

# City Council Regular Meeting - April 6, 2021

Meeting Time: 04-06-21 18:00

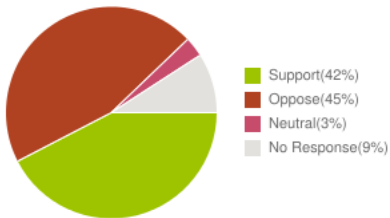
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - April 6, 2021	04-06-21 18:00	42	33	14	15	1

### Sentiments for All Meetings

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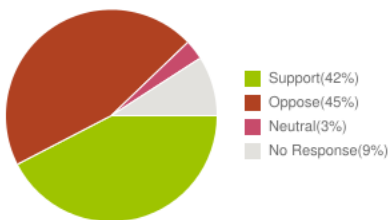
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. 21-0082 Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2021, as DMV/Donate Life Month. PRESENT	1	1	0	0
4. 21-0120 Consider Bruce's Beach Task Force Recommendation 1.4 (Resolution of Apology) and Alternative Options (CONTINUED FROM MARCH 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING) (City Manager Moe). DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION	30	13	14	1
G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)	1	0	0	0
14. 21-0091 Presentation of the Draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Through Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Acting Public Works Director Tai). APPROVE	1	0	1	0

## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

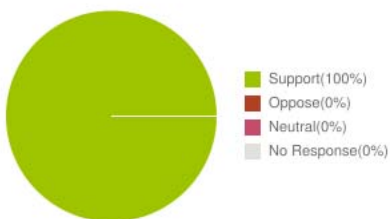
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1. 21-0082 Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2021, as DMV/Donate Life Month.  
PRESENT

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## Kim Muller

Location:

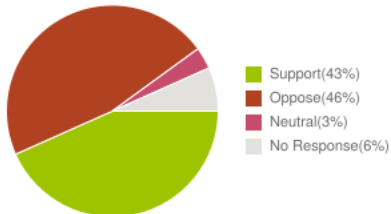
Submitted At: 2:38pm 04-05-21

Thank you for recognizing Donate Life Month. Roughly 23,000 Californians are waiting for a life-saving organ

transplant. Signing up as organ donor saves lives. My living donor changed my life in 2012 with her gift of a new kidney.

Agenda Item: eComments for 4. 21-0120 Consider Bruce's Beach Task Force Recommendation 1.4 (Resolution of Apology) and Alternative Options (CONTINUED FROM MARCH 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING) (City Manager Moe).  
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION

#### Overall Sentiment



#### **Alison Chavez**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 04-06-21

I support an apology for the illegal and racially motivated eminent domain proceedings against the Bruce family.

#### **Brianna Egan**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 04-06-21

I strongly urge the council to issue a formal apology. An "acknowledgement and condemnation" is far too weak and sends the message that Manhattan Beach of today is no different than the one of the 1920's. An apology will be meaningful to the Bruce family, and will allow them to begin to heal from years of trauma imposed by the city's wrongdoing. You have a chance to show the South Bay, show LA, and the country what it means to lead the way to apologize and seek restoration and reconciliation.

#### **Michele Reniche**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 04-06-21

I support the resolution of apology offered by Councilmember Stern.

#### **James Myrtle**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 04-06-21

I do support Council member Franklin's Statement.

#### **Bill Harding**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 04-06-21

No action needed on this now. Incident occurred 100 years ago. City should be focused on getting schools and small businesses out of lock down.

#### **atilio santamaria**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 04-06-21

I am appalled at the reaction of some residents of Manhattan Beach for what is just and only the beginning of much needed support for inclusiveness. I wholeheartedly support the resolution for acknowledgment and an

apology. I further support continuing the task force to allow more inclusiveness in our city. I guess you have to walk in a POC shoes in order to understand how simple this is. It isn't hard to issue an apology as a "city". Look in the mirror. 84% is an incredible number for 2021.

### **Kaitlyn McQuown**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 04-06-21

I'm a lifelong resident of MB and I support an apology, specifically Councilwoman Stern's. Our city was responsible for employing eminent domain on the basis of racism that has caused damages at the present not only to the Bruce family, but to our city as a whole. The City should be apologize for the injustice it enacted, to move forward in unity. There is historical precedent for institutional apologies, i.e. Japanese internment among others. It's the right thing to do.

### **Kim Brant-Lucich**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:18pm 04-06-21

I am a 16-year Manhattan Beach resident and my husband is a 40-year resident. We support a Resolution of Apology for Bruce's Beach. An apology shows that we regret what happened in our city's past.

An apology does not say that Manhattan Beach is racist; failure to apologize does.

Please join other cities that have adopted resolutions of apology, without resulting litigation: Burbank and Glendale, Tampa, Austin, Greensboro and Charleston (NC), Spartanburg (SC), and Golden Valley (MN).

