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**From:** Kim Brant-Lucich <kbrant007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** Bruces Beach Task Force; List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Plaque Language

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Dear Bruce's Beach Task Force and City Council,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I strongly support the work of the Bruce's Beach History Advisory Board and the plaque language proposed. The HAB followed the direction of City Council to draft a factual account of the Bruce story, based upon the History Report that was previously accepted by City Council. The substance and tone of the plaque language is appropriate.

I urge City Council to accept the plaque language and move forward with replacing the historically inaccurate plaque currently standing at Bruce's Beach Park. Residents and visitors visit the renowned Bruce's Beach to view the location, park and plaques and honor history. Please display our history accurately.

Regards,

Kim Brant-Lucich

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**From:** Taylor Gamble <taylormgamble@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** Bruces Beach Task Force  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for proposed plaque language

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Bruce's Beach HAB:

Thank you all for your continued dedication to ensuring the factual account of the events that took place at Bruce's Beach a century ago. Your countless hours of research, and time spent making tedious revisions based on suggestions by experts in the field, is clearly evident in the final proposed work product. I would like to make the following clear:

- I support the work of the HAB and the proposed language for the plaque.
- The HAB followed the direction of City Council to draft a factual account of the Bruce story based upon the History Report that was previously accepted by City Council.
- I find the substance and tone of the plaque language to be appropriate.

I urge the City Council to accept the plaque language and move forward with replacing the historically inaccurate plaque that is currently standing at Bruce's Beach Park. Thank you again to the HAB members whose continued dedication to this process is truly admirable.

Best,

Taylor Gamble  
Manhattan Beach Resident

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**From:** Lana Rizika <lanarizika@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Bruces Beach Task Force  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Plaque language

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To the Members of the Committee:

I support the language for the Bruce's Beach plaque as presented today. These have been composed by the HAB, who spent countless hours researching the history. We must not be afraid to look at our shared history and report it accurately, for it is only in its examination that we can learn and move forward towards a more diverse, more tolerant community.

Please do not shy away from factual reporting, including keeping scary words such as Jim Crow, Negro Invasion, and the KKK. This is our history, and not stating these facts will, in effect, "whitewash" this history, which is what the current plaque that we are replacing has already done.

We need to move ahead with accurate, factual wording on the plaque so all can learn what really happened. I urge you to accept the current plaque wording and move forward.

Thank you-  
Lana Rizika  
Former Bruce's Beach Task Force Member

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**From:** Garraway, Isla P. <IGarraway@mednet.ucla.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:06 AM  
**To:** Bruces Beach Task Force  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Regarding Plaque Language

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Hello my dear friends and neighbors serving on the HAB.

I admire your diligence and commitment as you continue to draft plaque language that reflects an accurate account of the events and racial climate surrounding the eminent domain proceedings at Bruce's Beach. I know that there is extreme pressure to overlook the sobering indignities that African Americans experienced in Manhattan Beach during the Jim Crow era and craft an unsupported narrative of the city's exceptional racial tolerance during the time of "separate but equal." I know all the hard work that you undertook to seek open, transparent collaboration from members of the Manhattan Beach community, internationally known academic scholars, historians, and stakeholders from the impacted families is now being inaccurately portrayed as some sort of partisan collusion. However, the archival documents that you have assembled support the plaque content and tone you have composed. Please remain steadfast in your process and know that so many of your fellow neighbors in Manhattan Beach support you. Please continue to highlight the factual documents you have compiled and be that shining example of how empathy is a critical feature of humanity, paving the way for acceptance, forgiveness, and growth. Thank you!

Isla Garraway

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