

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** MELINDA MCKINLEY <lindymck@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach decision

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Thank you Council for not succumbing to the bullying of the "woke" culture and for being cautious with your wording so as to not bring further hardship on this city.  
So often I am concerned with the direction of politics, so I am relieved to be a part of a community that cares deeply, but is also aware of agendas that are out there to take advantage of social situations. Kudos!! So proud!  
Melinda McKinley  
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**From:** Steve Suard <sasuard@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:49 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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To Manhattan Beach City Council,

We support a statement of acknowledgement/condemnation rather than an apology of the racist actions of the City Council of Manhattan Beach regarding some residents over 100 years ago. Today there is no one from or of the same mind as those 100 years ago. An apology is meaningless when the apologisers were not the perpetrators; however, an acknowledgement & condemnation of the that type of action is appropriate to assert that the apparent motives for those actions are not condoned by today's MB Council/citizens. There is no one living today connected with those actions.

Reparations and to who? The actions had far less dramatic consequences than past actions against native Americans who lost much more land and lives, or Asians interned during the war, or Jews (too many examples to include), or life-long slaves, etc., so where does one draw the line?

Any monies spent to address racism and other inappropriate prejudices should be geared toward effective remedies to prevent them in the future and not to line the pockets of those trying to capitalize on past sufferings of others with no intention/commitment toward using the funds toward resolving the issues. A wise old message comes to mind that it is better to teach someone to fish rather than just give them free fish which leaves them hungry again in a few days. Education fosters productivity while hand-outs foster laziness.

There should be a national focus with programs to help ALL underprivileged and victims regardless of race, religion, economic status, etc. But to do this effectively, the oppressed need to acknowledge their responsibilities in society by making the effort to get educated and respecting our society's laws and values, and this starts at home. Any solutions need to require efforts from all parties to be successful. Only with effort on both sides can any program/help be truly effective and long lasting.

The problems of today are too numerous and vast to even think about righting all the wrongs of the past. We should focus on what is the most effective and provides the best bang for the buck, not singling out a few who we have no way of knowing how or how much they have been affected from deeds done decades ago. We have no crystal ball.

The work for unity and fairness for all is needed now and starts in the homes, requiring appropriate parenting on all fronts from the drug abusers/homeless to the top white-collar workaholics who throw money spoiling their kids rather than spending time needed to parent them. Education is key and there currently are no qualifications for or class on parenting which may be contributing to children growing into adults without good moral compasses. Reasonable inclusion and anti-prejudice of any kind should be stressed in family/parenting programs nationally.

Some families/groups wish to live close to each other in neighborhoods that foster their culture, etc., like Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Little Italy, etc. Is this bad; or only when it involves the rich...then everyone wants to build "affordable housing" in those neighborhoods which doesn't make sense or a good use of the dollars spent? America is based on freedoms, opportunity and reaping what you sow; no one's freedom should be removed as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others, and this works both ways.

Any Council that would intentionally put its residents at risk by apologizing/taking responsibility for acts done by unrelated others many generations ago are not fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to their constituents, period. Actions should show leadership and effectiveness, not kowtowing to extreme groups, especially ones threatening violence above education and respect. Any available funds could be

put to a worthy cause, but not just "free fish" to a few with no connection to preventing future problems.

Thanks for protecting the freedom to voice our concerns,  
Steve Suard Family

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**From:** Joanne Hadley <joanne@hadleybiz.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Steve Napolitano; City Clerk; List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CC Meeting - You failed last night...

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Councilmember Napolitano,

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Shame on you! After all this time and agony...Not only did you concede to the inevitable, you refused to take even possibly 10 minutes to at least make sure it was correctly worded.

Joanne Hadley

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**From:** Patricia Lundy <patricialundy7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I'm beyond disappointed that the council voted against issuing an apology in regards to Bruce's Beach.

You have ignored the concerns brought forth by your community.

This is not an issue that's going to disappear anytime soon.

I also thought the way you treated Hildy Stern during the meeting was appalling.

Thank you Hildy for your efforts.

- Patricia Lundy, resident of Manhattan Beach

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** bvatbeach@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:11 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Proposals - April 6, 2021 City Agenda Item F.4.

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the issues, the healthy debate and resolution of the issues surrounding Bruce's Beach. I know this is an emotional issue for many, and a political issue for some. I also know it is a very important topic in Manhattan Beach and beyond. You all invested a great deal of time and energy in your effort to find the right solution for our city, and I appreciate that very much.

