemic as people will refuse to come to Manhattan Beach once these actions have condemned our city to being a racist city, your actions will will not make our city more inclusive and improve our city. Your actions will destroy the city of Manhattan Beach and ruin it. You will only see people move out of the city to another city that has not cowed to social justice. As we have seen in other cities that have employed social justice in the community, It does not bring it together it divides the community. The laws will no longer be enforced and degrade the community as a whole and keeping it from being more inclusive, if these actions are allowed to move forward it will have a reverse effect on our community and keeping it from being the loving inviting community that it is. This action will only create resentment throughout the community. All you have to do is look to the cities of San Francisco and Seattle to see what social justice has brought to the community if that's what you want to make Manhattan Beach into you are on that path to destroying the city of Manhattan Beach and the South Bay as a whole your actions will have repercussions for decades to come I implore you do not move forward in condemning the city of Manhattan Beach to being a racist city and cowing to social justice.

I have lived here for 23 years and have never felt more proud to be a member of the community. The people have been more than welcoming and inviting to everyone. For a few people of the city council to condemn the city for the sins of the few in the past cannot be tolerated.

Respectfully,

Shawn Lyons.

Martha Alvarez

From: Richard Balue <rbalance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF)

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Attention Council Members:

I'm a concerned MB resident that believes Napolitano and Stern have overstepped the Council's authority and are falsely accusing us residents of racism. The madness has got to stop - please vote NO and do not accept their unfounded apology letter.

THE PROBLEM:

The plan for a confession and apology was set by Napolitano and Stern. By crafting the letter, they **defied** Council's instruction and did what they were explicitly instructed NOT to do. They completely **ignored** the Council's directives to not expand the mission beyond a factual History Report. With complete **disregard** for Council's **authority**, they **willfully misled** the BBTF. For the last 4 months, Napolitano and Stern guided the BBTF to build and push a false narrative against the City. Just recently, on 2/25, Napolitano and Stern **bypassed** City Council approval and presented their history report as fact to the public in a zoom presentation BEFORE submitting it to Council for a review and vote. These **subversive** acts by Napolitano and Stern, **operating unilaterally**, outside the purview of City Council, **violate** their oath and responsibility as Council members. Their actions **mock** the very **authority** of our city's Governing Body.

Recordings of meetings show when the City Council majority defined the Mission of the BBTF, and when Napolitano and Stern misled the TF regarding their Mission.

Video clip: Council Members Decide on the Mission for the BBTF: https://youtu.be/yTXn_5vBlxw

Video clip: Napolitano and Stern mislead the BBTF Members of their Mission: <https://youtu.be/IiQimDfN4Ys>

(the above video clips are in context and the full recordings can be accessed at the City Council web site)

THE SOLUTION:

If City Council allows their authority to be **ignored** and **undermined**, it sets a precedent for any group of residents, or rogue Councilmembers, to supersede the jurisdiction of our elected Governing Body. The public outcry from the hundreds of letters City Council received condemning the actions of Napolitano, Stern and the BBTF demonstrates the confidence residents have in them has been greatly diminished. A reasonable remedy is as follows:

1. Councilmembers Napolitano and Stern owe everyone an apology: the community, the Task Force members, and fellow Councilmembers.
2. All proposals crafted by the BBTF that defy the instructions and Mission Statement from City Council should not be accepted by Council for consideration, much less a review or vote.
3. Only a factual History Report of the time period, WITHOUT rumors or hearsay, should be considered, as was originally instructed by City Council.
4. Any discussion of an apology for alleged discrimination from MB city ancestors should only be considered AFTER a factual History Report is submitted and reviewed by Council and the Community.
5. If the Task Force cannot abide by the Mission Statement from City Council, it should be disbanded.

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Regards,
Richard Balue

Martha Alvarez

From: DJ Nelson <nelsonconsults@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Members of Manhattan Beach City Council:

Having read the proposals of the BBTF, I have come to the following conclusions:

1. They have gone far beyond the original dictate of MBCC. Council represents all residents of Manhattan Beach, and the views of the BBTF do not represent mine.
2. The mission statement implied in the Introduction, - starting paragraph 6, In the spirit...- is inconsistent with III. Charge and Mission: ... History, rewriting of plaque, and art installation. What does "evolved organically" mean and should it have occurred given the mandate of MBCC? Also, what is wrong with the wording of the present Plaque?
3. The History Report gives much past information but fails to address the beachfront in the 1920's, along with the Bruce's reaction to their settlement,... and other relevant items I gleaned from old-time residents.
4. Is an Apology by MBCC for past grievances needed? The forming of the Task Force to address past issues is an apology in itself and should be interpreted as such.
5. If further redress is needed, can it be entirely voluntary? Rather than an MBCC dictate, seems those feeling reparations are in order could make their wishes known and act accordingly.
6. For the first time, I am concerned that failure to approve the BBTF recommendations will result in further demonstrations such as held last summer; perhaps, escalating? No end is proposed.
7. Other proposals are idealistic, not enforceable and should not be mandated.
8. The term "racism" is a loaded word and needs precise definition.
9. Regarding jurisdiction: Who currently is responsible for Bruce's Beach? If LACounty, why is MBCC selecting the BBTF?
10. Are members of the BBTF all residents of Manhattan Beach?

Because this issue is important, I became involved, made my feelings known and have spent a great deal of time. The members of the BBTF mean well, tho they have a different perspective on the history, past and present, than myself and others who disagree with their conclusions. Also, I doubt that anyone's mind will be changed in discussing the issues, but hopefully, insight will be gained as to the other's point of view.

After Council has acted on the BBTF proposal, I hope the issue will rest. When becoming a Council member, does your job description state: "you are responsible for undoing past actions?" Where is the cutoff?

I trust you will get more input prior to March 16, 2021 and make a decision on the BBTF proposals.

Sincerely,
Daryl J Nelson

Martha Alvarez

From: Steve Fazio <stevefazio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

I received the email below last night and I want you to know that I am strongly opposed to the continuation of the Bruce's Beach Task Force after their proposals are received.

Over the weekend, ABC7LA News published a report with information on the history of Bruce's Beach that I believe was mostly false and that labels our community with this outrageous statement:

"This task force and members of Manhattan Beach are living in this sort of bubble of white supremacy and white fragility and I feel like it's time to penetrate that bubble. It's time for this bubble to be popped." Here is the link to the report: <https://abc7.com/bruces-beach-manhattan-property-seized-from-black-family-in-1924-bruce-willa-and-charles/10389611/>

I believe that councilmembers Napolitano and Stern are directly responsible for letting the task force run wild and publish draft proposals on the City website that are outrageous, foster a culture of victimization, and label our community as a bubble of white racists. I hope that the BLM movement does not descend on our city in protest.

Attached is a letter to the editor of the Beach Reporter with what the author claims is an accurate history of Bruce's Beach. If the facts truly are that 30 families were displaced as a result of eminent domain and 25 of those families were white, then why hasn't this been brought up? If the facts stated are correct, I don't believe an apology is even necessary, let alone reparations.

Councilmembers Stern and Napolitano, you have severely damaged the reputation of our community. Again, I am strongly opposed to the continuation of the Bruce's Beach Task Force after their proposals are received.

Sincerely,

Steve Fazio
2516 Pine Avenue Homeowner



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts** <brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 7:47 PM
Subject: Bruce Beach Task Force proposes low-income housing
To: Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts <brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com>

Dear Like-Minded Residents,

We are reaching out to you because you have shown an interest in stopping the false racist allegations being made about our city and the demand for reparations that accompany those allegations.

We have a call to action and this is the week to stand up for our city.
City Council is meeting on Tuesday 3/16 at 6:00, and the Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF) Proposals, after a 2-week delay, are finally on the agenda to "receive" them and to relieve the Task Force of their duties.

One of the Task Force's written proposals is they stay on permanently as a Social Justice Committee to "make MB a more inclusive and anti-racist city."
Their justification to stay on permanently is based on their false premise that we are a racist and not inclusive city. They couldn't be more wrong.
They want to interject themselves into our city, PD, businesses, and schools.
This type of committee has already been established in other cities, they call it the "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee" (DEIC).

Simply put, it's a power grab.
Please see what they are proposing. Jump to Appendix 5: <https://www.citymb.info/home/showdocument?id=45945>
Just to name a few of their "services": build low-income housing and homeless shelters in the city; incentivize property owners to dedicate rental units as "affordable housing," assist our PD with a collection of race-based data, etc.

Our position is: No Thank you. We are already a welcoming and inclusive city, we do not need a permanent DEIC in MB. Thank you for your proposals, we will read them, you're now relieved of your Task Force duties.

If more residents knew what is at stake if our beach city is placed in the hands of the members of the BBTF, we're certain many would also reject their proposal to stay on permanently.
Council members Napolitano and Stern are the co-chairs of the BBTF and although they presumably are in agreement with the BBTF, as Council members they will need to make their opinions known at the meeting for all to hear.
They need to hear our opinions too.

The following two actions are needed:

1) To send an informative flyer to MB residents this week. We need people to address and stamp flyers. You can do this from your home (a covid friendly task).

The flyer informs the resident of the issue and asks them to email CC asking Council to end the Task Force on their last day of 3/16 and to wait 2 weeks to review and discuss the proposals until Residents have had the opportunity to read them and voice their opinions.

2) Also we are looking for several people to speak at the zoom meeting. It can be as simple as reading the letter you have written to City Council, or you can prepare something different.

We have a list of talking points we can provide if you would like. You can choose one or two to get you started.

When on the zoom meeting, you can be on video and voice, or just voice where no one sees you;)

This makes a great impact and it shows our collective voice to Council Members AND to the community.

We ask that you please consider volunteering.

If we don't stop their mission, we will begin to look more like Santa Monica or Venice.

MB is NOT a racist city. We are NOT racist people.

Protect our city, our values, and all that we cherish about MB.

We look forward to hearing from you.

~Concerned Residents of MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Betty Freitag proton email account <betty.freitag2155@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:04 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Cc: Tom Freitag
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force Resolution of Apology

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Dear Mayor Hadley and City Council,

We watched the Bruce's Beach Task Force meeting last week and we were shocked that the focus of the group seemed to be on the Resolution of Apology rather than their three CC assigned tasks. We found Allison Hales and Anthony Lee to both be unapologetically disruptive and determined to center all discussion on their thoughts and ideas rather than letting others in the group express their opinions without being interrupted.

Councilmembers Stern and Napolitano, you both handled the committee members with respect while you had to dance around all the innuendos and landmines.

Ms. Hales and Ms. Kavon Ward during public statements each said that their speech was being suppressed and that they were being silenced by Councilmembers Napolitano and Stern, this is preposterous! Trying to maintain order and decorum is not suppression of speech!

As we observed the meeting we came to the conclusion, and we hope we are wrong, that several members on the committee will not be satisfied with ANY outcome of the committee, even if they successfully deliver on the three tasks given to them by the City Council. Their vision is far beyond those three tasks, and we fear they will continue to be a loud mouthpiece that the national media will trumpet! I did see that KABC 7 was tuned in to the meeting as well and did a short piece on Bruce's Beach the next day.

We are writing to let you know that we do not agree with the Bruce's Beach Resolution of Apology, and that we believe the premise of widespread racism on which the apology originates is false. We can all agree that the taking of the property to discourage blacks from coming to Manhattan Beach was wrong, but the accusation of extensive racism in our city even today is not the truth. As Steve said in the meeting, (and we are paraphrasing) you can't tar all Manhattan Beach residents by the actions of individual idiots.

If we can forgive others and treat others the way we would like to be treated, then we would go a long way towards healing.

We would ask you to allow the committee to complete their three assigned tasks within a defined timeframe, and to reject the Resolution of Apology.

Sincerely,
Betty and Tom Freitag

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Bruce Beach Task Force

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Please put up whatever art project they came to approve and release whatever - if any - new details of FACTS of racism in the eminent domain HISTORY. Please make it clear to the community as well if it's true that there were far more white families that lost their land at the same time.

After that please cease and desist this ridiculous task force or any other " Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee" type ideas. All you are doing is stirring up drama and negative attention to our city.

Peace,
Matt Domyancic

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BRUCE'S BEACH

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

Site Visitor Name: Eli
Site Visitor Email: esh7@verizon.net

IT TOOK A CENTURY TO EXAMINE THE BRUCE BEACH HISTORY-
POLITICALLY CORRECT NOWADAYS. PLEASE GET THIS OVER
AND NOT LET IT GO ON FOR ANOTHER CENTURY OF WHAT IS
AN EVER NEVER ENDING STORY. EVERY HUMAN ON EARTH HAS BEEN DISCRIMINATED
SINCE TIME BEGAN. LET'S FORGIVE,
FORGET, FORWARD FRIENDS TO A HIGH LAND.



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Martha Alvarez

From: HL Badminton <hlcorp7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:37 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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Dear City Counsel Members,

We want to make our opinions heard prior to any binding decision regarding the task force on Bruce's Beach.

Please keep in mind that the task force was seated to come up with specific recommendations related to the plaque and artwork as well as the history, now it seems that they are being allowed to overstep their mandate.

Please do not vote in favor of the recommendation by the two council members on the task force who have defied their instructions and mandate, instead;

All proposals crafted by the BBTF that defy the instructions and Mission Statement from City Council should not be accepted by Council for consideration, much less a review or vote.

Only a factual History Report of the time period, WITHOUT rumors or hearsay, should be considered, as was originally instructed by City Council.

