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**From:** Victoria Anne Peters <petersvictoria@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Cindy Hauser  
**Subject:** Saturday construction  
**Attachments:** image0.jpeg; image1.jpeg; image2.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

Dear Council Members

You've all declared you would be revisiting the Saturday construction issue and if I might suggest, please let the residents know when it will be on the agenda. It was a secret last time...maybe intentionally.

I live in the Sand Section, which was developed hodge podge earlier than other areas and consisted of many beach cottages close together. I completely understand the attitude of people in other areas not minding Saturday construction thinking more progress would be made and the project done faster. However, in the Sand Section it is NEVER over. As soon as one house is done, another one starts.

We have narrower streets, less parking and no foliage to absorb sound. Even if a project is happening half a block away it is as if it were next door. My suggestion is to eliminate Saturday construction in the Sand Section only. Let the affected residents decide, rather like undergrounding. When we were building our house we rented on Walnut and there was no construction anywhere around us.

This seems like a good compromise although there will still be the real estate and construction people complaining about the elimination of their freedoms. I am on 28th and it is awful trying to exit because there are two big projects across the street from each other on the corner of 29th and Alma, plus on on the 300 block of 28th. There was major gridlock the other day.

Please consider my suggestion and give our section some poorly needed relief.

~Victoria Peters





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**From:** Bedi Singh <bsingh2059@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 9, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Richard Montgomery  
**Subject:** Saturday Construction

Dear Council Members

I enjoyed attending my first City Council meeting last week on Tuesday and i thank you for tabling this item for discussion. It was good to hear different views on this issue.

As the Chair noted construction will always be with us...in boom times and recessions...as we are a desirable neighborhood due to our location. However, the quality of life for existing and future should be a paramount factor in looking at this issue. As you know i am a supporter of banning Saturday construction and i did not hear anything compelling on Tuesday to change my view.

All construction projects overrun to some degree, time and money. No contractor works to some precise timetable, sticks precisely to any parking plans and indeed even fully uses up their current daily construction hours time allotments. This is self evident to those of us who have seen this things or even done our own constructions. If Saturday construction is stopped the projects will still get done : probably within the same cost estimates, the workers will get paid whatever they were going to make anyway and possibly some projects may take a little longer but i am sure that is very hard to calculate.

We do not have to be a City that follows others..we can be a thought leader in this regard, particularly since we have very unique circumstances, especially west of Sepulveda. There is a lot of congestion with narrow streets and very adjacent lots.and we have a lot of visitors who want to come enjoy the beach and we have limited parking.

If banning Saturday construction is too radical a step the Council could perhaps do this in a two step manner? Step one could be to restrict Saturday construction to between 10 and 4pm and allow only "soft noise" work. You could monitor this for a couple of years and see if there is any real detrimental effect. Assuming there is none , you could then ban Saturday work all together.

In addition, i was surprised to learn that potentially we allow Sunday construction for owner builders.I would suggest that we please remove this concession unless it really is restricted to a resident putting up a fence and such like. At least lets keep Sundays sacrosanct.

Thank you for your consideration and thanks for keeping this a great place to live !

Bedi Singh

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**From:** Victoria Anne Peters <petersvictoria@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 6, 2019 12:04 PM  
**To:** Steve Napolitano  
**Cc:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** Re: Saturday construction

Thank you for your acknowledgment. It would be such a boon if you could be the city council that “restored the weekend.” It is funny that people claim it is “their right” to have construction on Saturdays. Reminds me of people angrily declaring it was “their right” to smoke and look how far we’ve come to ensure the benefit of the majority.

Banning Saturday construction would benefit more people than keeping it would.

~Victoria

Sent from my iPad mini

On Dec 6, 2019, at 10:36 AM, Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@citymb.info> wrote:

Thanks Victoria, you've illustrated perfectly why it doesn't pay to engage on Nextdoor! I've been surrounded by construction for the last decade as well. There's no perfect answer here but it will be coming back to us for further consideration...

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**From:** Victoria Anne Peters <petersvictoria@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 4:53 PM  
**To:** Nancy Hersman  
**Cc:** Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano  
**Subject:** Saturday construction

Dear City Council Members

I think it would benefit most of the residents of Manhattan Beach to eliminate construction on Saturdays and give us respite from the dirt, noise and big trucks for two days.

The main argument for construction on Saturdays is that the project would get done sooner. However, as soon as one is completed another one starts. I live at 445 28th St. and last year two houses, side by side were being built behind me simultaneously, one with a cellar, another one across the street from those and a major remodel five houses down. There were four projects going at the same time on the short block. They were just completed and now two more big projects have started on the corner of 29th Street and Alma, across the street from each other. The street, 29th, between Alma and Vista has been closed twice already for construction. There is no end in sight as long as there are houses to be developed.

Two years ago the house next to me was torn down for new construction. We got air conditioning so we could keep our windows closed, trying to mitigate noise and dust. Obviously you can't do much to eliminate those when they are taking place six feet from your house. As soon as that house was finished the house across the street was torn down and a spec house built in its place. As I said, never ending construction, often at six days a week.