I know not everyone agrees, or will probably ever agree, with the outcome. But the process was well conceived, complied with and gave rise to serious consideration of all sides. That is a tribute to each of you and the city staff.

I also truly believe that the decisions you made and the outcomes of the various complex issues surrounding the Bruce's Beach topic are in the best interest of the city and its residents. Congratulations on a job well done.

Thank you for all you do for our great city.

Regards,

Bill von Behren

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From: bvatbeach@aol.com  
To: CityCouncil@citymb.info <CityCouncil@citymb.info> <CityCouncil@citymb.info> <CityCouncil@citymb.info>; cm@citymb.info <cm@citymb.info>  
Sent: Fri, Apr 2, 2021 11:54 am  
Subject: Bruce's Beach Proposals - April 6, 2021 City Agenda Item F.4.

Dear City Council Members,

I urge the Manhattan Beach City Council to adopt the Statement of Acknowledgment and Condemnation proposed by Council member Joe Franklin. It is appropriate at this time, and presents the least risk to the city regarding any potential future claims or actions of others.

For the reasons set forth in my email message to you of March 14, 2021 (copied below), I strongly urge you to reject any suggestion that the City of Manhattan Beach should apologize for the actions of others that occurred 100 years ago. Any such apology would be a very slippery slope, regardless of the rationale or "good" intentions that may prompt some to consider it.

I think an Acknowledgment and Condemnation is the best course the City can follow to try to put an end to this divisive discussion and seemingly endless debate, not to mention potential violence and civil disobedience. Please take steps to put an end to this debate.

Thank you for all you do for our great city.

Sincerely,

Bill von Behren  
Resident of MB for 40 years

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From: bvatbeach@aol.com

To: CityCouncil@citymb.info <CityCouncil@citymb.info> <CityCouncil@citymb.info>; cm@citymb.info <cm@citymb.info>

Sent: Sun, Mar 14, 2021 2:30 pm

Subject: BBTF Report and March 16, 2021 City Council Agenda Item 12

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



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**From:** Nancy Simpson <nancy.simpson@macromicro.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Apology or Acknowledgement for Bruce's Beach

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Please know, this is my position on Bruce's Beach:

I do not support any Apology or Acknowledgement. Or restitution.

Thank you,  
Nancy Simpson  
101 N Dianthus St, MB

**I echo MBStrong2021 email.** Copied below:

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**From:** Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts <[brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com](mailto:brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 12:28 AM  
**Subject:** MB Bruce's Beach "Resolutions" opens the door to the Far Left  
**To:** Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts <[brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com](mailto:brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com)>

*We apologize in advance if you are receiving this email more than once.*

Dear Like-minded MB Residents,

According to the slew of emails we have received over the last 2 weeks, turns out MB residents from both sides of the political aisle are in agreement - they don't like, nor do they want, the Bruce's Beach issue being used by the Far Left to extort restitutions and push their ideology in our local Schools, city Government, police department or overall community.

The Far Left does NOT represent mainstream Liberal Democrats, Conservative Republicans, or "No Party Preference" Americans, but the Far Left constantly pushes forward to intimidate us all to stay quiet in fear of being canceled or attacked.

It's time to Unite and Speak Out for our city!

### Action:

- Email City Council members and demand they do not issue any Resolution. A Resolution by our CC only opens the door for the Far Left to use it against us. [citycouncil@citymb.info](mailto:citycouncil@citymb.info)
- speak up at the ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 4/6, 6:00 PM. Raise your hand by clicking on the hand Imogee at the bottom of your screen while on Zoom: <https://citymb-info.zoom.us/j/93376200363>

At the meeting, we anticipate Council Members will make it about an apology vs no apology as a distraction.

The real issue is whether Council will stand up to the Far Left and refuse to adopt any measure that opens the door to any future actions.

Since the last time MB addressed this issue by renaming the park and installing a plaque in 2007, no new facts were revealed by the Task Force.

Therefore, there is no real need to issue a resolution or take any other action, but Council is feeling pressure from the Far Left.

But let's be clear, the Far Left wants far more than a Resolution, whether it's a "Resolution of Acknowledgement" or a "Resolution of Apology."

Even the Bruce's Beach Task Force's History Report, purposely embellished with unsubstantiated stories of racism to mischaracterize MB, is simply a means to an end.

The Far Left has declared MB guilty of "systemic and institutional racism" and they want our City Council to issue any statement of "resolution" that they will spin as "evidence" to justify restitution and to take over governing our schools, police department, and city government.