Any discussion of an apology for alleged discrimination by MB city ancestors should only be considered after a factual History Report is submitted and reviewed by Council and the Community. (And in case you are deceived, you are not apologizing on behalf of dead people, you are virtue signaling on behalf of yourselves). At this point councilmembers Napolitano and Stern owe everyone an apology for letting the task force go off the rails.

If the Task Force cannot abide by the Mission Statement from City Council, it should be disbanded.

There is too much at stake for all of the tax payers of the city to have this matter handled in such a manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Dean and Maria Schoppe

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Martha Alvarez

From: K Eddy <kseddy39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:34 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opinon regarding Bruces Beach

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As a local resident of more than 50 years, my opinion regarding the Bruce's Beach controversy is as follows:

1. Consider an Art Piece
2. New signage (plaque) at the park
3. Accurate history

Only the above proposals should be presented to the CC later this month. The Task Force should then be disbanded.

K.S. Eddy

Martha Alvarez

From: Karen Chisum <chisumkl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 5:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council,

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for 34 years and just heard about the history of Bruce's Beach about 2 years ago.

After reading the council's report, I agree that a review of the truthful facts be re-evaluated and the necessary reparations/restitutions be made to the Bruce Family.

As I mentioned I have been a resident of this community for 34 years and have never observed or experienced any form of racist attitudes or behaviors. I resent reading that our community has been considered racist. That untruth needs to be addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Karen Chisum

Martha Alvarez

From: Audrey Ritterman Estes <are@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 4:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transparency

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To City Council,

In your perspective, if the City Council votes in an apology for "Racist behavior" requested by the BBTF what is MB city's long term liability.

Sincerely,
30 year+ resident of MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Bruces Beach Task Force
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:23 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comments on the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Sub-Committee Report, February 22, 2021 and History Presentation, February 25, 2021

Public comment.



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From: Alison R. Jefferson [<mailto:alisonrosejefferson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Sub-Committee Report, February 22, 2021 and History Presentation, February 25, 2021

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Please pass these comments on to the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Sub-Committee for its report and please include these comments in the public comments about the work of the Task Force and Sub-Committee.

Comments of on the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Sub-Committee Report, February 22, 2021

1 - Willa Bruce should be referred to as Willa "Willie" Bruce if her nickname must be used. It is disrespectful to refer to her solely as "Willie" when we know what her first name was.

2 - "Negro invasion" was a term used by Whites all over the United States in the 1920s whenever they decided there were too many African Americans moving into an area. As historians and others read materials of the era this phrasing is seen often in this context. The BBTF sub-committee has been reading rather narrowly so this is something they might not have discovered. pg. 10.

3 - Prices of the land in the area of the Bruce's property with in a few years of its purchase by the Bruces, BBTF history, pg. 5 / Jefferson, pg. 34

- Jefferson's book in footnote 15, page 236 cites the prices of the land in the area — "In 1916, depending on the proximity to the oceanfront, lots were ranging for sale between \$200 (farthest from the ocean) to \$450 (nearest to the ocean)."

4 - There is some confusion in the sub-committee history about Peck in 1912 and the early 1920s and his role in the harassment of the Bruce's and other African American people in the area. BBTF history, pg. 6

- 1912 - *Los Angeles Times* article states George Peck owned the land in front of the Bruces property and had it staked it off with constables patrol it to keep the Black people off the beach.
- Early 1920s - Peck's son-in-law, Culler was his representative. Telegrams or not, all the historical documentation available to date offers evidence of Peck's lack of response is support of the efforts of his son-in-law, Culler, to inhibit Black people from using the beach. BBTF sub-committee seems here to be attempting to whitewash the history. Culler, Peck and his city power broker cronies used white supremacist tactic of using public power civic policy to sabotage the Bruce's and other African Americans in their effort to establish a community in Manhattan Beach with the eminent domain proceedings in taking the land for a park. Jefferson, pg. 67.

5 - Per the documentation of Brigham and others, there were park designs which were not implemented prior to the mid-1950s. Brigham talks about the area being a sandy place — he looked at the place during the time you are talking about for his teenage to adult years. The park went through different maintenance activities so it would not totally erode, but it was not formally made into a park we are familiar with today until the 1950s as per the city materials (Jefferson, pg. 51 / footnotes 59-60, pg. 240). All the photographs show it a sandy place, even with its use by some citizens. The place was already somewhat terraced because the property owners before the eminent domain were able to build cottages on the site. Next, there are letters cited in Jefferson's work (pg. 51 / see footnote 58, pg. 240) that there was interest by developers to building on the land and the city told them the land was for a park.

5 - This is a living document. Some of the materials cite are newly available in the last few years which were not available in 2007. For example, the African American periodical from the early twentieth century, *The Liberator*, just became available for public review in early 2019. Several items at the Manhattan Beach Historical Society have only become available in the last few years because Gary McAuley (president) and other volunteers of the group have been organizing the materials so they are usable.

Comment on the History Presentation, February 25, 2021

I was unable to watch the Thursday presentation. A friend who did watch it said there was a slide which showed me at the Bruce's Beach meetings in 2006-2007. I looked at the video minutes to see what was included. There were no comments from me. For the record, as I told the City Council in an email letter on August 19, 2020,

When new information is discovered by historians they revise their findings and interpretation of history to reflect the new information they have learned. My 2006 public comments Councilmember Hadley brought up were based on the knowledge I had at the time from research resources I had discovered. At that time I was a graduate student at the University of California working on a Master's degree in Heritage Conservation. Since 2006 and earning my Master's degree in 2007, I went on to do more extensive research on the history of Bruce's Beach, Manhattan Beach and other, and, to earn a doctorate in History from the University of Santa Barbara in 2015. The expansive knowledge I have developed over the years about the Bruce's Beach experience and regional history is now revealed in my presentations I

make and in my book, *Living the California Dream: African American Leisure Sites during the Jim Crow Era*.

Thank you,

alisonrosejefferson, m.h.c. | ph.d.

historian and more

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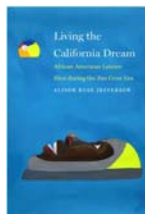
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"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." — *Helen Keller, author*

"Well behaved women seldom make history." — *Laura Thatcher Ulrich, historian*



Order at a discount and learn more about my book, *Living the California Dream: African American Leisure Sites during the Jim Crow Era* from UNP [here](#).

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Martha Alvarez

From: Bruces Beach Task Force
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:22 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Apologies are in order

Public comment

From: Reggie Wong [mailto:reggie.dsa.la@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:18 PM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Apologies are in order

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Dear City Council,

How much of Manhattan Beach was stolen from people of color? Seriously? When you rob someone and deny it, you have no honor.

That's what happened to the Bruce family. Racists forced them off their land and they were paid jack for it. City leaders owe them a public apology and restitution for their property.

It's absurd that you are silencing Black voices on the task force and subcommittees studying Bruce's Beach. Reinstate Allison Hales' subcommittee assignments.

Cheers,

Reggie Wong



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Martha Alvarez

From: Bruces Beach Task Force
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:22 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment - tonight's task force meeting

Public comment

From: Kaitlyn McQuown [mailto:kaitlynmcquown@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment - tonight's task force meeting

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Hello,

I am writing to comment on the development of the Bruce's Beach task force and recent events. I urge City Council to prioritize a public apology. Laying out the history is good and necessary, but because this injustice was enacted by the city at the time, the city of Manhattan Beach must put forth a public apology to the Bruces and all other Black residents who were pushed out as a consequence, as well as the targets of racist actions.

I was also disappointed to see Allison Hales' account of her experience on the task force and hope that she be included and heard in the future.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to ask the City of Manhattan Beach if and how it plans to provide restitution to the Bruce family for the wrongdoing they endured and continue to endure. I ask that the city join LA County's leadership in committing to full justice for the Bruce's in their respective jurisdictions -- meaning restoring the land, and providing restitution. I also ask the city how it plans to encourage people of all races to not only visit, but to rent or buy property in Manhattan Beach, in a commitment to rectifying the actions that prevented or dissuaded Black families from thriving in the city.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn



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Martha Alvarez

From: Janet Volpe <janetvolpe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 6:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce"s Beach

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Dear Council Members-

Please stick to the original mandate of the committee. Arbitrarily expanding the scope of the committee's mandate and bringing in the county (Janice Hahn) is uncalled for.

Sincerely,

Janet Vailokaitis

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy and Wally <kpmiglin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 11:22 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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For Bruce's Beach:

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3. Accurate history

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Thank you,
Kathy and Wally Miglin

Martha Alvarez

From: David Dameron <ddameron1@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:50 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on Bruce's Beach

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Comments on Bruce's Beach

I moved to Manhattan Beach in 1987 and have not been aware of any racist policy by the city then or now. So I object to the claim that the city now is collectively racist or complicit in systemic racism, which includes all residents, including myself and all of you in the city council. This idea violates the command, "Do not bear false witness."

Are there racists living in Manhattan Beach? Possibly. Was the action of Bruce's beach racist? Maybe. That is why a clear and unbiased report is needed. Yes, racism exists. But that does not mean that the city is racist or there is systemic racism.

I would not celebrate Bruce's beach too much. It may have been de facto "separate but equal", thus would have been banned by the 1960's. You would not celebrate a resort that was "white only".

I enjoy walking on the strand and see many ethnic groups. I do not know what percentages there are of each group, and do not care. What is important to me is that everyone has the same opportunity. This did not happen in the real estate collapse of 2008 where the federal loan policy was manipulated in the name of diversity.

I do not want Manhattan Beach of all cities to adopt a victim mentality.

I have 2 quick questions. Does the county own the land with the lifeguard facility? What about the pumping station?

Sincerely,
David Dameron

Martha Alvarez

From: herbertharger@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:51 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Apology letter re Bruce's Beach.

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To members of the MB city council.

Do not sign any letter or statement re any confession or apology re the Bruce's Beach item.

I feel our city council has more important items to spent their time and our money on.

Herbert L. Harger, a MB resident for the past 70 years.

Martha Alvarez

From: James Harger <jamesnharger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REJECT the "Declaration of Apology" and all of its remedies

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When I read the proposed declaration I got sick to my stomach. I am NOT a RACIST and neither are my neighbors. To prove my point: we recently elected a black council member, voted overwhelmingly for a black President (twice) and hired a black police chief (who has done an outstanding job!). Everyone is welcome in Manhattan Beach and they are not discriminated against based on their sex, religion or ethnicity.

What we have now is a very small group of activists who are taking advantage of the George Floyd incident. If citizens of our City feel inclined to pay for reparations to the Bruce family they should start a go-fund-me campaign and pay for it themselves.

And one last point, ALL of those displaced at Bruce's Beach nearly 100 years ago were COMPENSATED for their properties and businesses based on the fair market value at the time. Their properties were not CONFISCATED as many try to portray. Several of them, regardless of ethnicity, used their proceeds and purchased other properties in Manhattan Beach.

Eminent Domain is a legal process and has been used by governments for years. Some of you may be old enough to remember when homes were purchased and removed in the path of the Century Freeway (the 105 today). Some were removed 30+ years prior to the freeway's construction. For years a path of vacant land sat until the entire route was approved. Sound familiar?

So REJECT this ridiculous wish list, finish the plack and let's move on.

James Harger
MB Native for 62 years

Martha Alvarez

From: Jerry & Pat Kinnan <jkinnan436@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:51 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task Force

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Dear Mayor Hadley
and Council Members:

We respectfully ask that the BB Task Force present the following three issues as previously assigned:

1. Art Piece
2. New Signage at the park
3. Accurate history

Once presented, the Task Force should be disbanded. Too many hours have been spent taking the focus away from the original intent of the Task Force.

We thank all of you for your time and efforts!

Sincerely,

Pat and Jerry Kinnan
Proud and grateful residents since 1974.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: AUDREY RITTERMAN <are@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Requesting full transparency

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I watched some of the Bruce's beach task force tonight and I'm completely confused.

The task force is requesting an apology for eminent domain Forced upon the Bruce's family and Others in the 1920's. I must've misunderstood what the task force was for. Were They supposed to be discussing andR presenting the history/ art piece/ plaque/ ??apology??? which was approved by city Council????

If there is an formal apology forced upon the city presently for past evil racist deeds☺.Will an apology lead to liability for the city's residents in restitution for the Bruce's family and then others will also request the same too..

Requesting complete transparency from city Council please help me understand what's going on.

Thank you 🙏

Sincerely,
Stressed out MB resident

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Edward Gajdicar <edward.gajdicar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Last Bruce's Beach Meeting

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I would advise all Council members to listen to the whole Bruce's Beach task Force meeting from 3/3/2021. The whole meeting!

In it you will hear, how the attorney from Hermosa Beach conspires to keep the TF going by producing a progress report, not a final report to the City Council. He slyly asks Steve if in his opinion, that if the task force submits a progress report and the CC does not formally dismiss the Task force will it continue.

Steve and Hildy actually had to go to the **city attorney** to get cover for their agenda for an apology. Why?

Secondly Steve wants the TF to continue and has given the rationale that there is still work to do, even though the work is outside the scope of the tasks assigned.

The City Council MUST:

You must explicitly dismiss/end the Task Force, otherwise it will continue. The goal is to convert the Task Force to an EDIC committee.

Secondly, you must limit the Task Force to an art piece, plaque, and accurate history. You must not accept the recommendations.