I have lived on this street since 1976, in a small beach cottage. When I got married I built a large house. This was in 1985 and we didn't even have to put a fence around the property. Since then things have changed, attempting to make construction more tolerable. We were moving back into the neighborhood and didn't want work going on Saturdays, trying to be as considerate as possible to our neighbors.

Some sections are more impacted than others and the Sand Section has construction going on on almost every block, no exaggeration. There is always going to be construction but now there is more than ever and I strongly feel it is time to bring a little peace and quiet for two days. I know this is speculation but I think that if put to a vote most residents would prefer a normal weekend. The main objectors to eliminating Saturday construction are developers and real estate people.

Another point made by those same people is about elevating our property values. Our property values will always remain high. There is only so much land near the ocean. Personally I don't care what the value of my house is because it is my habitat, not an investment. I realize not everyone feels that way and that is their business.

Eliminating Saturday construction won't impact the city at all. It receives its same fees whether it is five or six days. It would just make a difference to people who live surrounded by it and I would hope the City Council will consider our quality of life. We live in a residential area not an industrial area although it feels like it sometimes.

A thread on Nextdoor has descended into name calling and personal attacks. There are two men, Bill Little and Michael Michalski, who have called me uneducated and worse. They don't know me but

feel free to insult me. One sells real estate and the other is a contractor. I am merely a resident who would appreciate two days of peace.

Respectfully yours,

Victoria Peters

445 28th St.

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**From:** Ray Joseph <homes@rayjoseph.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:40 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** Saturday Construction Small Jobs

One of the challenges of doing small projects is getting contractors to work on them. I have noticed on projects on my house and friends houses contractors will do these small jobs on Saturdays so not to distract from their major projects. I have had tiling, stucco, deck repair, electrical... you name it done on Saturdays.

Another area where Saturdays are important is either getting a property ready to be placed on the market for sale where time to market is an issue. The other is for buyers of a home where they want to make improvement prior to moving in such as refinishing floors, painting, window treatments, having a handyman making various repairs etc all of which is time sensitive.

Needless to say eliminating Saturdays will be a major impact to our community. It's not limited to major construction. It is very complex and the impact is far reaching.

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Kind Regards,

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**From:** Alexandria Latragna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:58 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Saturday construction

BCC: City Council

Hello,

Staff will respond to the request below.

Thank you,

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**From:** Victoria Peters <petersvictoria55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** List - City Council <CityCouncil@citymb.info>  
**Subject:** Saturday construction

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~Victoria Peters

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**From:** Ray Joseph <homes@rayjoseph.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 10:46 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** Saturday Construction

First of all there is nothing fun about construction. I jokingly tell my clients "Do you know how to tell you are done with your house? You sell it and it's someone else's problem." Houses require maintenance and improvements. When I see a construction truck I know someone is thrilled they are showing up. I personally do not mind being inconvenienced for a neighbor, I think that's what good neighbors do.

Eliminating Saturday and adding an hour weekdays I don't think would help. First it's useless in the winter because the days are not long enough and they can't work in the dark. Second, construction is very physical and you can't expect these guys to work 9-10 hour days. Sure office workers can put in extra hours but constructing guys doing physical labor in the elements. Another factor is the weather. What if it rains during the week and they can't work and earn money? Saturday is the only opportunity to catch up.

Have you ever tried to hire a roofer in the rainy season? Trust me you want them working Saturdays. What if you want to put a pool in while your kids are young? What if you are trying to get a remodel or addition completed before a baby is due. What if you need to make changes for the elderly or handicap? I remember going to my grandmothers house to install railings all over the house (on a Saturday) to keep her from falling.

I have personally done construction work (mostly on my own homes) and it's not easy. If they need a Saturday to work we should let them, There are too many variables to legislate and get it right.

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**From:** Christa Lyons <christamlyons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** Saturday Work Hours

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing with regards to the possibility of stopping construction hours on Saturdays. I am assuming the reasoning behind this being brought up is to prevent construction noise on Saturdays. I have had construction going on near my home and I understand the disruption it causes, but, construction and development is an unavoidable part of life when living in a highly sought after, affluent area such as Manhattan Beach.

I strongly oppose eliminating Saturday Construction for reasons I stated in my previous email regarding this issue, BUT I feel compelled to write again and express what I believe is the most important reason..the impact this will have on the salaries of the workers.

This IS the most important reason NOT to stop construction hours on Saturday..what about the workers? Are we really going to take food off of the tables of people willing to work so hard that they only get one day off a week? Is that who Manhattan Beach is? Is the temporary noise so disruptive that you are ok with taking all those hours away from that many workers? Think of the impact of those lost wages from all those hard working people willing to go the extra mile and work on a Saturday. When I think about it like that, it embarrasses me that anyone would complain.

We are already blessed to be able to afford to live here. Dealing with noise that creates hundreds of jobs should not be something we are complaining about. This would be a terrible idea for Manhattan Beach.

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**From:** Ray Joseph <homes@rayjoseph.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:39 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** Allow Saturday construction

Do NOT BLOCK Saturday construction. That is bad in many ways.

- Due to limited parking in some areas it reduces the number of workers in a construction already.
- This would hurt the little guy - the hourly workers working on the jobs.
- Increases the length of construction
- The city should do things to speed construction projects not slow them

We are lucky to live in a community where people are either improving or building new homes. Don't kill it!!!

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