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Agenda Item:

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Comment:

Let's wait to see if the legislation is changed. Otherwise I prefer a June election. I do look askance at recent councilmember comments about a desire to increase voter participation, given little demonstrated interest through both individual campaigning and inactions during your terms. There are significant, known practices to increase informed turn-out. Most are long-term. But if you don't start now, you'll just result in more people voting, but the same number of disengaged voters.

Submitted by: Steve De Baets
Position: Neutral
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November

Matthew Cuevas

Subject: Senate Bill 415

From: Janet Murphy <murphy.janet19@yahoo.com>

Date: July 8, 2016 at 12:40:55 PM PDT

To: Tony D'Errico <tderrico@citymb.info>, Amy Thomas Howorth <ahoworth@citymb.info>, David Lesser <dlesser@citymb.info>, Mark Burton <markfburton@gmail.com>, Wayne Powell <waynepowellmb@yahoo.com>, Mark Danaj <mdanaj@citymb.info>

Subject: Senate Bill 415

Reply-To: Janet Murphy <murphy.janet19@yahoo.com>

I am very much in favor of the new California law (Senate Bill 415) which would encourage more voter participation in elections and save the cost of the spring elections. The poor turnout in March elections in Manhattan Beach is really sad. This strange election date was implemented by former City Council persons and mayors because they knew the low turnout favored incumbents. Now they again are seeking to control the elections by endorsing an option to shorten terms and allow the former mayors and friends to elect their friends, who may not be the best council members for our city. Term reductions and an election in November 2016 would give incumbents an unfair advantage and discourage new candidates.

One of those who signed the letter was heard to say she had made up her mind prior to the public hearing. I thought the proper, honest order of business was to listen to the public hearing and **then** make the best informed decision.

The new law requires either term extensions or reductions. The term extensions make the most sense. Voters elected current council members to serve full terms and complete pending matters on the docket. It does not make sense to toss aside their knowledge and experience.

The letter from past mayors urging council to shorten terms in regard to the new California law (Senate Bill 415) does not bode well for Manhattan Beach. They are definitely trying to "stack the deck" for themselves or their friends.

Janet Murphy

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Subject: FW: SB 415

From: Wayne Powell <waynepowellmb@yahoo.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 10:45:24 PM PDT

To: Liza Tamura <LTamura@citymb.info>, Mark Danaj <mdanaj@citymb.info>, Nadine Nader <nnader@citymb.info>

Subject: Fwd: SB 415

For the public record.

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From: Bill McCaverty <bmccaverty@outlook.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 8:42:32 PM PDT

To: "citycouncil@citymb.info" <citycouncil@citymb.info>

Subject: SB 415

Honorable Mayor D'Errico and Council members,

RE: SB 415 application to Manhattan Beach's election process

I strongly oppose the incorrect application of SB 415, to our local election process that would :

- discourage new candidates from applying for City Council positions

- give an unfair advantage to incumbents

Obviously, when SB 415 was passed, the intent **was not** to support term reductions or call for early elections.

Please do all possible to retain the Manhattan Beach election process independent from the politics of Sacramento.

Respectfully,
Bill McCaverty

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Matthew Cuevas

Subject: Term reductions in November 2016

From: Wayne Powell <waynepowellmb@yahoo.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 4:47:53 PM PDT

To: Liza Tamura <LTamura@citymb.info>, Mark Danaj <mdanaj@citymb.info>, Nadine Nader <nnader@citymb.info>

Subject: Fwd: Term reductions in November 2016

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Terri McCaul <nowhereone@aol.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 9:00:11 AM PDT

To: citycouncil@citymb.info

Subject: Term reductions in November 2016

Dear Council Members,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE approving a term reduction by vote in November 2016. In my opinion, this is simply a way to circumvent our current system and is "dirty politics."

My husband and I contribute to and have been active in electing City Council Members. Anyone voting for this will never ever receive our support or endorsement again, and anyone voting for it for their own benefit will be called out for their duplicity.

If it passes I will be writing to the Beach Reporter with details.

Thank you for listening,

Terri McCaul

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Subject: FW: Term Change

From: Wayne Powell <waynepowellmb@yahoo.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 4:41:05 PM PDT

To: Liza Tamura <LTamura@citymb.info>, Mark Danaj <mdanaj@citymb.info>, Nadine Nader <nnader@citymb.info>

Subject: Fwd: Term Change

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Carter <dluckcarter@gmail.com>

Date: July 16, 2016 at 2:29:10 PM PDT

To: citycouncil@citymb.info

Subject: Term Change

Dear Councilmembers,

It seems ludicrous to consider anything but a term extension in order to comply with the new legislation mandating city elections take place during even-numbered years. I supported this state senate bill because it will lower costs while raising voter participation. In no way would our city be ready to elect new officers in just four months. We should all be focused on this critically important national election and not be distracted by local politics.

Diane Carter

MB resident of 40 years

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