Ed

Martha Alvarez

From: Andreas Koch <maxflaxak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:01 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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This whole Bruce's Beach thing is getting out of hand. I'm starting to see the direction of this going far beyond reason and its because of a few emotionally charged people stirring it up and some of our city reps succumbing to this unjustified pressure.

The Task Force must only present the art piece, plaque and accurate history to City Council as per the City Council Directive. Thereafter its work is complete. Nothing more!

Please don't waste our tax dollars, time and effort any more on this. It's potentially a really bad slippery slope that must stop now, Many neighbors and other residents are appalled. Please stop this nonsense in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Andreas Koch
M.B. resident.

Martha Alvarez

From: Louise Wolf <ldwolfpack@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:44 PM
To: List - City Council; Louise Wolf
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re:Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Council members;

I continue to be concerned about the issue regarding Manhattan Beach as a "racist city". We cannot base ongoing decisions on the false unproven premise that in 2021 we are a racist city. We will be accepting this unproven accusation if we sign a declaration of apology. If we do this we are admitting to something we don't believe or know as fact and we will be opening the door to more and more demands that will never be satisfied.

I am concerned about the forming of a non elected commission that will have the power to drive decisions. Since the use of Bruce's Beach is at the heart of this, a vote of all the citizens of Manhattan Beach should be required as to the ongoing use of the park. As a taxpayer and sixty year resident of Manhattan Beach, I have a voice in what goes on in my city. The Council can suggest and hold hearings but ultimately the decision to name us as racist and determine the use of the park should be up to the citizens by vote.

There are many ways our city can further promote and show existing equity and inclusion that already exists in our city. We can take this opportunity we have and use it to bring us together rather than further divide us.

Sincerely, Louise I Wolf

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Hildy Stern; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN NOW TO REDIRECT THE TASK FORCE!

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Hildy and the entire City Council -

Hildy - Thank you for your response. I am alarmed at the contents of the March 3, 2021 Progress Report. I want to reiterate THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT: Upon formation of the Bruce Beach Task Force the City Council extensively debated the appropriate scope for the task force. Despite certain Council members' desire for a broad scope, the City Council approved a scope focussed on the history of the Bruce Beach, the plaque, and art work. Notwithstanding that narrow scope, the Task Force has, indeed, considered a much broader scope, as indicated in the March 3rd progress report:

"We believe that a more expansive program of history, art, education, and community engagement is needed—a program that should integrate into a regular part of the city's civic life." AND

"The mission evolved organically to include recommendations for a formal apology; community forums; and other measures intended to educate, enlighten, and engage the conversation among our residents to combat racial injustice."

For the City Council members on the Task Force, I consider this a dereliction of duty. These Council members are responsible for upholding what the City Council decides, and instead they allowed the Task Force to actively go against what was decided and pursued a broader agenda. While the Task Force may have a view of what it preferred its scope to be, and it may say that its mission "evolved," the Task Force never had the authority for such an "evaluation" or to consider a "more expansive program of history, art, education, community engagement, and a program that should integrate into a regular part of the city's civic life." Sorry - that simply wasn't for the Task Force to decide. The City Council members on the Task Force greatly erred in NOT STOPPING THE BROADER SCOPE AT THE TIME.

Unfortunately, now the City is playing catch up. I strongly urge the City Council to IMMEDIATELY redirect the Task Force back to the original scope and REQUIRE any submission to be within scope. The City Council should NOT entertain any recommendations other than those that are within that scope, and then as a community we can fully debate what, if any, "more expansive programs" are relevant to our community.

I am alarmed! The March 3rd report is incredibly irresponsible and so far out of the scope of what the task force should have done that it creates an incredible burden for our city to now dig its way out of. It includes allegations regarding our city culture that are patently untrue and greatly irresponsible:

"The resulting culture of exclusion that discouraged other Black families and families of color from making their home in Manhattan Beach, thereby contributing to calcified economic disadvantage and depriving them of the resources of the City of Manhattan Beach." AND

"The City's delay of an overdue reckoning of racial injustice in our community, to the detriment of generations of Manhattan Beach residents."

These statements paint Manhattan Beach in an untrue and negative light. Again, that ANY Council Member allowed this to get this far is a complete dereliction of duty.

I URGE the City Council to hold an emergency meeting with the City Attorney, privately and with privilege, so that you can start to undo this mess by issuing a statement that the City Council NEVER authorized the expanded scope and therefore is requesting that the Task Force re-evaluate it's recommendations published in the March 3rd update to only include the original scope. I would also suggest that the Task Force members be required to issue a statement saying that the views in the March 3rd update reflect the views of private citizens and that the update is NOT work product of the City. I am very concerned about the potential for liability if the March 3rd progress report isn't completely rejected as the opinion of private citizens. The Council MUST clearly and quickly state that the update was not within the sanctioned scope. I also strongly recommend that immediately after the Task Force gives its recommendations on the original scope it is DISBANDED.

I look forward to your collective urgent action on this matter.

Regards,
Marjorie Bowen

On Mar 2, 2021, at 1:10 PM, Hildy Stern <hstern@citymb.info> wrote:

Dear Ms. Bowen

Thank you for your email.
It is clearly not an easy one to respond.

I want to just clear up one important point - there is no intention by the task force to "accuse and convict individuals in this community of racism." I understand there is communication circulating that includes some incorrect representations about the work the task force has done and perhaps that is where this concern arises.

The task force's progress report will be presented to Council on March 16th.

I hope you and your family are well,
Hildy

Hildy Stern
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From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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To the City Counsel -

I understand that after much debate at the September 1, 2020 City Council Meeting, the Bruce Beach Task Force was given the mission of researching the history of what happened to the Bruce family more than 100 years ago, and then making recommendations to ensure that the signage / plaque / commemorative art at Bruce's Beach accurately reflected the historic facts. However, I now understand that the Task Force has broadened its scope. This self determined and expanded scope was without any public hearing, City Council consent, and even despite the Council's objections to a broader scope when the Task Force was formed. Nonetheless, the Bruce Beach Task Force, with its self determined broadened scope, has now has spent time reviewing much more recent history, as well as other issues regarding race and "equity" in Manhattan Beach. Finally, I understand that the Task Force has or will propose that Manhattan Beach issue a broad and sweeping apology for its racism and also create committees, forums, and extensive "community engagement" in discussions and a "meaningful apology" the city's racism (NO PAST TENSE).

LET ME BE VERY CLEAR - ANY APOLOGY THAT INCLUDES THE PRESENT TIME OR ANY TIME PERIOD OTHER THAN THE PERIOD WHEN THE BRUCE FAMILY WAS FORCED TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY, AND ANY NEXT STEPS THAT INCLUDE FORUMS, WORKSHOPS, OR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, IS VERY OFFENSIVE TO ME AS A RESIDENT AS IT STRONGLY IMPLIES AN ABSOLUTELY FALSE NARRATIVE ABOUT PRESENT DAY MANHATTAN BEACH. More bluntly, this city's residents take great offense to being accused (and convicted!) of racism with zero evidence. I strongly encourage the City Council to REJECT anything but recommendations pertaining to the original scope of the Task Force. Moreover, the City Council needs to censure the City Council members who are part of the Task Force, and then IMMEDIATELY halt all work outside of the original scope.

It is incumbent on each and every City Council member to uphold their duty to the residents of Manhattan Beach and protect the city and its strong character and values. That obviously means not allowing a false truth to be created or perpetuated regarding our city today. Please reject the Task Force's expansion of scope, disregard any resulting recommendations, and get the community back on track to recognizing the past for what it is - perhaps dark - but the past.

Thank you,
Marjorie Bowen
225 6th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy and Wally <kpmiglin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I OBJECT TO THE LETTER OF APOLOGY. THE TASK FORCE MUST ONLY PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR A PLAQUE, ART PIECE AND ACCURATE HISTORY .

Thank you,
Kathy Miglin
Wally Miglin

Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:37 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task force proposal

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I read and reread the proposal that the TF submitted and I am quite perplexed.

In it the blanket statement pretty much accuses the whole world of being prejudice against black people. Whether that is really true or not I have yet to be convinced. Remember the Jews and the Irish and the Italians and the Chinese and lower status British, old people, young people and countless others? It seems to me that most everybody is or was at one time or another discriminated against. Any time you have two people together you will most likely have some differences which one can hold against the other.

As a non-black looking person I would challenge you to join the House Black Caucus, the NAACP, The African American Planning Commission, the Black Business Association of Los Angeles. I could go on and on... Aren't those organizations racist? Don't they discriminate against non-black people?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said to judge by ones character content not by the color of their skin. I believe and follow that creed.

Now the task force wants to give scholarships to Black students and internships to Black people. What about other people of many different ethnic backgrounds. Someone may have 1/64th black heritage in their genetics? Are they eligible? Are you going to run DNA test on all applicants to confirm their backgrounds? What about the poor kid who grew up in a drug infested neighborhood? What about the average kid of any heritage who just worked their fanny off to get good grades? How is this fair to them?

And perhaps the most important point I may make....Isn't this REVERSE DISCRIMINATION?? And after this what will be next? Someone with green eyes? Someone who is overweight? Someone who is very tall or short? When does it stop?

I think everyone needs to take a pause and a deep breath and start following the golden rule.

I believe it is time to stop it all. Yes, history has its' dark moment but until we treat EVERYONE the same things are never going to be equal.

Martha Alvarez

From: Matt Figel <mfigel245@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:15 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Put me in the column of those who think the Bruce's Beach Task Force has expanded its scope way beyond what was requested of it and as a result will have deleterious effects on the community of Manhattan Beach.

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Matt L. Figel

Martha Alvarez

From: Barbara Johnson <bjtennisdog@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:52 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task force assigned to Bruce's Beach

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I am in agreement that:

The Task Force must only present the art piece, plaque and accurate history to City Council as per the City Council Directive. Thereafter its work is complete and must be disbanded.

Thank you,
Barbara Johnson

Sent with blessings from the cloud

Martha Alvarez

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 6:48 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Update on opening comments

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Dear City Council members,

Now that the street sweeper has me up and my juices are flowing, here is another action item.

It is widely understood that prejudice played a key role in the eminent domain regarding Bruce's Beach.

Nevertheless, it also appears to me that Prof. Lee in his opening comments to the commission meeting, used that "understanding" as a platform from which to leap, exaggerate and make inaccurate statements about the eminent domain action and the City of Manhattan Beach.

I expect our City Council members on the commission, at their earliest opportunity (specifically, at tonight's Task Force meeting), to correct, refute, rebut any and all incorrect statements Prof. Lee may have made about the eminent domain action and the City of Manhattan Beach. I believe that facts uncovered by the commission and our City's standing and reputation have been negatively impacted and must be rectified immediately.

Sincerely,
Jon C.

On Monday, March 1, 2021, 9:41:25 PM PST, Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear City Council members,

To clarify my earlier recollections, I have played the City's recording of the opening comments by Prof. Lee.

Here are some comments of his, as I heard them, that were VERY bothersome to me, a MB resident.

- (eminent domain) "steps taken to simply erase the (Black) population from MB".
- (eminent domain) "project undertaken ... and was enormously successful."
- "All over the US, (Black) populations were simply run out of small towns ... making (towns) all-white enclaves."

My understanding from Commission report:

First, MB did not take steps to simply ERASE the Black population in MB.

Second, MB did not "run the Black population out of town". MB used eminent domain to force 5 Black AND 25 WHITE families to sell their 30 parcels (properties) next to/near beach between 26th and 27th Streets. The stated goal was to create a park.

Third, the eminent domain action in MB ended up with only two out of the seven Black families owning/living within or near the eminent domain area moving out of MB. AND, 3 of the 5 Black families who had to move because their properties were purchased by the eminent domain action SIMPLY purchased (and moved into) properties elsewhere within MB.

Clearly, and absolutely, the eminent domain action did NOT erase the Black population in MB nor make MB an ALL-WHITE enclave.

Prof. Lee started his talk stating how historians can and did determine WHICH facts were important and should/would be written as history - and remembered. After hearing the facts discovered by the BB Commission, it appears to me that Prof. Lee's opening comments "created a history" that contradicts factual history.

These apparent contradictions to facts makes his opening comments VERY disturbing to me and appears to damage the reputation of MB to all who did/will hear his words.

That is my opinion. Maybe I am mistaken and did not hear/understand his words correctly.

Please listen to his opening remarks and make your own opinion.

Sincerely,
Jon C.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Michele Reniche <mreniche@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:13 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Bruce's Beach

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and Council Members Stern, Napolitano, Hadley and Franklin:

I support the demand for a public statement by the City taking responsibility for the wrong committed against Willa and Charles Bruce; and their descendants who were unjustly deprived of the opportunity to build generational wealth through land ownership.

I support actions to make meaningful restitution in direct consultation with the descendants of Willa and Charles Bruce.

I reject the views expressed in a letter now circulating on social media, by those who would deny the existence of racism in our city in either the past or the present.

I call on the city to reinstate task force member Allison Hale to her subcommittee assignments on the Bruce's Beach task force. It is no small irony that nearly a century of segregation has left an all-white city council in the position of deciding what is the "appropriate" way to acknowledge and repair past wrongs against Black people. Excluding or minimizing Ms. Hale's voice on the task force only compounds that irony.

Most of all, I am calling on council members to approach this issue with truly open minds, to accept uncomfortable truths and to grapple with solutions they have previously rejected out of hand.

Thank you,

Michele Reniche
Manhattan Beach voter

Martha Alvarez

From: Dottie Horn <dmsavoie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I ask the City Council to vote against the plan of the Confession and Apology letter.