**It is our hope Councilman Montgomery will take a leadership role to lead our City Council to reject the Far Left's demands and vote to not issue any resolution.**

### **Just say No to all versions of the following Resolutions:**

According to local BLM Far Left activist Kavon Ward, "We believe it is significant for them (MB City Council) to state publically that they were complicit and that it was their fault. I think that's important in trying to get the restitution the (Bruce) family is asking for. They have to admit guilt. And when you admit guilt, people are going to say what are you going to do about it? How are you going to remedy it?" *Interview with the Atlanta Black Star on March 10, 2021.*

- Councilman Napolitano echoed the sentiments for an "apology" when answering questions in August 2020 from former Mayor Mitch Ward, on the subject of Bruces Beach. Among other recommendations, Napolitano stated "issuing an apology by the city to the Bruce family and all victims of racist acts past and present" was at the top of his list. An apology has been Napolitano's agenda since the inception of the Bruce Beach Task Force (BBTF). Even when City Council declined his request to expand the mission of the BBTF beyond reporting factual history, a new plaque, and art piece, he ignored their directive and subdivided the Task Force into a committee specifically to write a "Resolution of Apology." And when residents vehemently criticized the Task Force's list of demands attached to their "Resolution of Apology," Napolitano wrote his own. He word crafted a seemingly more palatable version but his proposed resolution, as well as every other one that followed by others, contain damning words about our city that open the door for the Far Left to demand restitution and a Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEIC).
- Watch a 2minute video of clips from the BBTF recordings to get a glimpse of the ideology from the Far Left BBTF members and their plans for a Resolution of Apology: <https://youtu.be/XGDOOAs6JL0>
- Council Member Stern makes no apologies for her Far Left ideology and has written her own "Resolution of Apology" which includes establishing a permanent DEIC to "fix" the false claim of a "systemic racism problem" in MB.
- Councilman Franklin has written his version of a resolution by attempting to "give a little to get a little." By titling his version a "Resolution of Acknowledgment and Condemnation" and omitting the word "apology" he may be trying to protect the city from potential lawsuits. But by including a list of false rumors and unsubstantiated stories of racist acts, admissions of guilt, and commitments to future actions, opens the same doors for the Far Left to demand restitution.
- LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn's recent public statement that she will support some form of restitution to the Bruce Family was cleverly timed to fuel the Far Left to send more letters to CC demanding a Resolution of Apology.
- **NO RESOLUTION is in the best interest of the City of Manhattan Beach.**

## **Understanding The Far Left:**

Who joins the Far Left ideology? People who judge and divide Americans by skin color subscribe to the Far Left ideology. BLM, Far Left Activists, and opportunistic politicians looking for political gains are all riding this wave rolling across America.

What do they want? They say they want restitution but they want to divide us so they can govern our cities and schools. They have already penetrated and are the majority on our MBUSD Board.

How do they get into positions of authority?

By appointment to a permanent commission or committee on race such as a "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission" at the City and School levels.

The Bruce's Beach Task Force, comprised of many Far Left ideologues, wanted to stay on as a permanent committee and had two pages of damaging Far Left plans for our city, including a DEIC.

On March 16th, City Council majority rejected their request for permanency and their list of plans for MB. But the Far Left has not given up.

They are often unknowingly elected by residents to City Councils and School Boards.

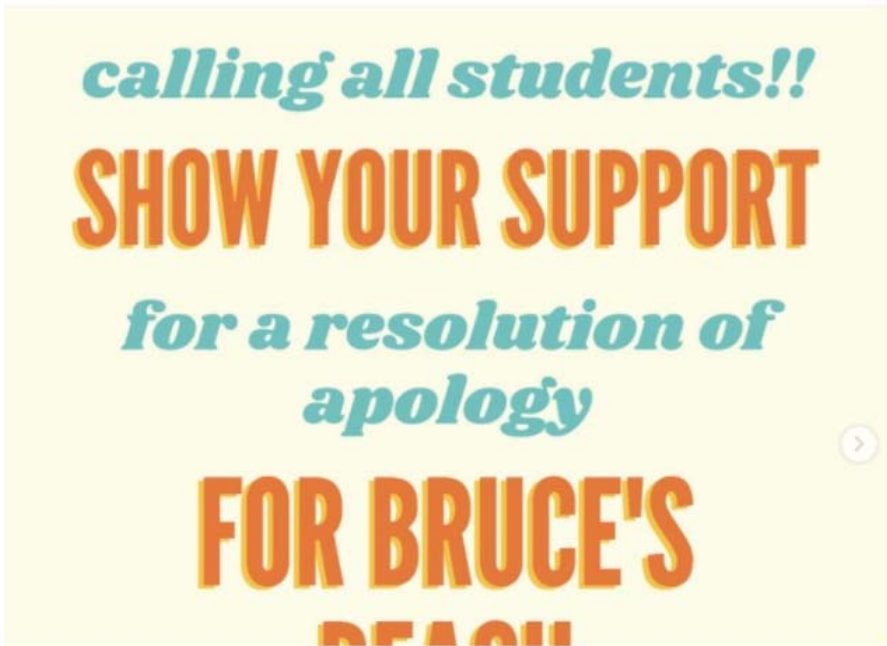
Our current School Board has unilaterally instilled a Far Left policy, with no input by parents or residents, of establishing a DEIC of unelected ideologues who hired a consultant to conduct a "race equity audit" by interviewing parents and students.