### **Char Harding**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:45pm 04-06-21

No apology, No acknowledgement

Focus on leading today's residents with today's issues

### **Montie Taylor**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:15pm 04-06-21

I don't believe there should be an apology. The council members that want to issue some sort of Mea Culpa can as a personal apology. An apology made by the council should specifically name those past MB citizens they are apologizing for and state that the city, council and the good people of today's Manhattan Beach have done nothing wrong and have nothing to apologize for. No apology in the name of people that don't deserve to be treated like they had anything to do with past racist deeds.

### **Diane Hembacher**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:41pm 04-06-21

My husband and I urge the Manhattan Beach City Council to adopt one of the three Resolutions of Apology. An apology does not mark us as a racist community, but rather shows that we are a caring, inclusive community, sensitive to the needs of all residents and visitors to our neighborhoods, willing to acknowledge past misdeeds as part of an effort to be the best we can be as we move forward in the 21st century. Our preference is for the Resolution offered by Councilmember Napolitano.

### **Kim Muller**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:20pm 04-06-21

I support Ms Stern's Resolution of Apology. Adopting this formal apology doesn't make MB of 2021 a racist community, rather it shows an understanding of the racist nature of these prior acts. This is a teachable moment for us, and our kids. Let us show the rest of the country how Manhattan Beach did the right thing. Please remember you represent all of Manhattan Beach, including the 500+ residents who stood up and signed their names to the BR ad in support of the apology.

Please listen to us.

### **Alissa Marquis**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:23pm 04-06-21

As a 50+ year resident of MB I support Ms Stern's Resolution of Apology. The City Council should adopt a formal apology, not a tepid "acknowledgement". This is not an apology "to" a particular person, but an apology "for" prior past action, which all histories agree was racist in intent. The many attempts to portray supporters of an apology as radicals show how much anti-racist education is needed in MB. Council represents the 500+ residents who signed the BR ad FOR an apology - please hear us.

### **lauren harger**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:09pm 04-06-21

After reading all the versions of apology/acknowledgment letters, I have come to the conclusion that the City need not sign its name to anything at this time. It is impossible for the people of today to apologize for the wrongdoings of others. The city has already acknowledged its role in the eminent domain event of 100 years ago. Symbolic appeasement to special interests will only serve to embroil our city further in the current controversy, which we should not be held legally liable for.

### **Edward Gajdicar**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 04-06-21

No apologies, further it would open the city to liability. The sign and art work are an acknowledgment from the city. This is not really about the Bruce's this is about enacting a progressive agenda. It is ok to say 'No' to this agenda.

<https://johnanderson1989.medium.com/no-it-is-not-racist-to-oppose-blm-65c941e4596>

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### **Gary Henning**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 04-06-21

This was legally settled 100 years ago. Parties involved were compensated, and were free to purchase other property in Manhattan Beach, if they desired. Some did, and some did not. No need for any apologies.

### **Will Cherry**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 04-06-21

A Resolution of Apology is a misguided idea that will prove detrimental to the City and I oppose it. If the City must issue a resolution, Councilmember Franklin's State of Acknowledgment is correct: 1. There was an Eminent Domain action 100 years ago; 2. The community and population of the City of Manhattan Beach are loving, tolerant and welcoming to all. We reject racism, hate, intolerance and exclusion; and 3. Today's residents are not responsible for the actions of others 100 years ago.

### **Tim Vrastil**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 04-06-21

There is no need to apologize for other's conduct. The Bruce family had their day in court and had the ability to challenge any action taken within the context of a different time frame and a different culture. The present residents of the City of Manhattan Beach are not responsible for anything that happened to the Bruce family nearly a hundred years ago. There is no reason for the City Council to cave to the demands of, nor reward the individuals claiming to represent the Bruce family.

### **Elyse Gura**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 04-05-21

A Statement of Acknowledgement is not enough. It merely accepts facts. Please read the attached document for my suggestion

### **Lisa Lewis**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:33pm 04-05-21

An apology on Bruce's Beach is only a first step for the progressive advocates, there will be no end . No to an acknowledgment and apology, end this all now. It is irresponsible for the city to open residents up to lawsuits.

### **Margie Luong**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 04-05-21

I support the city in issuing a resolution of apology. I do NOT support Joe Franklin's statement of condemnation as it detracts and waters down the racially motivated actions of the city at that time and does not go far enough in making a pledge or commitment to stand against racism.

### **Michael Kiely**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:34pm 04-05-21

I am a 25+ years resident of MB. I support City Council issuing an apology for the City's racist actions a century ago. City Council was not obligated to delve into past misdeeds, but it did so and now, having exposed the wrongful acts, for the Council to do less than express genuine regret, through a formal apology and not merely an acknowledgment, would be to condone such actions. Exaggerated concerns about liability should not deter the Council from doing the right thing.

### **Ron Bassilian**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 04-05-21

I'm from Culver City, I heard about the vandalism of Councilman Franklin's home.