This is a part of history, albeit a sad part, and we do not want to erase it. You are, however using a broad brush stating that all current Manhattan Beach residents are the same as, and responsible for, what others did 100 years ago in this town. Do we punish, or hold responsible, children for crimes their grandparents or great grandparents committed? That's not bringing justice to anyone. That will not solve the problem of racism. I have lived in this community almost my entire 79 years. I have never met anyone who did not fully welcome a loving, caring, person or family wishing to be a part of our wonderful city. I would love and welcome any family who wishes to make Manhattan Beach their home and be a part of this community I raised my family in. Everyone I know feels the same way.

The only part of the resolution I agree with is parts A and B of Section 4. Do we need to have policies in place to fight against racism or unfairness within our leadership? Absolutely! The most disappointing part of all this is that you feel the need to have ordinances in place to tell our community and it's leaders to treat others fairly; to not be racist. It is a sad day indeed when this is not the default behaviors and actions of the people elected and hired to lead our community.

Please find a way to educate and inform people of the history of our community. Make sure history never repeats itself. But please treat us all fairly too, and do not make us apologize for something we had no say in and do not feel...just as we have no say in what you are doing. This letter you are drafting is proof that the leaders of this community are planning to act on behalf of the citizens without consensus, unilaterally making decisions we do not agree with. Decisions were made back then by a few that not everyone supported, and decisions are being made now that everyone does not support, nor does it reflect the attitude of the majority of the citizens of our town. Guess you're right in that that hasn't changed in 100 years.

Please do not vote to approve this letter. I love this community and everyone in it. Allow me to be held accountable for my own actions.

Sincerely,
Dottie Horn

Martha Alvarez

From: Jen Jenkins Dohner <jendohner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Councilmembers-

I'm writing this in response to a really terrible email I saw circulating designed to drum up commentary against the Bruce's Beach Task force. Though we have not yet seen their final report, the email claims to know what's in it and has tried to decide for Manhattan Beach residents how they should respond. I for one support the mission and intent behind the Bruce's Beach Task Force and look forward to seeing their final report and its recommendations. After having heard and read much about the historical treatment of the Bruce family these last few years, I'm very much hoping that the task force is able to help the City of Manhattan Beach find a way to respond to past injustices in a meaningful way moving forward. I'd like to applaud the bipartisan efforts of Councilmembers Stern and Napalitano on this front. People seeking to thwart these efforts really need to do a little soul searching and ask themselves why.

JEN JENKINS DOHNER

TEXT: 310.780.1780

ArtWithHeartByJenksy on Etsy



Martha Alvarez

From: Angela Nelson <adnelson625@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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As you may know BB is a hot topic on social media!

I've read so many articles and heard so many arguments that I'm not sure what to believe!

I know there were other families involved and I know the Bruce's were compensated, as were the other families. So what's the issue now? Why the focus solely on the Bruce's? And who has the right to decide what is done to that land?

Are the other families being compensated?

What I do know is this happened 100 years ago! So why is an entire community being guilted into apologizing for something we didn't do???

And why are earth would we give the land back to the Bruce's? Who gets to make that decision?

This should become a community effort! Period! This is insane that it's still an issue!!

And let's say the Bruce's get the land. How will they pay the property taxes?? They won't! They'll sell it the next day! Then what?? A hotel? Homeless shelter, lower income housing?

Will you then compensate all those immediate neighbors who will lose all value in their homes?

Are you all prepared for the number of lawsuits that will come out this?

This is a disaster waiting to happen!!

Don't pawn this guilt on today's residence!! We have done nothing wrong!

No apology and no reparations! PERIOD!

please know many who oppose this do plan to lawyer up and fight it!!!!

Have a nice day!
Angela

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Aron Sanchez-Vidal <amsanc9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:08 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment

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Hello,

I stand with the Bruce family for compensation for their stolen property and a public apology from city council. You must work with Black residents and other residents of marginalized groups in Manhattan Beach to meet their needs.

Aron Sanchez-Vidal
Torrance For Justice

Martha Alvarez

From: Rosalee Eisenstadt <rosalee678@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:27 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force -- an opposition

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The Bruce's Beach Task Force does not represent me. I take offense of the statement that Manhattan Beach is a racist community historically and now. It is sad to think Manhattan Beach can be designated as a "Racist City". I absolutely oppose the proposal for low income housing and homeless shelters on the BB Parkland property. Also, I find appalling the proposal for an "Apology Letter". Apparently the BB Task Force has deviated from its original task. Since all five members of the Council approved of the BB Task Force, it seems that the task force should be directed to their original assignment. It appears that the Task Force is politically motivated and has its own agenda. We do not want our property values diminished nor this City be like Venice or Santa Monica.

Rosalee Eisenstadt

Martha Alvarez

From: Mary Kirchwehm
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:02 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Message re Bruces Beach - Bruce Family

Good Morning,

Mr. Justin Verbiest just called and asked me to forward to you his support for reparations to the Bruce family.



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Martha Alvarez

From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Steve Napolitano; List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

Steve and all Council Members -

Steve - You are clearly frustrated and likely understandably so. I guess that's another way of saying welcome to the world of public service.

Bottom line - many people work very hard to live in Manhattan Beach and take great pride in our community. We have wonderful public schools, parks, and a great home town feel. While it is unfortunate that the community is not more diverse, given the high cost of housing, the lack of diversity is a much broader socio-economic issue related to the US's white and black income and wealth gaps, but it is not associated with present day racism of the residents, city government/schools, or businesses in town. Sociologists have been tracking the US wealth gap between black and white Americans for decades, and the City of Manhattan Beach is not responsible for that gap, nor is it alone in lacking diversity. Most of the highest cost zip codes have little diversity, and that is true throughout LA City, County and the entire state and US. I concede that perhaps 100 years ago some bad deeds in Manhattan Beach somehow marginally contributed to the wealth gap, but suggesting that there is racism now is very offensive to many people, and that is where a broad apology with "workshops and forums" doesn't work and is completely inappropriate for our town today.

Manhattan Beach is a small town, with good people, who always try to do the right thing. We welcome people. We don't want to be called racist because we are not, and we are tired of the accusation. The old saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" applies. Perhaps 100 years ago some in town were racist, but we aren't "systematically racist" now and our city did not cause racism. Moreover, with the country so divided on so many issues (race being one, but homelessness, mental health, covid all being issues as well), why do we want our town to be a flash point in race relations? What does it do for the residents other than stir up conflict and potentially damage our collective reputation and image as a community?

To the entire council: Please use your role to acknowledge that the past is just that - the past, and focus on maintaining our high quality of life and small town, welcoming feel. Conflict and being center stage in the race war is not part of that feel. If Bruce's Beach needs a "solution" ensure that the solution reflects the past, but does not negatively reflect who we are today. Most importantly, make sure that the "solution" doesn't go too far by implying a present day racism that is not the case. Then, please move on and work on homelessness, work on covid, work on ensuring kids are in school, work on ensuring our local businesses stay afloat. Certainly apologize for any wrongs 100 years ago, but let's get back to the problems that impact today's residents as opposed to those from long ago.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Bowen

> On Mar 2, 2021, at 12:05 PM, Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info> wrote:

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> The answer is no, but I'd also say the you've misstated what the scope of work was--it was to address the history, the plaque, the art, and other issues related to Bruce's Beach that would be brought to council for further consideration. The part folks are upset about is the last part.

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> But let's set that aside and be honest about this--I've said we haven't gone beyond our scope til I'm blue in the face and others have said the opposite until they're blue in the face. Why? Is it because they're all parliamentarians who want to make sure the task force is following every procedure and rule to the letter? Or is it because they don't like people talking about certain things? If the task force created a cure for COVID 19 in their spare time, would anyone object and say that creating a cure for COVID 19 was beyond their scope of work? I'm going to bet nobody would complain, because everyone can agree that it would be a good thing to have such a cure regardless of their original mission.

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> It's fine to disagree with what others say or do, I just don't think it's fine to be disagreeable about it and spread a bunch of lies suggesting something more nefarious is at play here. All of my colleagues have been getting these emails too--yet not one of them has brought any issue forward at a council meeting yet saying we're working beyond the scope of our charge. They're the ones who could kill this thing or that if they want to, but they haven't.

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> One last point would be this--the scope argument is a red herring. Things can also go completely wrong even if the task force only addressed the first three issues above. What if the task force recommended an art piece that says "we hate white people" or any other race. That would be a bad thing, right? But they'd still be in their scope of work regarding an art piece, wouldn't they?

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> I wish this was simple, but no discussion that involves racism ever is. We're working our way through these things. There is no end to the opinions on this stuff. And as always, I'll do my best for this city.

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> Thanks,

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> Steve Napolitano
> Councilmember
> City of Manhattan Beach

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> From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>

> Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:10 PM

> To: Steve Napolitano

> Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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> Steve -

> Thank you for your response. Obviously you are well aware of the task force's activities since you are a participant.

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> A simple question - yes or no - did the task force expand its scope beyond the history of what happened to the Bruce Family (100+) years ago? If it did then my comments stand. If not then there is misinformation. However the information I reviewed was compelling and if it isn't correct perhaps as an elected official you should make a much

stronger public statement clarifying that the city presently has no reasons to be apologetic and forums, outreach and the like are not only unnecessary and not productive in terms of furthering our already open community. Regards,
> Marjorie.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 1, 2021, at 21:12, Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info> wrote:

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>> Thanks for your email. Please know that there is serious misinformation campaign going on about these issues that is entirely false.

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>> I don't believe Manhattan Beach is a racist city and never have. I certainly have never said such a thing. Last September I made a public statement that Manhattan Beach is not a racist city. I also have never and will never support changing any use of the park from being a park. There's no proposal for a hotel or homes or homeless shelter and I wouldn't support any such proposal and never have.

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>> Neither I nor Councilmember Stern have made any demands about anything. Nor did we write any confession or apology, nor are we asking anyone to do anything. We are engaged in a task force of 15 people, all of which have different opinions on what to do. We understand some of the things written by the Task Force have upset some people. I didn't write these things, nor have I ever said I support them. I've given my feedback regarding my concerns to the Task Force members who have put together some of the materials. The materials are still being worked on and haven't been approved yet. Please know that I'm not the "king" of the task force and can tell people what to do or say. Everyone has a different opinion on these matters.

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>> All the Task Force is doing is making recommendations to City Council. The Task Force can't do anything on it's own. The Task Force was formed by a unanimous support of the Council, which also chose the Task Force members. The Task Force as its formed now has not worked with Supervisor Hahn's office, so Supervisor Hahn is speaking on her own behalf, not on behalf of me or the Task Force. The Council has already stated that there won't be any reparations, restitution or giving back of any land from the City.

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>> Hopefully this clarifies some of the issues I've been hearing out there, thanks!

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>> From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>

>> Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:56 PM

>> To: List - City Council

>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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>> To the City Counsel -

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>> I understand that after much debate at the September 1, 2020 City Council Meeting, the Bruce Beach Task Force was given the mission of researching the history of what happened to the Bruce family more than 100 years ago, and then making recommendations to ensure that the signage / plaque / commemorative art at Bruce's Beach accurately reflected the historic facts. However, I now understand that the Task Force has broadened its scope. This self determined and expanded scope was without any public hearing, City Council consent, and even despite the Council's objections to a broader scope when the Task Force was formed. Nonetheless, the Bruce Beach Task Force, with its self determined broadened scope, has now has spent time reviewing much more recent history, as well as other issues regarding race and "equity" in Manhattan Beach. Finally, I understand that the Task Force has or will propose that Manhattan Beach issue a broad and sweeping apology for its racism and also create committees, forums, and extensive "community engagement" in discussions and a "meaningful apology" the city's racism (NO PAST TENSE).

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>> It is incumbent on each and every City Council member to uphold their duty to the residents of Manhattan Beach and protect the city and its strong character and values. That obviously means not allowing a false truth to be created or perpetuated regarding our city today. Please reject the Task Force's expansion of scope, disregard any resulting recommendations, and get the community back on track to recognizing the past for what it is - perhaps dark - but the past.

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>> Thank you,

>> Marjorie Bowen

>> 225 6th Street

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Martha Alvarez

From: Dana McFarland <danamcfarland79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:43 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council,

Liberalism is destroying the country and has already destroyed California. Let's not let it destroy Manhattan Beach.

My employees are scared to death on a daily basis by crazy transients! 20 minutes ago I had two young girls waiting outside our Wright's store to be let in. A large black man with no mask and a plastic shopping bag on his head harassed them. I'm sure you know about the guy master bating etc. Recently I had a young employee take a lunch break outside of our store and a homeless man was stalking her and peaking around the corner at her... we called the police as we have about 20 times in the last year. Do we really want our young kids to have to grow up with this? None of this happened when I grew up here.

A black man and his girlfriend robbed our store twice in one day. They then parked themselves outside our store every morning. One morning a few weeks ago he screamed at me that "Manhattan Beach is a racist town". He continued on and on. I called the police who informed me that nothing can be done.

Stop this liberal madness!!!!

Manhattan Beach is not a racist town! If you give any sort of reparations or apology for Bruce's Beach, you give the green light for more of the above to happen. Let's drop it and address the crazy people invading our town. The purple jacket police is a great step in the right direction.

Everyone is created equal. Let's just stick to that and move forward.