It begs the question, what are the punitive ramifications if the student or parent "fails" the race audit of the Far Left?

MBUSD is manipulating our MB kids into supporting their Bruce's Beach narrative with the following post.



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diversifyournarrativembusd ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!! We are asking for your urgent support of a resolution of apology for the Bruce family. This is not targeting one person, or current residents, rather it is a show of support from the whole community— let us show that Manhattan Beach can be a tolerant and welcoming community. Please take the time to email city council showing your support for an official apology. Reach out with any questions. #justiceforbrucesbeach

21 HOURS AGO

Hundreds of American cities have either willingly ushered in Left Ideologues into their city government and school boards, or they naively did so not knowing the consequences.

In the following article, the Far Left argues cases like Michael Brown and George Floyd are evidence American cities are systemically racist and concludes cities need DEI Commissions.

Several cities with DEI Commissions are listed in the article, including Long Beach and Sacramento.

<http://www.citymayors.com/society/usa-city-equity-offices.html>

Do a critical read of this article then answer the following questions:

Do you think America is "systemically racist?" Do you think MB is "systemically racist?"

Do you think individual random acts of racism define "systemic racism?"

Does a "systemically racist" country elect a Black President, twice?

Does a "systemically racist" city hire a Black Police Chief or elect a Black Councilman?

Police Chief Abell has been working in MB for over 30 years, and Councilman Ward served our city for 2 terms in the mid-2000s and still calls MB his home.

Interestingly Councilman Ward was opposed to a "Resolution of Apology" in 2007, but now is leading the charge for an apology with other BLM activists.

What has been your experience in MB when it comes to race relations?

What is their ideology?

The Far Left has redefined racism. It's not enough to say your against racism, you have to be "anti-racist." If your not "anti-racist" you're actually a racist, according to the Far Left.  
Some Far Left MB residents, including a former Mayor, illogically and falsely say of their fellow neighbors, "If you say you're not a racist, then you might be a racist."  
Bottom line, if you don't get on board with the Far Left ideology, they will brand you a racist.  
The following article does a very good job of pointing to 3 key concepts in understanding the Far Left ideology.  
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/08/10/3-key-concepts-that-woke-anti-racists-believe/>

~Concerned Residents of MB

We are a Network of many!

Join our email list for continued updates: [brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com](mailto:brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com)

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**From:** BOB DAVIS <rcd47@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The city council should issue no Bruce Beach resolution

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As a long time resident of Manhattan Beach, I vigorously oppose any resolution regarding Bruce's Beach. Any such resolution can be twisted and reinterpreted to condemn our city and to insist on further conciliatory measures. Punishing the present city and its residents for alleged sins of 100 years ago is absolutely wrong.

Sincerely

Robert Davis

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**From:** Joanne Hadley <joanne@hadleybiz.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Steve Napolitano; City Clerk; List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CC Meeting - You failed last night...

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Joanne Hadley

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**From:** Bonney Larson <bonneylarson@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:07 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** group  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Apology

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Please do not apologize. It will just make things continue on and make Manhattan Beach look even more like the woke community it is becoming. Stand up and do the right thing for the citizens that are here today. Manhattan Beach is not racist. Look around, there are people of color everywhere. I do not know anyone who is in favor of an apology.

Bonney Larson-Realtor  
[bonneylarson@icloud.com](mailto:bonneylarson@icloud.com)  
310-505-1793

Forty Year Manhattan Beach Resident, Homeowner and Housing Provider in Manhattan Beach to people of all races.



