

City Council Regular Meeting - October 5, 2021

Meeting Time: 10-05-21 18:00

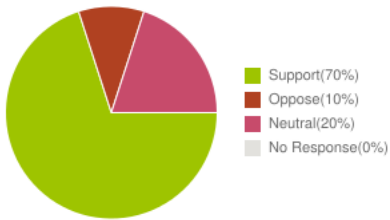
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - October 5, 2021	10-05-21 18:00	40	10	7	1	2

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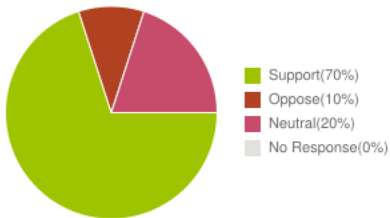
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!	6	6	0	0
D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR	1	1	0	0
5. 21-0181 Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of October 2021, as National Community Planning Month. PRESENT	1	0	0	1
13. 21-0309 Consideration of Reduction in Size of Temporary Encroachment Areas for Street Dining for COVID-19 Purposes, Effective November 1, 2021 (Community Development Director Tai). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	2	0	1	1

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

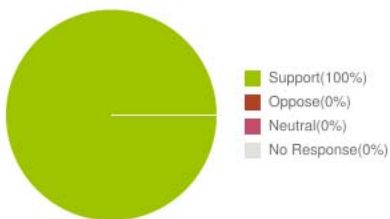
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Agenda Item: eComments for MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!

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Jen Dohner

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 10-05-21

I just wanted to take this opportunity to circle back with the City Council about the many False Anonymous Opinion Emails circulating around Manhattan Beach. You may have heard by now that one was released over the weekend attempting to defame MBUSD Board President Jen Fenton. This should be a familiar pattern, by now to

this council, after cowardly anonymous emails and ads circulated regarding Bruce's Beach. As someone who has also been falsely accused by name in letters like these, I'd like to re-iterate that they do not belong in our public discourse. They also have the potential to cause real harm to their targets under false pretenses. Arguments should be won on their merits, not with cowardly lies that people don't even bother to claim as their own. I truly hope the silence from some of you thus far is not to avoid upsetting your supporters. Please join me in denouncing this practice and asking the residents of MB to get their information from more reliable sources.

Margaret Ng

Location:

Submitted At: 3:52pm 10-05-21

Hello City Council of Manhattan Beach,

I've been a resident of MB for 5 years. I have a 9 year old in Pennekamp. I made the decision on a longer commute so that my daughter can grow up in a small community and learn in a top-notch school. The world is changing so fast and we are global. Our children would benefit so much from what EDSJI education could bring. We have an awesome opportunity to discuss this and understand it more as parents, school administrators and teachers. We can do what is right for kids for their future.

I'm frankly shocked at the tactics and the behavior of an anonymous group who is attacking the School Board and attacking EDSJI teachings in school. It's one thing to disagree. We can debate. We can listen to each other. But what I'm seeing is slanderous, libelous and frankly, really immature!

Let's support our hard working, dedicated School Board.
Let's stand against hate and immature, dangerous tactics.
Let's support healthy debate and discussion.

D Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 10-05-21

We moved to MB over 20 years ago and were excited to have our kids go to the excellent public schools here. We have always been proud that our school district has tried to be as inclusive as possible and whenever incidents have shown otherwise, they have strived to improve. Our boys are now at top tier colleges thanks to our wonderful school district. We need to stop attacks on our school board and the low level of nasty name calling that they have gone down to. These people are not school experts, may not have kids in the school system nor be residents. We want to especially thank Jen Fenton who has been the recipient of their slanderous campaign and offer praise for always taking the high road and advocating for civil discourse while keeping the focus on ensuring academic excellence. Thank you to the school board, our school administration and wonderful teachers. These terrible attacks have been unacceptable and we do appreciate you.

Take care,
The Choromanski Family

Christina Shivpuri

Location:

Submitted At: 12:31pm 10-05-21

I am a resident of 11 years and I stand against the false spoken statements I have witnessed and read against our city's elected officials. I fully support the elected MBUSD Board of Trustees and their goal "To continue to develop a climate of care, equity, diversity, social justice, and inclusion in all MBUSD schools." I am also aware of an anonymous group that would like to ban the MBUSD Equity, Diversity Social Justice and Inclusion Committee. Since we are at the early stages of getting to know what support our students, faculty and staff need, this is a time to champion it. EDSJI is not destroying the quality of our student's education. In fact, it is a key part in developing a rigorous curriculum that focuses on critical thinking skills. I stand against harmful gestures, hurtful slurs, or worse in our community. I recognize there is work to do as we stand against unwarranted hate and slander. I support a "more kind" tomorrow. Thank you.