Thank you, Dana McFarland

Martha Alvarez

From: Tiffany Wright <sedn_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Off-Task Force Apology Letter

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Dear City Council,

I disagree with the current direction the Bruce's Beach task force has taken with the letter of apology. The task force was to put together a factual history report as directed and approved by the City Council. Instead, they decided to write a factually incorrect letter of apology which, in its current state, Manhattan Beach will forever be falsely branded as a racist city and an endless litany of restitutions will be "justified." I object to the letter and the methods upon which the false accusations were drafted.

The task force also bypassed City Council approval and presented their history report as fact to the public in a zoom presentation BEFORE submitting it to Council for a review and vote. This has been divisive to our community and needs to stop.

Therefore, I propose the following solution:

1. All proposals crafted by the BBTF that defy the instructions and Mission Statement from City Council should not be accepted by Council for consideration, much less a review or vote.
2. Only a factual History Report of the time period, WITHOUT rumors or hearsay, should be considered, as was originally instructed by City Council.
3. Any discussion of an apology for alleged discrimination from MB city ancestors should only be considered AFTER a factual History Report is submitted and reviewed by Council and the Community.
4. If the Task Force cannot abide by the Mission Statement from City Council, it should be disbanded.

Thank you for your consideration in this very serious matter.

Sincerely,
Jim & Tiffany Wright
17.5 Year Residents of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Update on opening comments

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Dear City Council members,

To clarify my earlier recollections, I have played the City's recording of the opening comments by Prof. Lee.

Here are some comments of his, as I heard them, that were VERY bothersome to me, a MB resident.

- (eminent domain) "steps taken to simply erase the (Black) population from MB".
- (eminent domain) "project undertaken ... and was enormously successful."
- "All over the US, (Black) populations were simply run out of small towns ... making (towns) all-white enclaves."

My understanding from Commission report:

First, MB did not take steps to simply ERASE the Black population in MB.

Second, MB did not "run the Black population out of town". MB used eminent domain to force 5 Black AND 25 WHITE families to sell their 30 parcels (properties) next to/near beach between 26th and 27th Streets. The stated goal was to create a park.

Third, the eminent domain action in MB ended up with only two out of the seven Black families owning/living within or near the eminent domain area moving out of MB. AND, 3 of the 5 Black families who had to move because their properties were purchased by the eminent domain action SIMPLY purchased (and moved into) properties elsewhere within MB.

Clearly, and absolutely, the eminent domain action did NOT erase the Black population in MB nor make MB an ALL-WHITE enclave.

Prof. Lee started his talked stating how historians can and did determine WHICH facts were important and should/would be written as history - and remembered. After hearing the facts discovered by the BB Commission, it appears to me that Prof. Lee's opening comments "created a history" that contradicts factual history.

These apparent contradictions to facts makes his opening comments VERY disturbing to me and appears to damage the reputation of MB to all who did/will hear his words.

That is my opinion. Maybe I am mistaken and did not hear/understand his words correctly.

Please listen to his opening remarks and make your own opinion.

Sincerely,
Jon C.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Marjorie Bowen <marjorie.bowen@icloud.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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Thank you,
Marjorie Bowen
225 6th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:52 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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Dear City Council Members,

In the matter of Bruce Beach one must ask – *what is an apology?* We teach our kids, if you do something wrong, you must apologize. Has the current City Council done something wrong, something racist? Do any of you think that today's generation of citizens of Manhattan Beach has done something wrong, something racist?

When Steve Napolitano and Hildy Stern ask to “apologize” this is what they are assuming. And in fact, the narrative Stern and Napolitano are appealing to is that Manhattan Beach City Council was racist NOT ONLY in 1920 –BUT it is still racist now. Systemically racist. Manhattan Beach residents were racist NOT ONLY in 1920 – they are racist also now – the narrative is that nothing has really changed.

And if they think this, if they think their constituents are racist, they should just be consistent and resign at once.

Beyond the rhetoric, the facts of the history report do not say that *all* Manhattan Beach City was racist in 1920. But let's assume they were.

Today's generation cannot and must not be held accountable and account for the behavior of their predecessors. Indeed, even from a liberal perspective, the idea of holding people responsible for the crimes of others is deeply unjust and unequitable. Can an American citizen of Mexican or Japanese descent, or a first generation immigrant apologize (or have you, her mayor, apologize on her behalf) for discriminations occurred in 1920? Is this your idea of justice? Do you really believe you have that mandate from us?

So, I know that Napolitano said on September 1 that he did not believe Manhattan Beach is racist; but politicians say many things - since August 15, 2020 email to Mitch Ward it has been clear he is also pushing for the necessity of an apology and that "we" be held accountable and account. He had made this his goal months before a Task Force was even organized to establish the historical facts.

America has a complex past. It has been and still is a beacon of hope and light for the rest of us who are not born here, but has also had dark moments. We need all reconcile with the past which means affirm the past for what it is - the good the bad and the ugly. If we do want to affirm the past, though, than this affirmation should not be just for Bruce beach - it should be for all the other discriminations – against the Native American, against the Mexican and Latinos, against the Japanese and the Jews, the women and the gay and lesbians. Either you state the past or you do not.

But see what the Task Force is asking, what Napolitano and Stern are pushing, what Hahn is demanding is not to state the past - they want the current residents to be accountable and to account for sins which are still unproved and that however do not belong to them and on whose rewards we did not reap.

And this is unjust and unequitable.

Please Madam Mayor, do not sign any *so called* apology. You do not have that power. You do not have that mandate.

Thank you

Lucia La Rosa Ames

Martha Alvarez

From: Sheila Virgin <thevirgins@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 3:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council Members:

We are shocked and disappointed in the turn the BBTF has taken in the matter of Bruce's Beach, especially task force member Steve Napolitano. We would have thought better of him. He has had our support for many years. We don't know Hildy Stern, but the task force not only didn't do what it was formed to do, it veered WAY off the tracks in their demands that the city council sign an admission and apology letter. Weren't they just tasked with finding out the correct history?

To claim that the city of Manhattan Beach is RACIST is ludicrous!!! What our forefathers did or didn't do to Black people is not on our shoulders! Times have changed drastically since the 1920s & 1930s! And how could you possibly claim that an entire city of 40,000 people is racist? You don't know every one of us!

We have lived in Manhattan Beach since 1967 – almost 54 years. We were proud to be a part of this city. However, if the City Council signs this letter, we will no longer claim that Manhattan Beach is a wonderful place to live. We will be ashamed to admit we even live here.

We wish we knew what path Napolitano and probably Montgomery were taking before the election. They wouldn't have had our vote!

We hope and pray the City Council will not be signing any type of document that states Manhattan Beach is a racist city! It will be a sad day for we residents, and for our beloved city.

Wayne & Sheila Virgin
1416 6th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy Taylor <taylorkathymb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to you as a 41 year homeowner in Manhattan Beach. My husband and I raised our daughter here and she and her husband are raising their son here. There has never been racism here, not in the community, the schools, the Girl Scouts nor in all the sports activities we have participated in. Everyone in this community gets along, helps one another and is extremely welcoming to new residents.

When first the city and it's residents were accused of being racist and an apology letter and a DEIC was required, people thought it was a joke, then they were aghast, then they were insulted, then they became incensed and the fire was lit! How dare you call my community and me racist! It appears outside dissidents and those desiring to live in Manhattan Beach are the culprits. Ask any long-time resident how they got here...hard work, long hours, frugality, ethics, love of family and good friends. Anybody can do it, but you have to put in the work and there are those that choose not to do so....they want to create a problem that doesn't exist and then solve that problem which will provide them with power and wealth.

Steve, you ran a 2020 campaign where you stated that Manhattan Beach is not a racist city. I voted for you, I believed in you, I thought you had our back. Please don't make me feel you betrayed me.

Do you realize how abhorrent and humiliating this is for the city and it's residents to have to respond to the frivolous and nonsensical claims of these activists!

NO to being a racist city, NO to an apology letter, NO to a DEIC.

Thank you,
Kathy Taylor

Martha Alvarez

From: Shirley Hutcheson <shutch1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 1:13 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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To All City Council Members

I do NOT believe in what Napolitano and Stern are doing... What they propose will damage our cities reputation, not help it.

I am concerned that the BBTF is not doing the job they put forth in their mission statement.

AND I do not believe that Manhattan Beach is a racist community.

I believe the city has no longer any obligations to the Bruce Family.

By the way I am a Card Carrying Democrat who supports the Black Lives Matter.

Shirley Hutcheson
Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:55 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern

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Dear City Council members,

I was concerned about the tenor of the recent Bruce's Beach commission zoom meeting after hearing opening remarks from Black History Prof. Anthony Lee.

I recall him stating "colored people are run of of town" (in many places/in California/across the country/generally everywhere),

and stating, "Manhattan Beach is part of this larger story".

I was displeased to think that he believes and states that Manhattan Beach is among the communities "running colored people out of town".

Hopefully I am over-reacting/over-sensitive to negative comments about MB broadcasted to a wide audience.

Sincerely,
Jon C.

Martha Alvarez

From: dennymb@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Racism in Manhattan Beach

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I agree with the following comments regarding the phony Racism subject and ask that our City Council not send an apology letter for events that may or may not have occurred years ago.

Denny Gregory, 433 35th

Acts of racism by a few individuals past or present, does not make us a racist community

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- MB is a truly caring, open-minded, and welcoming community
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- We are a city of inclusion
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- We are a city of fairness and opportunity
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- We are a gracious, forgiving, and compassionate community
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We Cherish our MB Culture and Values:

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- Manhattan Beach has its own unique culture
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- We are a community that loves the outdoors. We bike, walk, jog, play beach volleyball, surf, boogie board, etc
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- We value and care for our beaches with organized clean-up days
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- We are protective of our small-town Main Street businesses that are predominantly locally owned
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Martha Alvarez

From: Vicky Maria Edwards <vickymedwards@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach - why this history is important to our City and my family
Attachments: FullSizeRender.mov; FullSizeRender.mov

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Vicky Edwards. My husband and 2 beautiful boys are residents of Manhattan Beach. My husband is also African American.

I have seen some emails going around with negative comments (to say the least) about the Bruce's Beach task force and it's mission and for me/my family it's particularly heart breaking.

We love Manhattan Beach. We moved here to raise our boys in a great community with a great education. Have we seen racism. Yes. Is it every day or even every week? No. But it is here as it is almost everywhere.

This is NOT about condemning MB to be a racist city!!! It's about history, educating our residents, and acknowledging what happened.

I feel my boys said it best in the videos to the city council that were shown in one of the task force meetings (you can see them attached)...when we learn about our past, we open up the doors to our future ♥

Thank you for your consideration,
Vicky Edwards

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Martha Alvarez

From: Gigi ck <gigikurz14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 1:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Leaders Condemn City as Racist!

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Dear MB Council Members,

I am appalled and disturbed to have received the notice of recommendations by the Bruce Beach Task Force 'BBTF' led by Councilmembers, Napolitano and Stern. Their claim that Manhattan Beach is a "racist" community is way off track. To suggest an apology is needed as well as a confession of admission to such an idea, is idiotic and has NO foundation of TRUTH. This is pure NONSENSE, and is just another leftist movement to destroy our MB community, a community that has always been welcoming to ALL people. The BBTF's suggestions have nothing to do with what they were tasked to do, that was never their plan. Their recommendations indicate that they have aligned themselves with the leftist DEIC movement that is sweeping across the Nation and the world, creating this idea of apology, and reparations, causing black people to fall to "victimhood" in society instead acknowledging their success. I am SICK of hearing about how the "white" person owes apologies to the black person. Let's stop this nonsense about white v. black. Lets not repeat history by causing division.

I strongly recommend that Napolitano and Stern step down from their positions as councilmembers representing the MB community because their actions speak otherwise. Their false accusations that MB is a "racists community" again is absolutely absurd and VERY OFFENSIVE to me, and I am sure to many Manhattan Beach residents. I would venture to say that the Task Force led by Napolitano and Stern are the ones creating this idea of racism and victimhood towards black people. Shame on them! Who are the true racists here? I would suggest it is the those that incite the very idea itself.

The ONLY APOLOGY AND CONFESSIONS should come from Napolitano, Stern and the BBTF members. Both Napolitano and Stern have crossed the line - REMOVE them IMMEDIATELY, DISBAND the BB Task Force.

i stand with the Mayor and the remaining councilmembers and "**OBJECT TO THE LETTER AND OBJECT TO THE METHODS ON WHICH THEY DRAFTED THESE FALSE ACCUSATIONS!**"

Gigi Kurz
20+ Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Horowitz <mike.horowitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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I am writing to let you know that I oppose the letter drafted by the Bruce Beach Task Force and the methods by which they appear to be circumventing a fact-based process. This proposed letter is misleading and does not reflect the views of our community.

We have many current issues in this city to deal with, particularly the increasing amount of crime in the community and the revitalization of the local economy, which has been devastated by Covid. As a citizen of Manhattan Beach, I would hope that the City Council would focus on these important issues that impact all of us.

Thank you.

Mike Horowitz

Martha Alvarez

From: manbchstud@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:11 PM
To: List - City Council; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force & Apology

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Esteemed Council Members-

It has come to my attention that the city council intends to send a letter of apology & redress to the Bruce Family regarding something that happened over 100 years ago. In reading the content of this letter, I am appalled at what it contains as well as the future ramifications of the letter itself. It was my understanding that the Task Force was created to research the actual and truthful history of Bruce's Beach and then re-word the plaque located in the park accordingly. I, as a resident living within a block of the park, completely agree. What is there currently is not enough and doesn't tell the whole story. However, to admit the slanderous things noted in the "Apology Letter" is unconscionable! Manhattan Beach of today is none of the things indicated in your apology letter. I have had neighbors of all colors, including black. They were friends and a welcome part of my neighborhood. I do agree with Section 4, parts A & B of your apology letter, and think that is appropriate. However, to vilify the city as a whole as being racist is just as prejudicial as the unwanted prejudices of this situation.