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**From:** Jon Chaykowski <rideformbef@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:36 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council Members,

Thank you all for your serious, conscientious, thoughtful and sincere efforts that each of you put into this very important issue for our City. From watching tonight's City Council meeting, it was obvious that each of you put your all into it.

Hopefully, and I believe it is possible that our City Council's actions, along with continued empathy, will allow our City to move forward and end the current divisive rhetoric and feelings.

Sincerely,  
Jon C.

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**From:** Ed Balazs <ebalazs4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:21 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** ejbalazs@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's Beach

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My wife and I commend the City Council for voting for the Acknowledgement tonight.

The issue would probably have been less divisive if not for certain activists and biased media reports characterizing MB as exclusionary to this day; and furthermore, demanding reparations, affordable housing, etc. Assertions by BLM and other activists to defund our MB police last summer were also totally off base.

Given all the aforementioned factors, I absolutely believe the statement needs to be carefully drafted to legally protect the City from further allegations and demands. The speaker in the public comments who mentioned certain people appear to be in this for monetary gain and fame appeared to be spot on.

History is full of atrocities. We can learn from them, but they can't be undone. Mayor Hadley's comments about the Mira Costa history were appropriate even if that involved the school district instead of the municipality. Why should we apologize for Bruce's Beach, if we aren't apologizing too to the family who lost their Mira Costa land or the Native Americans that inhabited North America before any of us were here? (I agree with the woman named Heather who made comments tonight about many groups suffering atrocities throughout American history and history in general.)

There has been lots of talk about loss of generational wealth with respect to Bruce's Beach. That is absurd. What about the other 29 families that lost their land, including four other black families. The Bruce family was paid enough to buy other lots in MB, but chose not to,

I live in the 500 block of 27th street. At least two of my neighbors bought homes on my block during the very late 1940s for \$6,000 each (25 years after the condemnation). One of those families, was the LeRoy family, who I believe some of you know. They recently moved to Utah.

Lou LeRoy's father was a Chevron refinery worker. He bought their lot around 1948 because he couldn't afford to live in Inglewood! My point is MB wasn't the appealing, affluent beachfront town it is today for years and years after 1924. (It was still fairly middle class through the 80s as far as I know.)

Thus, loss of generational wealth is crazy as it's unlikely the family would have kept their holdings for 100 years (based on ownership patterns in any city). Oh wait, a minute. of course they would have had the foresight to know beachfront property would be worth millions and millions in 2021! I could also perfectly pick a March Madness pool if I was allowed to use a time machine and 20/20 hindsight.

To Hildy Stern: You are clearly a very bright woman, but you are incredibly biased and epitomize those who are tolerant so long as one agrees with them.

Allison Hale: The link below says it all! (Had to listen to her complain twice tonight.). Clearly her behavior on your task force was in question,

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://patch.com/california/manhattanbeach/manhattan-beach-bruces-beach-co-chairs-address-hales-statement\\_\\_;!!AxJhxnVZ8w!eXmPv7IXHMThy4POZcA0DZKox82qNcRDILEY3nzeioCLJGOuy4wCeH1WGyWAeuT7z6WowA\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://patch.com/california/manhattanbeach/manhattan-beach-bruces-beach-co-chairs-address-hales-statement__;!!AxJhxnVZ8w!eXmPv7IXHMThy4POZcA0DZKox82qNcRDILEY3nzeioCLJGOuy4wCeH1WGyWAeuT7z6WowA$)

In summary, thank you for your Acknowledgement and vote tonight. You all have had to spend too much time since last summer debating Bruce's Beach, when time might have been better spent on keeping businesses open and getting our kids back in school sooner.

Fortunately there is light at the end of the Covid tunnel which should help local businesses and our kids are finally going back to school. Our kids of course will never get back the 13 mos of lost learning (sorry virtual doesn't compare to in person), so maybe they deserve an apology and reparations!. Same for local business people who lost their livelihood!

