

City Council Regular Meeting - December 21, 2021

Meeting Time: 12-21-21 18:00

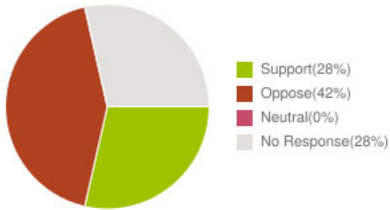
eComments Report

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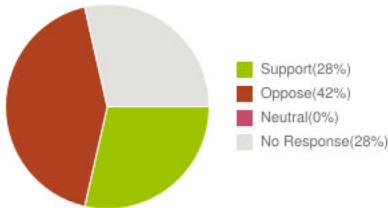
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3. Discussion to Extend the Current Deadline for Outdoor Dining Due to Expire January 3, 2022. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	6	2	2	0
10. 21-0387 Consideration of the Grant-Funded Purchase of Four Mobile Automated License Plate Reader Systems from Vigilant Solutions, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$60,000 (Police Chief Abell). A) WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING B) AUTHORIZE PURCHASE	1	0	1	0

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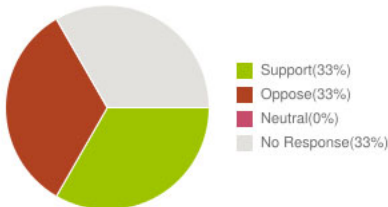
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Agenda Item: eComments for 3.

Discussion to Extend the Current Deadline for Outdoor Dining Due to Expire January 3, 2022.
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Kim Muller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 12-21-21

I am writing to express my deep concern over the impending closure of the our outdoor dining decks. When Councilmember Hadley stated “we’re in an endemic, we’re no longer in a pandemic” at the last council meeting, I wondered where she got that crazy idea. We saw 69 new cases last week, and another 20 yesterday...certainly not a sign of Covid’s weakening grip.

Why doesn't the City allocate some of the \$4 million+ Cares Act money to help restaurant winterize their outside dining? Helping our local restaurants, and other MB businesses is crucial. The lack of any long-term vision and planning for outdoor dining, from the beginning, is irresponsible.

Council has kicked the can for months and then, without a motion or a vote, decided to shutdown the decks after New Years. How did that happen, when an overwhelming number of city residents favors the continuation of outdoor dining. Why not keep it going until the end of March.

Please reconsider or we may lose some restaurants.

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46pm 12-21-21

Please keep the outdoor dining intact until at least the end of March. Restaurant patrons support our City with tax revenue and they often shop at local businesses as well, further benefitting the City. The loss of parking revenue cited by Councilmembers pales in comparison to the tax revenue that would be lost if we lose businesses that are vital to our downtown. Council should consider using some of the \$4.4 million in CARES Act money to offset city losses as needed, and to fund a long-term plan to reimagine our downtown to make it more sustainable, enjoyable and accessible to all. I ask our Councilmembers to find a way to bring all the stakeholders together to craft a plan for the future of MB, starting with commissioning a Task Force at tonight's Council Meeting.

David Archer

Location:

Submitted At: 1:50pm 12-21-21

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Statement on Outdoor Dining Decks

The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce applauds the city's prudent decision in 2020 to temporarily permit the expansion of outdoor dining in response to an unprecedented economic and public health crisis.

The expansion of outdoor dining kept our city and its restaurants safe, vibrant, and appealing to residents and visitors and enabled us all to reimagine what's possible.

While the outdoor dining expansion has had much success, it was, out of necessity, implemented in a quick and temporary fashion during the crisis. To sustain this success in an equitable manner, other considerations must be taken into account such as parking, traffic, recreation, city revenue and other business activity.

We hope that all community stakeholders will come together to develop a thoughtful long-term approach that allows for expanded outdoor dining in harmony with other community interests.

Mike Bruhns

Location:

Submitted At: 6:02pm 12-20-21

With Covid surging, it's a bad time to take away safe eating outdoor options so residents need to go to other cities to eat safely. Plus people prefer the parklets, it adds a positive vibe to town. Eating on sidewalks is unsafe and uncomfortable, Manhattan Ave was known as Covid corridor as close walkers coughed on plates, not a good alternative.

Kristen Lukas

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 12-20-21

Dear Mayor Stern and MB City Council:

Please reconsider extending the outdoor dining spaces. MB tripled Covid case numbers this week alone. We're on track for a repeat of last winter's covid surge, this time with a new highly contagious variant. This isn't the time

to remove outdoor dining, in fact, it's the very worst time to do so. Many residents won't eat indoors, due to it being too risky. Businesses will definitely suffer, and employees will lose jobs when those outdoor tables go...right after the holidays. :(We're entering the slowest time of the year, therefore parking and traffic won't be impacted with beach goers or holiday shopping.

Hermosa extended outdoor dining until May, which is so smart and safe. I don't think we realized we'd have this surge sneak up on us, but now that it's here, and only just begun, I really hope MB can keep the dining decks, at least for another extension. Covid is crushing us, yet again, unfortunately.

Thank you for considering.

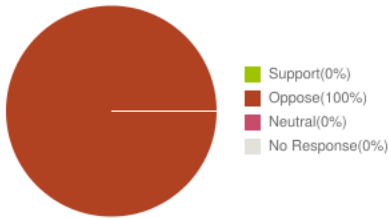
Jim Burton

Location: 11215, Brooklyn
Submitted At: 7:35am 12-20-21

The messaging from the DBPA on this issue is misleading and solicits mass input from uninformed residents. The real purpose is not COVID but simply \$\$\$\$. Don't extend the deadline for outdoor dining - if we want to deal with this latest holiday COVID surge - STAY HOME.

Agenda Item: eComments for 10. 21-0387
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Michele Reniche

Location:
Submitted At: 4:56pm 12-21-21

Although public outreach is not required for item 10 on the consent calendar, I would like to speak out against approval of the contract with Vigilant Solutions for additional mobile license plate readers. We are being asked to believe the personal data obtained from this broadly-targeted surveillance technology will not be improperly shared. But just last year, the Los Angeles Times reported that police departments in Pasadena and Long Beach were sharing information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, despite having promised not to do so. Meanwhile, in March of this year an automated license plate reader in Manhattan Beach triggered a stolen car alert that ended with a freeway crash, an attempted carjacking, and a foot pursuit of an armed suspect on neighborhood streets. We need thoughtful consideration of public safety issues, not a rubber-stamped surveillance state that puts civil liberties and lives at risk.