If this letter is sent as is, it will open the door to multiple lawsuits against the city as it will set a precedent of presumed guilt. Then the floodgates will be open. Yes, it was unfortunate what happened to the Bruce Family, however we must remember that over a century ago that was the norm. We can't go back in history to right all wrongs, we can only move forward today to make sure that history doesn't repeat itself.

Respectfully,
Larry Levine

Martha Alvarez

From: bonefish27@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] racist

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As a long time resident of MB, I do not see our city as being racist. Trying to cast us in this light for past behavior is not what this city needs. Taxes are too high already and trying to by off people with more taxes and affordable housing will not create racial equality.

John Whitaker

Martha Alvarez

From: Bret King <bking@kingretailgroup.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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Dear City Council Members-

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach and object to the proposed "Letter of Apology". I support the task force authorizing a proposal for an art piece, new plaque with an accurate description of the history, but THAT IS IT. If any of you vote differently, you will NOT have my vote in the next election

Bret King
2404 Alma Ave
MB

Martha Alvarez

From: Robert Tiedemann <tiedemann.robert@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce' Beach

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City Council Members,

I comment on very few issues facing our city, as I have found the city of Manhattan Beach to function rather well during my 45 years of residence here. However, the current whirlwind around the history of Bruce's Beach and the proposed apologies, characterization of our citizens as indecent racists, monetary and other restitution, and blanket public scolding must be stopped.

Here is where I stand:

- If City Council wants to put a spotlight on the history of Bruce's Beach, I'm fine with that, although I think City Council has much better uses of its time.
- I neither want nor need City Council to issue any sort of apology on behalf of the city (in other words on behalf of its citizens, including me) to anyone for anything. Period.
- I completely reject the notion that America was founded to enshrine racism which has since been institutionalized in Manhattan Beach. This narrative is false, yet it has suddenly been injected into everyday American life without pushback and with no foundation in truth.
- I completely reject the notion that Manhattan Beach has a longstanding informal practice of excluding persons of color that must now be addressed by a committee to oversee various functions of the city. This is a needless bureaucracy whose sole purpose would be to group people by the color of their skin and perpetuate the false narrative that Manhattan Beach is wallowing in racism.

I would like to see City Council support MBPD and MBFD, ensure the continued quality of MBUSD, and maintain the small town character of Manhattan Beach through thoughtful deliberations while carrying out the other legitimate responsibilities of a local governing body.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tiedemann

Martha Alvarez

From: Dace Svenke <dsvenke@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Brue's beach History Report

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Dear Council Members!

I object to False Accusations , The confession and Apology letter!

Presiding Council Members Stern and Napolitano should redirect the Task Force back to its stated mission: report the factual history of the Bruce's and MB in the 1920's, and recommend a plaque and art piece that reflects the factual history.

Also, The History Report should be divided into two sections:

- 1) Facts with supporting documentation
- 2) Everything else

Manhattan Beach resident for over 30 years

Martha Alvarez

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: Mike Sekits <mike@strandview.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 1:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Bruce's Beach. Please share with other MB council members

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MB City Council:

I am a 27 year resident of Manhattan Beach and live in the Bruce's Beach neighborhood.

I feel like Manhattan Beach and you as city council members are being blackmailed with the threat of being labeled a racist over your upcoming decision regarding Bruce's Beach (BB) I trust that you will resist that pressure and make a decision based on merit, facts and the law.

I think I represent the silent majority that fears being labeled as a racist or worse some form of retribution if we disagree with reparations or repurposing BB.

15 years ago, in 2006, Manhattan Beach and MB city council acknowledged the wrongs regarding Bruce's Beach with the monument and renaming of the park. One can quibble with the wording and details on the monument but the sentiment is clear for all to read in a public space. Although this type of discrimination was prevalent 100 years ago, MB is one of the few cities to make this type of acknowledgement and to do so in such a public fashion.

It's ironic that because of MB's acknowledgement the city and the park which is named after the Bruce Family not Peck, is being targeted.

Clearly the best use of the park is to remain a park. Any discussion around repurposing the land is an expensive mistake. The last thing MB or any other city needs is less public space.

You have been placed in an uncomfortable position but I trust you will resist bending to a vocal minority that has an agenda and do the right thing for our city and those that visit Bruce's Beach park. Acknowledge the wrong again, direct people to the park to read the plaque and encourage its use, make a formal apology if you deem necessary but any notion of reparations or repurposing the park must be dismissed.

Keep in mind that Manhattan Beach was originally a burial ground for native Americans. Are we going to next revisit how that land was originally "acquired"?

Stay strong and represent all your constituents.

Thanks for reading.

BRUCE

Bruce's Beach

In 1912, Mr. George Peck, one of our community's co-founders, made it possible for the beach area below this site to be developed as Bruce's Beach, the only beach resort in Los Angeles County for all people. Charles and Willa Bruce were the African American entrepreneurs who settled here, thus the name Bruce's Beach. This two-block neighborhood was home to several minority families and was condemned through eminent domain proceedings commenced in 1924. Those tragic circumstances reflected the views of a different time.

The land was referred to as City Park and Beach Front Park and later named Bayview Terrace Park through a community contest in 1962.

The park was designated Parque Culiacan on March 16, 1974 at the time of a visit from representatives of our first sister city.

The Manhattan Beach City Council renamed the park as Bruce's Beach in July 2006, commemorating our community's understanding that friendship, goodwill and respect for all begins within our own boundaries and extends to the world community. All are welcome.

A project of Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2003.

Best,

Michael J. Sekits
Mike@sekits.com

Typos by iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: luvettes@roadrunner.com
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 1:34 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council

This idea of a homeless shelter on Los Angeles county parkland is politically motivated. I take umbrage to Mr napolitano and ms stern speaking for all manhattan Beach residents calling us racists now and in the past. There is entirely too much name calling in society today and mr napolitano and ms stern somehow think that calling us names might contribute to getting the community to agree with them.

I oppose everything that their report represents. I especially disagree with the idea of the homeless shelter because it will diminish property values on the adjacent properties and will make our sleepy town more like Santa Monica. It will cause unrest and division in the community.

We are not racists and we are not systematically racists. Actually I believe it is reverse racism from mr napolitano and ms stern.

STOP this now.

Sincerely

Sandy Elsky

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Lew T <vigdor@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:06 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bruce' beach
Attachments: BB email #1 Newsletter.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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> To city council members

> I am a resident and homeowner of Manhattan beach for 35 years. Attached is a discussion of the Bruce's beach issue. This is a very persuasive piece and I can not understand how MB could be systemically racist. One should not judge prior generations by today's morality. Land was taken from not just the Bruce family but many others who were not minorities. I have read that the Bruce family was paid more than others for their property. This went through the court system back in the 1920's. If today the courts would award more so what. That was then and those were the laws.

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> I believe the the city council should respond to this attachment so

> residents can understand this better I am appalled that the recommendation by the task force is to build anything on a park by the beach. This park promotes open spaces and not density. Residents and visitors will have great trepidation to walk by this area and will greatly diminish the value of the homes anywhere near this area. Many of our current residents would like to live by the beach but can't but to reward homeless or those who are low income makes no sense.

> How does this recommendation make anything right. An analogy that comes to mind is when recreational cannabis became legal. Here the city council of MB made a decision that this was not the visual that the city wanted and among other reasons wanted MB to be a family environment without the presence of drugs.

> How does building homeless apartments create this. It is well established that bringing in homeless breeds drugs and mental illness.

> I hope that whatever the solutions are they do not include low income or homeless housing by the beach.

> Lew thomashow

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Martha Alvarez

From: Greg Vena <greg@venavineyards.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:04 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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Dear Councilmembers:

I oppose the adoption of a formal letter of apology for past incidents of racism in the City of Manhattan Beach. The BBTF has been tasked to provide a complete history of the events that occurred to the Bruce Family, yet there is an effort underway to short circuit that process in favor of this destructive resolution. This should not happen! Let them finish their work. An effort to expand the BBTF mandate should also be rejected.

My family and I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 23 years. The insinuation that our community is racist is the most disgraceful and disgusting thing that could be said about us and has zero credibility. The Manhattan Beach that I know is the most inclusive, fair-minded and supportive community for people of any background that I can think of. I support the pursuit of an accurate recording of the history and, if warranted, a change to the placque and artwork as appropriate. However, consideration of an apology letter that would forever brand our community as racist should be rejected by the city council. My guess is that this effort has been below the radar screen for most busy folks in our city. I will make sure that my friends and neighbors now watch very closely who is supporting this nonsense. Many of us voted for you to spend time on the critical current issues that face our city, instead of an impossible, manufactured attempt to appease the woke mob.

Please reject the apology letter idea and any further expansion of the BBTF mandate. Thank you.

Gregory F. Vena

President
VENA

Vena Vineyards LLC

Martha Alvarez

From: Judith Alves <judi.alves@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:28 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Judith Alves
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear City Council members,

I'm writing to you today to once again ask you to keep the task force on point.

I am all for the installation of a new plaque and artwork but am extremely distressed to hear that others want to do more - there's talk about a homeless shelter or a small hotel on the property. This would be utterly insane, in my opinion.

Please let the small parcel of green space remain as such as we have so little open green space in our community. We are already overcrowded - please don't contribute to our city's destruction.

As far as a resolution of apology is concerned, how can we possibly apologize for something that we played no part in, that occurred a century ago? Of course racism is a terrible thing, but our city (and country) is very different from what it was 100 years ago. Our community is being divided and it really is a pity. Maybe we should just be kinder to each other - that would be actually be productive. An apology? Not so much.

I am also hearing that the history of Bruce's Beach is not as accurate as it should be. I hope there is not an underlying agenda, but in this political climate, I am sure there is. Let's be honest and maintain our integrity.

Thank you.

Judi Alves

Resident of Manhattan Beach since 2005

Martha Alvarez

From: karendscott <karendscott@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:32 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Task Force

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Stern and Napolitano have overstepped the original scope of the committee. I object to the letter of apology. The task force must only present a proposal for a plaque, art piece and accurate history of the events.

Karen Scott

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: stan johnson <stanmnca34@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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We should not be sending an apology letter or confess to be a racist City because of what happened 100 years ago, if in fact it was racist then. Even changing the wording on a plaque will be used by the outside organizers as admitting we are racist. The next step will be to ask for the land or money for some distant relative who wasn't even alive when the injustice occurred nor were any council members alive. This whole issue is contrived to get concessions from the City Council who is pressured to be politically correct. If you don't limit your scope, you will be drafting letters, apologies, policy statements and having subcommittees monitoring race issues for years. City Council cannot control racism from happening in the community. Their only charge is to deal with racism within the city's employees if credible charges are brought. Stanley Johnson

Martha Alvarez

From: Kelley Storer <khstorer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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Shame on all of you! The residents here in Manhattan Beach are not racist and don't owe an apology to anyone!!!! We are an incredibly hard working community with both parents highly educated and hard working, raising families in a fabulous School district and neighborhoods because we have worked our butts off to get to where we are!!! We don't want low income housing in our neighborhoods and feel like the issue behind Bruce's Beach was handled in the best way it could have been at the time. We welcome anyone in our community, with no regard with color or race. Yes we live in an incredibly desirable area but doesn't mean we need to open it up to who was residing in this area many many years ago. Communities change, neighborhoods change...mb is a community where almost anyone would want to raise their family. Those that live here now have paid a fricken' fortune to buy a home and raise their family.... anyone is welcome here but not because we feel like we owe it to you from what happened 60-80 years ago. We all learned from past experiences and have developed communities where we are welcomed with our own beliefs and cultural values. Those of us in mb have our community and feel like it's an extended family. We welcome anyone who moves here as long as they can conform to our community!!! There are different neighborhoods with cultural values and morals that just might not apply to mb. So to each their own, but pls don't move here to try to change it into something that fits your individual values!!

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Personal Mail <stevfazzio@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 6:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: MB Leaders Napolitano and Stern Condemn City as Racist!
Attachments: BB email #1 Newsletter.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Dear Council Members,

I received the email below this afternoon. Even if some of the statements in the email are untrue, I am strongly opposed to the council even putting up for a vote items that were not part of the Bruce's Beach Task Force's original mission statement.

It is unconscionable that council members Stern and Napolitano let the task force run wild with outrageous suggestions that were put in writing and published on the City's website.

I am not responsible for actions that occurred long before I was born and many, many years before I moved to this city. Personally, I feel that it's not necessary to even issue an apology.

Please hold the task force to items in their original mission statement and please approve only reasonable suggestions.

Thank you for your time. No need to reply.

Sincerely,

Steve Fazzio
stevfazzio@gmail.com
2516 Pine Avenue Homeowner

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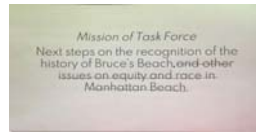
From: BB TaskForce <btaskforce.realagenda@gmail.com>
Date: February 27, 2021 at 4:04:29 PM PST
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: MB Leaders Napolitano and Stern Condemn City as Racist!