I offer a caveat on such an apology for this century old event. We have a similar loud minority that wants to defund our police and eliminate single family zoning, all in the name of racism. An apology on Bruce's Beach would only open the door for such campaigns.

I recommend a city PAC for those who want to stand up to this. Feel free to reach out at [protectculvercity.org/contact](http://protectculvercity.org/contact) for more info.

### **Judy Peng**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 04-05-21

"A businessman cannot force you to buy his product; if he makes a mistake, he suffers the consequences; if he fails, he takes the loss.

If bureaucrat makes a mistake, you suffer the consequences; if he fails, he passes the loss on to you." ~ Ayn Rand

Council members who INSIST on issuing an "APOLOGY" should fund their pet project themselves w/o having to the reputation and financial wellbeing of the entire city. Thank you.

### **Laura Kiely**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 04-03-21

I've been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1994.

I support City Council issuing an apology, rather than an acknowledgment, for the past racism that motivated eminent domain proceedings against the Bruce family.

Thank you.

**Diana Skaar**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:06pm 04-02-21

We are MB parents who have contributed to MBEF, Girls Scouts, and many community initiatives.

We ask the City to support the "Resolution of Apology" drafted by Councilmember Stern and NOT the acknowledgement drafted by Councilmember Franklin, which falls short of an apology and will continue to make MB look tone-deaf in national headlines.

We would like to remind the Councilmembers that the City Attorney has determined that an apology does NOT expose the City to liability.

**Anthony Tam**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12pm 04-02-21

"Respect, Equity (Fairness), Trust, Empathy." These words stand out with conviction of a collective conscience asserting the values, commitment, courage and moral character of a good people, i.e., citizens of Manhattan Beach. I understand and appreciate the arguments of both sides. But righting a wrong is never late. But reversing, or abating an unjust enrichment may take a combination of remedies. I suggest, for one, invite the descendants of the families affected, back where they left.

**George Zimmerman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 04-02-21

I am opposed to the resolution of apology, but would favor acknowledgement. According to Merriam Webster's dictionary, an apology is 'an admission of error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret'. Foremost it is an admission, and, as such must be carefully limited to identifiable errors. The BBTFs apology, as written, goes far beyond that, is vague, and potentially incurs liability for actions beyond the city's control and responsibility.

**Mike Michalski**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 04-01-21

As a 30-yr resident, I am opposed to a resolution of apology. The Bruce family heirs & their hangers-on are our adversaries, threatening suit unless we pay them tens of millions. They don't care about an apology except to the extent it can be used, either in a court of law or in the court of public opinion, as leverage to extract this money from MB, which will hurt this city and its current residents. If you feel a resolution is needed, please consider Joe Franklin's statement of condemnation.

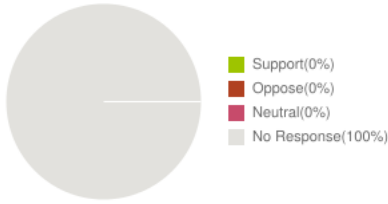
**Jamie Danis**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:26am 04-01-21

I am an MB resident and ask the City Council to support a "Resolution of Apology" and not support an acknowledgement which falls short of an apology. This apology is NOT an expression of personal responsibility or guilt of its current residents, but serves as an opportunity to recognize misdeeds of past city leaders. An apology demonstrates that, when an institution acts unjustly, it seeks the truth, apologizes for failing, and re-commits to justice, regardless of when the unjust act occurred.

## Overall Sentiment



### Alissa Marquis

Location:

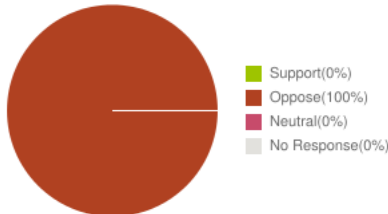
Submitted At: 1:48pm 04-06-21

Disbanding the Bruce's Beach Task Force showed that our CC does not represent the residents who appreciated their work. An all-resident, creative, smart group of people came together with homegrown solutions to bring healing to our City's racist past and they were unceremoniously dismissed. The situation begs for more education, and more intentionality by our leaders. Council should listen to the 500+ residents who signed an ad supporting an apology and follow up with Community Forums as necessary.

Agenda Item: eComments for 14. 21-0091 Presentation of the Draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Through Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Acting Public Works Director Tai).

APPROVE

## Overall Sentiment



### Gary Osterhout

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 04-06-21

Need to improve chip trail running surface below chips ASAP--if needed, use Non-Motorized Transp. Funds. Oppose: Ceramics/Jewelry Studio; \$240K for Rosecrans/Bike Improvements for no benefit--particularly w/ Measure R funds. \$700K for Aviation Sidewalk is unnecessary--bad use of Meas.R funds. Support: Moving proposed fitness equipment away fr. Mariposa area. Use special transportation fund revenues for providing transportation, particularly intracity transit-not road resurfacing.