

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** srffmom@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:23 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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**Please support this noble cause.**

**Lisa Shurley**  
**26th St. Ohana**

Dear Council Member,

Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you!

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**From:** Tom Horton <tom@southbayboardriders.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Ed McKeegan; Brian Kingston; Michael Lee; DJ O'Brien; Buddy Bohn  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Correcting inaccuracies or misinterpretations from last night's agenda topic of the Catalina Classic Statue

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Good morning City Council Members,

Thank you very much for allocating time on your meeting agenda last night to discuss the Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue. Unfortunately, some comments and/or interpretations by Council members were voiced that are not accurate and the purpose of this message is to provide clarification so only the facts are considered in future discussions regarding this project. Many of these comments were made after the public comment period so we were not able to address them although we were raising our Zoom hand hoping to have the opportunity to do so.

Below is a list of inaccurate comments and/or interpretations that need clarification so decisions can be made on clear and accurate information:

1. **The Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race is an event run by The South Bay Boardrider's Club (SBBC):** This is NOT accurate.
  - The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce and lifeguard Bob Hogan created this event in 1955. This historical event was born in Manhattan Beach and is unique to the city throughout the world.
  - From 1962 to 1981 the race went on hiatus and eventually brought back by lifeguards Buddy Bohn and Gibby Gibson (RIP) in 1982.
  - Buddy and Gibby created the Catalina Classic Race Committee which continues to run the race today, and they are not a part of SBBC.
  - Part of SBBC's mission statement is to celebrate the rich surfing history and culture in the South Bay, and the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race is a big piece of that history. That is why we initiated this project.
  
2. **Why does the project need to be this significant and costly?**
  - The original design concept conceived by SBBC in 2016 was a single figure knee paddling. We intended to contain the overall cost of the project.
    - City Council members said that both a woman and man are needed so we added a 2nd figure

- Manhattan Beach Arts Committee later suggested we add a 3rd figure (which is known common aesthetic practice in public art) so we added the figure standing with the 16ft board
  - SBBC suggested a set of stairs coming from The Strand to the statue area for improved access and as added safety due to the 8 foot + drop off from the Strand to the neglected sand lot that exists today. City Planning said that if stairs are added then an ADA wheelchair ramp is required so we added the ramp and improved the landscape surrounding.
  - SBBC and most people who have viewed this final version, including the MB City Council in 2018, believe it is the most impressive and worthy design to be installed.
3. **The discussion that took place at the 2018 Council meeting, when the design concept was unanimously approved by the City Council, was that SBBC would pay for the statue and the City may consider paying for the stairs, wheelchair ramp, etc.:** This IS true.
- However, at an Oct. 21, 2020 meeting with City Staff it was stated the city would not be able to initiate planning for the infrastructure, if funding were approved, until late 2021 due to other projects already in queue, and therefore it was unlikely the infrastructure would be begin until 2022.
  - The idea was then posed to have the City pay for the statue with its available Public Art Trust Fund dollars and the infrastructure be paid by SBBC which could likely be done at a lower cost than the project going through the public gov processes and could begin as soon as plans are approved and permits issued. The City Manager and City Attorney were consulted to ask if this is possible and it was confirmed to be possible with a vote by Council members.
  - If the Council members prefer, we can propose a phased approach and the SBBC will pay for the statue. We can also eliminate the stairs and wheelchair ramp to reduce the overall cost of the project at this time. If the City Council is willing to allocate some Public Art Trust Fund dollars to this project we would greatly appreciate it.
4. **There was a comment made that seemed to imply SBBC's fundraising efforts have been lackluster:** A robust fundraising effort has not been initiated because we have been waiting for various decisions, such as last night's, and approval for the project to be made so we are clear on exactly what funds we will need to raise. Nevertheless, through word of mouth and very little outreach we have raised nearly \$120,000. The overwhelming majority of residents who have seen the design concept since 2018, when it was made public, are thrilled with the design and are excited about where it is being installed. The funds will come once a campaign is initiated, and since SBBC is made up of volunteers with busy lives, we are seeking an allocation of dollars from the Public Art Trust Fund to assist us and reduce the time needed for fundraising.

I hope the information above adds some clarity on how this project has evolved since 2016. If you have any questions or requests please do not hesitate to contact me or my partners with this project. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Tom Horton  
 President, Board of Directors  
 South Bay Boardriders Club  
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**From:** Ty Cukr <ty@tdc-tech.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:19 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Commemorative Statue Project

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To: The City Council Members of Manhattan Beach, CA

My plea is that the members of the City Council, vote for the certainty we long for and release the funds to start the project as we enter the New Year.

It is my belief, as a businessman as well as an alum of the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race; this signals to the residents, visitors, and merchants that we are investing in the future.

To commemorate the many individuals who have participated in the race since 1955, we preserve the historic reputation of the Classic and turn the City's heart towards renewal.

As a side note; the year I paddled, although raised in the South Bay, attended Mira Costa High, and surfed on Tour; I'd never entered the Classic. However, that year my father died.

With his picture on my paddleboard where I could see it for inspiration; I raced for him. There are many such far-reaching tales connected with that race; the weekend festivities and the legacy of those who have gone before us.

I will forever remember the feeling of seeing my wife, daughter and two sons' cheering me on as I paddled to shore. The memorabilia has a framed place of honor in my home ... grandchildren will know the story.

Thanks to all of you, for the hard and oftentimes seemingly thankless job you're doing.  
You are appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Ty Cukr, President & Founder

*Mira Costa Class of 1984*

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**From:** Matt Smith <sixthstreetmb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:40 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member, Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund. Thank you!

Matt Smith

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**From:** Steve Gaffney <steve@stevegaffney.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:54 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Statue

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote in support of funding the proposed paddleboard statue adjacent to the pier parking lot. It would be a wonderful visual representation of an important part of Manhattan Beach's heritage and its connection with the sea, and it will be an aesthetic attraction for the next several decades.

Thank you,

Steve Gaffney 445 35th St,  
MB

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**From:** Katie Hazelrigg <hazelrigk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:50 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES"

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Dear Council Member,

Please vote yes to fund the commemorative Catalina Classic Statue that Chris Barela will be creating to acknowledge all the women and men who have completed since its inception in 1955 from the Manhattan Beach Public Art Trust Fund.

Thank you!

Katie Hazelrigg Bark

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**From:** Rita Crabtree-Kampe <eurocrab@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:00 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Catalina Classic Staue


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Please support funding for the statue and installation commemorating the Catalina Classic.

Our town has had so many people join in this incredible feat and the community loves to gather to cheer them on.

Thank you for this honor for our town.

Best,  
Rita Crabtree-Kampe

Sent with good karma 



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**From:** KEVIN BARRY <surfkb2002@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote "YES" on Catalina Statue!

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Dear Council Member,

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Thank you!

Kevin Barry

**Kevin Barry**  
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**From:** DON RUANE <donruane@icloud.com>  
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Dear Council Member,

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Thank you!

don ruane

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