Dear MB Residents:

**Councilmembers Napolitano, Stern, & the Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF)
continue to falsely accuse MB residents of being racists**

HOW IT BEGAN

MB City Council Decides Task Force Mission Statement; A plaque, Art Piece and accurate history. <https://www.bitchute.com/video/6zl6CLoIMPg/>



Napolitano And Stern Have Their Own Agenda

Napolitano and Stern **defied** Council's instruction and did what they were explicitly instructed NOT to do. With complete **disregard** for Council's **authority**, they **willfully misled** the BBTF.

This Is A Statement From The Task Force:

At its inaugural meeting on October 27, 2020 co-chairs, Steve Napolitano and Hildy Stern divided the Task Force into three subcommittees. i. History ii. The Community Forum iii. The Resolution of Apology

<https://www.cityymb.info/Home/ShowDocument?id=45567>

Recordings of meetings show when Napolitano and Stern misled the TF regarding their Mission.

Video clip: Council Members Decide on the Mission for the BBTF:
https://youtu.be/yTXn_5vBlxw

Video clip: Napolitano and Stern mislead the BBTF Members of their Mission: <https://youtu.be/liQimDfN4Ys>

(Full recordings can be accessed here: <https://www.cityymb.info/government/city-manager/bruce-s-beach-task-force>)

On 2/25, Napolitano and Stern presented their version of the history to the public BEFORE submitting it to Council for a review and vote. These **subversive** acts by Napolitano and Stern, **operating unilaterally**, outside the purview of City Council, **violated** their oath. Their actions **mock** the very **authority** of our city's Governing Body.

JANICE HAHN COUNTY SUPERVISOR WEIGHS IN

She is hopeful for compensation and a direct apology to the descendants. The county's intervention opens the door for any number of plans for the Bruce's Beach property: low income housing project, homeless shelter, museum, etc.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/v6cud0l59jqsfp/BBhistory.mp4?dl=0>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ol3g20m0196yt8j/attention_Trim.mp4?dl=0

****A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JANICE HAHN AND TASK FORCE****

WHY IT MATTERS

Napolitano and Stern have led the BBTF in a subversive direction and now demand the City confess and apologize for acts of racism without evidence. They plan to bring their letter to City Council for a vote on March 16th, and if Councilman Montgomery follows their lead, it will pass in a 3-2 vote, demanding Mayor Hadley sign the confession and apology on behalf of the city.

MANHATTAN BEACH will forever be falsely branded as A RACIST CITY and an endless litany of reparations will be "justified."

THE CONFESSION AND APOLOGY LETTER:

<https://www.citymb.info/Home/ShowDocument?id=45569>

- "MB has racially discriminated against Black Americans resulting in economic, educational, criminal justice, and health adversities." They provide no substantiated evidence for this charge.
- "MB regrets the institutionalization of racism."
- "MB must redress the wrongs from the past to today's injustices and racial disparities to make MB more equitable"
- "MB intentionally excluded Black people from homeownership."
- "MBPD is a racist department and excludes persons of color from MB."

The Apology Letter Goes Far, But The Co-Chairs Want To Go Even Farther

1. MB is to establish a "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission" (DEIC) to act as an oversight arm of our government to which the City Council, Police Dept., and School Board will report. A DEI Commission gives unbridled authority to unelected residents with an agenda.
2. The City will build low-income housing and homeless shelters, and they have suggested Bruce Beach Park as a fitting and just location.

THE SOLUTION:

1. Councilmembers Napolitano and Stern owe everyone an apology: the community, the Task Force members, and fellow Councilmembers.
2. All proposals crafted by the BBTF that defy the instructions and Mission Statement from City Council should not be accepted by Council for consideration, much less a review or vote.
3. Only a factual History Report of the time period, WITHOUT rumors or hearsay, should be considered, as was originally instructed by City Council.
4. Any discussion of an apology for alleged discrimination from MB city ancestors should only be considered AFTER a factual History Report is submitted and reviewed by Council and the Community.

5. If the Task Force cannot abide by the Mission Statement from City Council, it should be disbanded.

CALL TO ACTION:

RESIDENTS MUST WRITE TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND OBJECT TO THE LETTER OF APOLOGY. THE TASK FORCE MUST ONLY PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR A PLAQUE, ART PIECE AND ACCURATE HISTORY

EMAIL ALL 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: CityCouncil@citymb.info

FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO YOUR FRIENDS WITH THE ATTACHED NEWSLETTER!

JOIN US!

- Several residents contributed to the attached Newsletter as a rebuttal to the BBTF proposals.
- If you would like to submit a 1/2 page letter, opinion, or rebuttal to be included in our next Newsletter, anonymously or not, please forward it to our email address.
- If you would like to volunteer to help with this effort in any way, please contact us.

WE BELIEVE:

Acts of racism by a few individuals past or present, does not make us a racist community

- MB is a truly caring, open-minded, and welcoming community
- We are a city of inclusion
- We are a city of fairness and opportunity
- We are a gracious, forgiving, and compassionate community

We Cherish our MB Culture and Values:

- Manhattan Beach has its own unique culture
- We are a community that loves the outdoors. We bike, walk, jog, play beach volleyball, surf, boogie board, etc
- We value and care for our beaches with organized clean-up days
- We are protective of our small-town Main Street businesses that are predominantly locally owned
- We value our schools which is the main draw for new residents with children
- We value recycling and clean streets
- We value our neighbors with neighborly hospitality
- We are diverse politically, ethnically, and religiously with Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, and Jewish synagogues and churches around the city
- We enjoy sharing with others our unique Manhattan Beach culture

~Concerned Tax Paying and Voting Residents of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 5:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Apology letter

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I wholeheartedly object to any apology letter from MB to be submitted by the City.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Object to Task Force Drama

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What's up with Janice Hahn now weighing in on Bruce Beach?

I object to any apologies, further task force meetings creating more tension and divide with any mention of racism, reparations, more diversity panels or groups or education, housing, etc.

I thought it was a fact finding mission and to consider some art and that's all? Why ongoing drama?

And if it's true there were more white families that lost their property to eminent domain at same time why is there even a discussion at all? And there allegedly was already a failed legal attempt by the family before? Where is proof of any racism?

Even if something happened we can't right every wrong in any community or this country. We should all be talking about moving and handing this land back to the Native Americans if we are following the logic of this absurd task force to pander to politics...

Peace,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Greta Kessel <greta.kessel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF

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Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose the letter drafted by the Bruce Beach Task Force. I also object to the methods that the task force used to draft the letter and make these false accusations. This proposed letter is not appropriate and does not reflect the views of our community.

As leaders of this community, please focus on governing our city. Crime is increasing and many go unreported. Residents do not feel safe walking their dogs at night. Manhattan Beach is a terrific community, please continue to work on the issues facing our city today.

Thank you.

Greta

Martha Alvarez

From: Carol Shafer <carolfinejewelry@gmail.com>
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--

Carol Elizabeth Shafer, A.J.P. (GIA)

Martha Alvarez

From: Gay Crowell <gaycrowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:07 PM
To: List - City Council
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Regards,

Gay Crowell
1126 18 St
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: cliff allman <cliffgolf3000@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of apology

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Dear City Council,

I totally disagree with the Manhattan Beach City Council signing a letter of apology and find it disturbing that our City Council would brand the city as such.

Cliff Allman

Martha Alvarez

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 3:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Letter to editor

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Council Members,

FYI. "My two cents."

Jon C.

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

From: Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>
To: editor@TBRnews.com <editor@tbrnews.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021, 3:23:36 PM PST
Subject: Letter to editor

There is so much "FICTION" fanning the flames of the Bruce's Beach legend and emotions. Last week's letter to Beach Reporter editor stated the Bruce's were (1) "driven out", (2) "under-compensated", and (3) "restricted from buying elsewhere in MB". The FACTS found by MB's multi-ethnicity commission on Bruce's Beach are: (1) the NAACP lawyer representing the Bruce family stated the Bruce's were "willing to sell the property ... for a fair price at any time"; (2) the LA Times documented how the families were "over-compensated", not under-compensated. Further, MB residents were up in arms against the MB Board of Trustees for giving excessive payments to the families; (3) the majority of Black families impacted bought and relocated elsewhere in MB. And, other Black families stayed in MB, too.

Maybe for effect, the writer of the letter to editor concluded "the park is a monument to racial hatred ... because white supremacists won". Wow!! I concluded, from reading/researching subject, that prejudice played a key role in the eminent domain action and can/should be realized. However, this park should NOT be a monument for that. Remember, many White families owned 25 of the 30 parcels in the eminent domain action and were impacted. Lastly, the location now is a park and two blocks away from the beach. So, it is NOT a Beach and should not be named "... Beach". It should have a "Park" name. Maybe "Reflection Park". That could suggest giving serious thought to our lives, other people and more.

Martha Alvarez

From: Janet Hilton <janethilton122@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 1:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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City Council, I have lived in MB for 35 years and found it to be a wonderful, peaceful town with nice neighbors.

i didn't live her 100 years ago and I do not feel responsible for any actions by the City at that time. No one is responsible for what the City may have done 100 years ago. It was a different time and you can't judge prior residents or City Council by today's standards.

My husband and I take our dog for a walk everyday and sit on the grass near the life guard station. Many families, children and dogs picnic there and just pause to enjoy our beach. The site provides parking for locals as well as anyone wanting to enjoy the fresh air and view.

We are very disturbed that anyone would call our City racist and suggest that we need to make amends for something that may have happened 100 years ago.

Where does it stop? You can't judge any history with today's viewpoint.

Janet and Hugh Hilton
122 13th St
MB, CA
310-5455510

Martha Alvarez

From: Linda Kupiec <lwkupiec@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 12:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH ACKNOWLEDGING AND APOLOGIZING FOR HISTORIC RACIALLY EXCLUSIONARY POLICIES AND PRACTICES AND COMMITTING TO REDRESSING THE ENDURING NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF RACIAL EXCLUSION

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Please get back to governing the city. The amount of crime is ridiculous and totally under reported! Cars are broken into, property is stolen't. Most don't even report the crime because there is no ramification -- police will take a report. We are installing alarm systems, locking our gates and our doors. Please work on issues affecting the city now and plan for our future.

This proposed resolution is not appropriate. Stop with the "woke" resolutions. Stern and Napolitano, your "white privilege" is so evident in this "feel good" proposed resolution.

Martha Alvarez

From: Tatyana Gurvich <tgurvich@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 8:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Apology letter

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I have been a Manhattan beach resident for 30 years. I have raised children here who graduated from MB Schools. I know this city well. It is lovely place to live. I also really appreciate the MB police Dept which works tirelessly to protect us.

Please do not waste time and city resources with this apology letter. It's full of ridiculous generalities and accusations of entire departments. Why don't you spend your resources on finding the actual criminals who burn down houses and threaten our entire community.

Political correctness has ruined many countries and is in the process of ruining this one. Please go back and actually do the job MB residents elected you to do.

Tatyana Gurvich, Pharm. D., BCGP
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy USC School of Pharmacy tgurvich@aol.com

Sent from my phone. Please allow for autocorrect

Martha Alvarez

From: Rosemary Ray <roray02425@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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You need a Town Hall meeting

To inform Residents of the facts! Disclosing the who, what, when, and where!!! We've come a long way since 1920!!! I do not believe Manhattan Beach, today, is a Racist Community nor do I want a handful of people on a committee deciding such! Prove it to the citizens!!!

Rosemary Ray

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Rosemary Ray <roray02425@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 10:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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I object to their letter that we are a Racist Community and object we be labeled such! It's a put down to who we are and what we've done!!! Is this how you want Manhattan Beach to be thought of and remembered? From what I've read the Task Force did not do what they were told to do and took it upon themselves to act in a manner unbecoming to the City of Manhattan Beach!

Rosemary Ray

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:47 PM
To: List - City Council
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From: "Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts" <brucebeachg... [Add to Address Book]

To: "Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts" <brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com>

Subject: MB Leaders Condemn City as Racist!

Date: Feb 26, 2021 3:22 PM

Attachments: BB email #1 Newsletter.pdf

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This is insane. MB is NOT a racist city and we have lived here for more than 30 years. It is a city respectful of many races, religions, and beliefs.

Fred Antman

Martha Alvarez

From: Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBTF letter.

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Dear CC as you know I am not a fan of the BBTF. I think they are a liability to our town. Please do not sign the letter posted on the city's website. It will only devastate our community and divide us even more. This door needs to be closed. Left open where will it end? The Indian tribes were here before anyone. Then there is the land where Mira Costa sits. Land that was taken due to the Japanese owner going to an interment camp! Please don't put a very large target on this town's back. This is wrong and does not represent myself or my multinational neighbors! You can already see the effects from this with the public letter that was posted by the task force member that you tried to reign in. When she was not allowed to participate in last night's History of Bruce's Beach broadcast she suggests that it is because the two leaders Hildy and Steve in charge of the subcommittee are liars and racists! I fear this will quickly spin out of control if not addressed in a timely manner.

I do realize you have not approved anything yet. Just wanted to share my thoughts and concerns.