Brenda OLeary

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 10-05-21

Dear City Council –

I'm writing in support of EDSJI education in our schools. Unfortunately speaking out in support of this also means denouncing our local hate group, which seems to have made EDSJI the hate flavor of the day. Hate has no place here in our beautiful small town of fairs, fireworks and greeting your neighbor at Noah's. It's time for EVERYONE in our community to come together and stand up to hate as one voice.

The fact that we now must debate teaching EDSJI in our schools because this hate group yanked their heads out of the sand about a decade too late is beyond ridiculous. That GLOBAL ship sailed long, long ago. Diversity and inclusion is one of the hottest topics in corporate America today. Sending our kids off to college and into the business world without knowledge of diversity and inclusion is akin to sending them out of the Bubble without knowledge of a computer.

Thank you for your leadership,
Brenda O'Leary

Diana Skaar

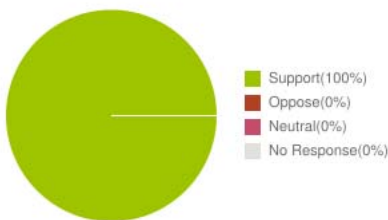
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Submitted At: 11:45am 10-05-21

I'm very concerned with the rise of slander, defamation and cyber-bullying being shown to our elected School Board officials who volunteer their time and work tirelessly to ensure excellence in our education system. My family moved to MB for its excellent school district. There is a current movement impacting school boards across the country that is strongly advocating AGAINST inclusion efforts in schools. The idea that Equity is incompatible with Excellence in Education is a misguided notion. The idea that Diversity lowers academic standards is false. I am concerned that there are a few (but vocal) misguided MB residents on this. I'm more concerned that anonymous groups like 'WeTheParentsMB' are demonstrating increased vitriol against our elected officials trying to bully them into resignation. City Councilmembers, please speak out against this. We all want the same things: Excellence in Education. A welcoming and inclusive MB. But we need to be able to engage in civil discourse.

Agenda Item: eComments for D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Overall Sentiment



D Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 10-05-21

Dear City Council- am so happy to have a Mayor now that spreads peace and promotes kindness in our city. Much needed after so much bad press and division created with our last Mayor. Kudos to Mayor Stern and congrats to the Serotas for spreading kindness :)

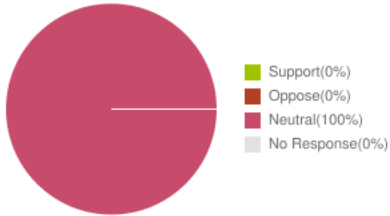
Take care,
Donna Thomas

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. 21-0181

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of October 2021, as National Community Planning Month.

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Gary Osterhout

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10am 10-05-21

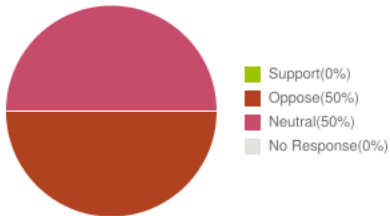
I look forward to us doing some city planning. A great idea!

Agenda Item: eComments for 13. 21-0309

Consideration of Reduction in Size of Temporary Encroachment Areas for Street Dining for COVID-19 Purposes, Effective November 1, 2021 (Community Development Director Tai).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

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Gary Osterhout

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 10-05-21

I am neutral on unobstructive outdoor dining. However, if Downtown wants this, they need to appreciate the revenue loss. The DBPA wrote that this the effort would "also provide some of the much needed parking to return in time for our busy holiday season." Two ways to provide needed parking during this time as well as create revenue from those benefitting: (i) bringing parking meter revenues up to "market" (80% occupancy throughout the year) and (ii) not bag meters during the season. Again, we know we have a need to finance new parking structures as well as plenty other CIP needs.

Maegan Zelner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15pm 10-04-21

Respectfully, my family asks that you keep all outdoor dining!!! Find revenue elsewhere. These decks were the best thing to come out of covid. Once some are removed it won't be long until they are all gone. Please listen to the community - no one is asking for 19 more spaces - we want to continue supporting our local restaurants and enjoying our fresh, beach air. Thank you!!!!