BTW: It would be great if the Bruce's Beach issue could be put to bed with the Acknowledgement, art work, and history. Unfortunately, the saga will likely continue as too many people are seeing potential \$ signs out of this (& perhaps the movie deal one caller alluded to).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ed Balazs

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On 4/6/21, 8:11 PM, "Ed Balazs" <ebalazs4@gmail.com> wrote:

We support Councilman Joe Franklin's acknowledgment and oppose an apology. We believe an apology sets up the City of Manhattan Beach for potential liability that is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ed and Jamie Balazs

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach  
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:59 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Acknowledgement vs Apology

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

**Site Visitor Name:** Ron Yuch  
**Site Visitor Email:** ronyuch@gmail.com

Hello City Council,

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1983 when this was a sleepy surfer town and no one cared about Bruce's Beach. Fast forward to 2021 and suddenly there is a sad insistence that MB is something it's not. Please make sure to NOT issue an apology! I am opposed to an apology as a resident and as someone who voted to elect you to represent me and the city. Instead, please issue a Resolution of Acknowledgement regarding BB! Thank you for your acknowledgement, ron yuch



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**From:** Catherine Bergin <kate\_bergin@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sometimes, an apology can deter a lawsuit

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Kate Bergin  
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**From:** Lisa Acker <lisakacker@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:52 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** montgomery@citymb.info  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Final decision for Bruce's Beach

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I want to sincerely thank each of you for your dedication to this city, but more specifically for being brave and of moral courage to do the right thing. I recognize that Council member Stern called out Mayor Hadley for the decision of "acknowledgement" vs "apology" for the Bruce's Beach City issue. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to her that voting for all of these great Patriots (Franklin, Hadley, Montgomery) were voted in specifically to be my voice. I have never had the opportunity to meet Council member Napalitano or you. I have attempted to attend a variety of events prior to elections to hear platforms and/or debates, but I never saw any public opportunity to hear you or the chance to meet you. I look forward to that day in the future so that I can explain my values and where they come from.

Until then, I commend 4 of the 5 City Council / Mayor. The four of you represented not only me, but my entire circle of influence and I appreciate you more than you know. It still shocks me that there are members of our community who can be so cruel with their comments. Look at which side these voices are coming from and know that there are so many bullies who simply make their voices louder than everyone else's. Let my voice and my appreciation drown out all of those hateful comments. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!

God Bless America  
God Bless California  
AND  
God Bless Manhattan Beach

May God bless each of you with His wisdom and convict you of His direction with each decision you make.

Lisa Acker

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**From:** Eisen, David S. <David.Eisen@wilsonelser.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:49 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Council's decision Tuesday night

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Thanks for your reasonable and considered decision regarding Bruce's Beach on Tuesday night – it was the fair and appropriate balance under the circumstances.

David S. Eisen  
520 N. Ardmore  
Manhattan Beach

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Thank you.

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**From:** luvettes@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:47 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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Thank you for using good judgement and considering the majority of the good people of Manhattan Beach. In this woke cancel culture where name calling seems to be the rule of the day, you're thoughtful decision is welcome. We are relieved that the bullying by the media and Bruce's Beach unreasonable minority were rebuffed by the facts. We are relieved and grateful to the majority of the council.

Thank you  
Sandy Elsky

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**From:** dnyznyk@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; Richard Montgomery  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thank you

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Thank you all for your courage in doing the right thing on the vote regarding Bruce's Beach. I know it wasn't done just to avoid litigation, although that might sometimes be reason enough. You voted that way because it was the right thing to do, something few people in today's political establishment have the courage to do. We are not now, nor have we ever been in my entire 41 years in Manhattan Beach, a racist city or culture. We are open, and we are about inclusiveness. What was done 100 years ago was abhorrent. However, credit this great country and the system under which we live, with the ability and desire to "do good," "do right," and overcome the things that separate us and try to push us into an identity culture where we are considered evil simply because of the color of our skin or the things we hold dear in spirituality, faith, beliefs, freedoms, individuality, and desire to make our way without the heavy hand of government and cultural elites shoving us along their path.

I applaud you again for stepping up, having a fair and open hearing, not buckling to the divisive shaming that has unfortunately become so prevalent in our society, and finally, again, for your courage to make the correct decision.

Darryl Nyznyk

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** Herschel Sarnoff Multimedia Learning <hsarnoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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Thanks for your vote against the insanity. May I suggest the city just drop any and all to do with Bruce's beach? There is nothing to be gained and much to lose,

thanks again

Herschel Sarnoff

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**From:** gaawatson@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach - All Lives Matter

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Council Members,

I acknowledge that what happened to the Bruce Family nearly one hundred years ago was wrong. All lives matter! I can not apologize for something I had nothing to do with that happened so long ago. Yes, it was wrong what the city officials did back then and we all need to know about it and learn from it. Shame on County Supervisor Janis Hahn for not learning the history of the region she is supposed to represent. Let us all learn the truth of history so we are not doomed to repeat it. I fully support a 'Resolution of Acknowledgement' and oppose any sort of apology by the city council.

Sincerely,

Geoff Watson  
700 26<sup>th</sup> Street