Regards,
Scott C. Chambers

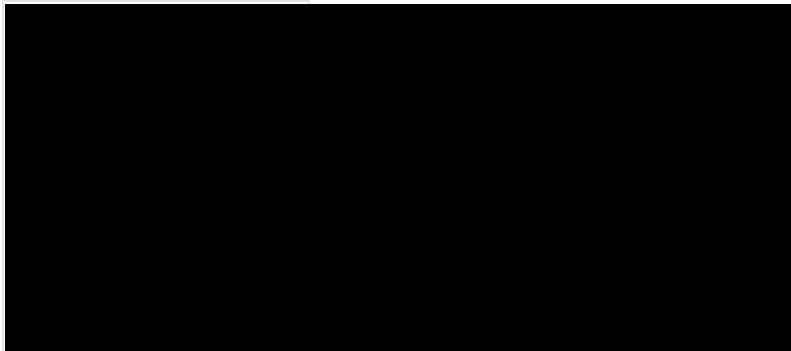
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Martha Alvarez

From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano
Cc: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Statement From Manhattan Beach Bruce's Beach Task Force Member

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[Statement From Manhattan Beach Bruce's Beach Task Force Member](#)



**Beach
Task
Force
Member**

A Bruce's
Beach task
force
member
speaks up to
detail issues
she has with
the way the
task force has
been procee...

VP

Martha Alvarez

From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Falsely accused

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MB city council, do you actually believe the crap you sling?

1. Do you even understand what racism means or like others or confused with the many like you who sling it around confusing it with minor prejudice within the community. Stop it and stop it now. Stop drinking the koolaid. I'll make you a deal.

I'm selling my white privilege card. It's 69 years old but is in mint condition. It has never been used, not even one time. Reason for selling is that it hasn't done anything for me! No free college, no free food, no free housing, no free anything, I actually had to go to work every day of my life while paying a boatload of taxes to carry those who chose not to work! I even paid my way through college!

If you are interested, I prefer cash but would be willing to do an even trade for a Race Card which seems much more widely accepted and comes with countless benefits if you fit the profile!

Interested?

Contact me on my Non-Obama cell phone that I pay for every month...

 Serious buyers only!

Stop embarrassing yourselves. Take off your brown shirts. Stop goose-stepping.

Rory OBrien

Martha Alvarez

From: Bruce Kuch <bpkuch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Honorable City Council Members:

My wife Pamela and I are not racists.
Please do not commit to any statements that say that we are racists.

Thank you for your accurate and sincere representation of our beliefs. That's why we elected you.

Bruce Kuch
1440 8th Street
Manhattan Beach
714 519-5985

Martha Alvarez

From: Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Hildy Stern
Cc: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's Beach Task Force Questions Not Answered

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This is from the Bruce's Beach Task Force itself. the task force is saying you and Napolitano divided the task force into 3 sub committees, which was not the council direction

<https://www.citymb.info/Home/ShowDocument?id=45567>

The Subcommittee Process At its inaugural meeting on October 27, 2020 Bruce's Beach Task Force co-chairs, city council members Steve Napolitano and Hildy Stern divided the Task Force into three subcommittees.

- i. The History Committee
- ii. The Community Forum Committee
- iii. The Resolution of Apology Committee

The subcommittees worked independently on their respective assigned tasks and formulated both work product and recommendations.

On Friday, February 26, 2021, 11:25:27 AM PST, Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com> wrote:

This is not correct attached is the screen shot from the CC meeting, crossed out is the last sentence (~~issues of race and equity in MB~~)

Also the Task Force did not create the 3 sub committees, you created the 3 sub committees. I have watched the videos and provided source. If there are other videos the MB residents know.

The first meeting October 27th 2020

Go to minute 20:00

Hildy begins by announcing the 3 subcommittees

One of which is the resolution of apology

Minute 24:55: A task force member asks for council direction and an excerpt from the actual CC minutes. He goes further by saying

"Before we have an apology we need to understand the history,"

His request is ignored by the co-chairs.

Full video

http://manhattanbeach.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=e9d241ce-22e4-11eb-a4b6-0050569183fa

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To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Drama

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Dear City Council Members,

Is there anyone who knows why I am receiving information and multiple emails regarding Bruce Beach Task Force going off task? Did you really release a narrative without City Council approval? I didn't see it, but was just told this by multiple sources and wanted to check with you directly.

I also received an email stating that council members Stern and Napolitano are defying agreed upon directives and allowing a group of unelected people to create demands of our council and city.

Is there a protocol or probation period for when council members defy agreed upon directives? This is new to me, but I was curious how that works because I looked at some of the footage from your meetings myself and am disturbed at some of the things I'm seeing.

I believe Manhattan Beach is a very caring and open-minded community, and what I saw in the video clips and letter does not reflect that. It's so bothersome to me I felt compelled to write you.

Best,
Kathy

Martha Alvarez

From: Paul Cunniff <paul.cunniff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:52 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WE are not Racists!

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Councilmembers,

I am in receipt of an e-mail that predicts that a "Bruce Beach Task Force" statement of apology for MB's "racism" will be voted on March 16th. Moreover, it postulates that " it will pass in a 3-2 vote."

I can make a reasonable guess at the 2 benighted Council members who would brand the city I love as racist. However, I can only pray that the deciding voter will demonstrate the same admiration that have for our community and condemn this calumny.

Sincerely,

PAUL Cunniff

2500 N. Poinsettia Ave

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Henry Johnson/USA <Henry.Johnson@cushwake.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I strongly object to THE CONFESSION AND APOLOGY LETTER

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You DO NOT have my support on this, nor the support of my family and neighbors.

This is ridiculous.

Henry Johnson
Resident

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Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:43 PM
To: List - City Council
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Dear City Council,

I oppose the concept of a Confession & Apology Letter. I've lived in MB for over 30 years. It's not a systemically racist town.

Bob Perkins

Martha Alvarez

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Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Hildy Stern
Cc: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force Questions Not Answered
Attachments: MBTF.jpeg

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This is not correct attached is the screen shot from the CC meeting, crossed out is the last sentence (~~issues of race and equity in MB~~)

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Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 11:10 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's Beach Task Force

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*please note I meant Manhattan Beach residents are INCLUSIVE not exclusive. Forgive the error. Appreciate your time.

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To: Steve Napolitano
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Janice Hahn Weighs In and questions for the Council

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Janice Hahn a third generation politician, who lives in San Pedro, weighs in on what she would like to see for Bruce's Beach She acknowledges the Bruce's property is on County land. She is hopeful for compensation and a direct apology to the descendants. She plans to speak publicly on the issue after the Task Force issues their recommendations. Will this be before the City Council reviews the recommendations?

Apparently she is following the issue closely.

The County should give the land back and pay compensation to the Bruce's

Questions for the Council

1. Has the City Council Co- chairs or Task force members had any conversations with Janice Hahn or her staff on the Bruce's Beach Task Force?
2. If so, did the task force member go in an official capacity?
3. Did the task force member make an offer to County officials?
4. Is it legal for Task Force members to negotiate on behalf of the City in any regards?
5. Is there any documentation of the conversations between County and Task force members? If so provide date, time and location of conversations

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/v6cud0159jqsfp/BBhistory.mp4?dl=0>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/o13g20m0196yt8j/attention_Trim.mp4?dl=0

Ed

Martha Alvarez

From: Larry Cimmarusti <larry@cimmarustiholdingsllc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: BRUCE BEACH LETTER
Attachments: BRUCE BEACH LTR TO CITY 02 23 2021.pdf

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From: Sandra Grunsell <sgrunsell@cimmarustiholdingsllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Larry Cimmarusti <larry@cimmarustiholdingsllc.com>
Subject: BRUCE BEACH LETTER



February 22, 2021

The Honorable Hildy Stern, The Honorable Steve Napolitano, Co-Chairs
Bruce's Beach Task Force
City of Manhattan Beach
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Council members Stern and Napolitano:

As a resident of Manhattan Beach for more than ten years, I wanted to share my suggestion for the Bruce's Beach Task Force to consider.

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While this may necessitate an increase in taxes for residents and business owners in Manhattan Beach, that is the most equitable manner in which to move forward. Statues and tributes have already been erected and the dedication of Bruce's Beach has been achieved. The Bruce family and others were damaged financially and we as a city and a community can demonstrate that Manhattan Beach residents are not racist.

Affordable housing or more signs are not an appropriate compensation for the Bruce family and others who have lost their property. Financial reparations are the most logical and just resolution and merit the Task Force's consideration.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Cimmarusti', is written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence Cimmarusti

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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:45 AM
To: List - City Council; %20cm@citymb.info
Cc: Major Avignon
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: Bruce's Beach Forum

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M B Council: I moved to Manhattan Beach in 1970. My wife and I raised our two Daughters and have been active as residents in our fine community.

During all the years since 1970 I have not witnessed any racial incidents or participated in any.

I am dumbfounded with the report that alleges that Manhattan Beach is a racist community. I reject the recommendations suggested to redress what happen to the Bruce's and other Blacks in and around 1912.

Sincerely;
Major Avignon
310-545-1107

Martha Alvarez

From: Richard MacKenzie <dr.rgmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:48 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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The Task Force addressing the charge to clarify the history of Bruce's Beach should keep to its original charge and not expand its purview to encompass other issues.

Richard G MacKenzie
2312 Alma Avenue

Martha Alvarez

From: Barbara Johnson <bjtennisdog@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 10:55 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach task force

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Are Task force council members looking to promote themselves for political advances?
I have been hearing they have been going off the assigned above task.

Only my assumption but I believe most people came here because it is a beautiful happy city with a small town feel for visitors and residents alike. Not to exclude people but to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. I didn't come here as a racist and have not become one because I live here.

Council members, please stay on your assigned agenda.

Show us you are worthy of our trust by staying the course you were assigned.

You can bring to council your agenda and follow the path that is approved.

A side note, If you find you could move to another elected position, please be thoughtful to the people who elected you. Complete your commitment before leaving your current elected position. It's a courtesy that now seems to be forgotten.

Thank you,
Barbara Johnson

Sent with blessings from the cloud

Martha Alvarez

From: Edward Gajdicar <edward.gajdicar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 7:17 AM
To: Steve Napolitano
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Dear Councilman Napolitano,

In reviewing the City Council meeting on 9/1/202, Council thoroughly discussed the parameters of the TF Mission Statement. After much back and forth between the 5 members, the majority rejected the efforts both you and Councilwoman Stern made to expand the task to include "and other issues on equity and race in Manhattan Beach." The majority clearly agreed the Task Force's limited scope was to research and report the factual history of the Bruce business and recommend a plaque and artwork to reflect that history. Nothing more. However, you both ignored the majority consent when establishing subcommittees to write an apology letter and create public forums, which both push the agenda of equity and race that the CC stated to address after the factual history was established.

Defying the Council is one issue, as it is a breach of your oath as a Council Member. But for our two Council Members to accuse our city, our residents, your neighbors of being racists, to justify establishing a number of policies under the cloak of "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" is a betrayal to our community. Using your authority as presiding members to mislead the TF on its mission was dishonest and a sneaky way to get your agenda in through the backdoor. However, perhaps the most egregious act is you had us declared "guilty" of being a racist city BEFORE the TF researched and reported on the factual history. As an attorney, you know a verdict cannot be reached until all the facts are presented, yet you instructed the TF to write the apology letter of guilt "concurrently" with researching the facts. "Guilty by accusation" has no place in our country, in our community, and especially has no place in our City Council.

The confidence residents have in attaining an unbiased, factual account of the history of the Bruce family from the Task Force members is now diminished as a result of your actions. The City Council should disband this Task Force, and consider forming a new, nonpartisan Task Force to accomplish the original mission.

I realize that you are an attorney and an experienced wordsmith, but no amount of "word crafting" will alter what occurred.

You both owe our community an apology, you owe an apology to the TF for misleading them, and you owe an apology to our other Council Members.

The good news is our community is a forgiving community. I can't imagine residents asking for your resignations, especially if you quickly rectify the situation created.

I have it figured out it is true you do not want higher office, but you do want to be appointed to a Commission and to do so you must approve the EDIC. You might be appointed to a commission and make money, but your home is MB. We have lost confidence in you as a representative.

Sincerely,

Edward G

Martha Alvarez

From: Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:30 AM
To: Steve Napolitano; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am not a racist

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I am not a racist

If MB is not racist, why do we need anti racist efforts?

Define what you mean by equity efforts?

How are the Blacks who live in MB not treated equitable and what parameters are you referring?

We elected you to represent us, not use the CC as a springboard to a county supervisor's seat.

Tom C

Martha Alvarez

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force - Forum/Presentation

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that the Task Force, with the knowledge of the co-chairs, has a forum planned that is being advertised by the City of Manhattan Beach on the City web site.

The topic will be "Bruce's Beach Rediscovered."

When was this discussed? Please point to the specific BBTF meeting and provide date and time point.

I was under the impression everything the BBTF did had to be approved by the CC. Please point to the specific CC meeting where this was discussed and approved.

What is the cost of this program?

What will be presented?

Who will be doing the presenting?

Who has reviewed and approved the content?

I, for one, am looking forward to the conclusion of the Task Force's mission; specifically to produce a plaque, an art piece, and an accurate history.

Lyn Fisher

Martha Alvarez

From: Louise Wolf <ldwolfpack@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:20 PM
To: List - City Council; Louise Wolf
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council ,

I am a concerned 50 year resident of Manhattan Beach, former teacher with MBUSD. I have read the demands of the group that is requesting changes to Bruce's Beach. I object to the pressure that this group is exerting while holding racism over anybody who objects to their demands. I am offended by the militant aspect of their approach and the accusation that we are a racist community. I hope the Council will not make any decisions until the whole community is fully informed.

Sincerely. Louise I Wolf
Sent from my iPhone