

City Council Regular Meeting - January 18, 2022

Meeting Time: 01-18-22 18:00

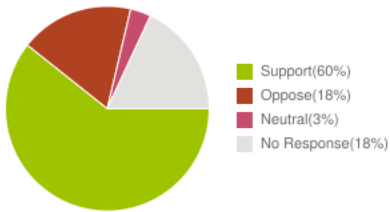
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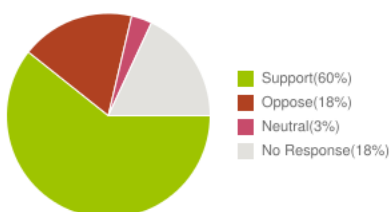
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MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!	1	1	0	0
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D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR	1	0	1	0
1. 22-0002 Presentation of a Plaque Recognizing Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor for District 4, for Her Contributions to the City of Manhattan Beach. PRESENT	1	0	1	0
G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	35	16	8	2
11. 22-0008 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Finance Director Charelian). RECEIVE AND FILE	1	0	0	0
20. 22-0021 Consideration of a Draft One Year Agreement with the City of Redondo Beach for Prosecution and Homeless Court Services in the Amount of \$300,000 (City Manager Moe). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	14	14	0	0
21. 22-0062 Provide Direction on Leadership Manhattan Beach's (LMB) Proposed 2021-2022 Class Project (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	5	5	0	0
27. 22-0023 Consider Request by Councilmember Montgomery and Mayor Stern Regarding Lights Placed Above Walk Streets (Community Development Director Tai). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	2	0	1	0

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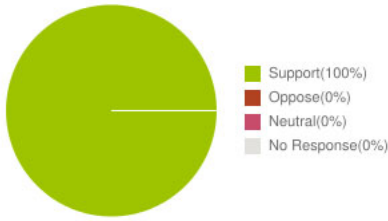
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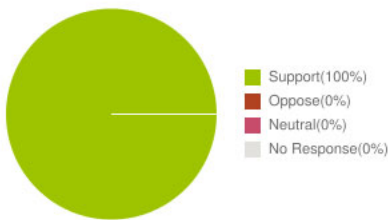
Location:

Submitted At: 5:22pm 01-18-22

We wish to express our respect and loyalty to Suzanne Hadley and always will. We are 53 yr residents, we own 3 properties here, pay our taxes and support Suzanne as a council member. We raised 2 sons here, ages 47 and 49. and wish to remain as solid conservative, honest law abiding citizens. thank you Bruce and Toni Stafford

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Kathleen Waterson

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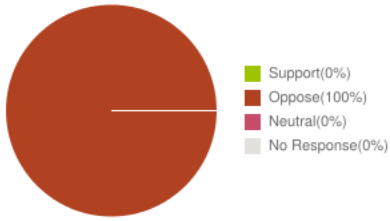
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Lyn Fisher

Location:

Submitted At: 2:15pm 01-18-22

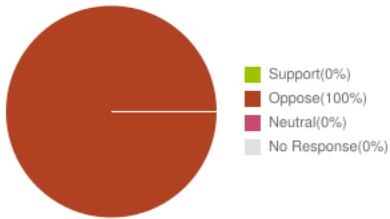
I oppose.

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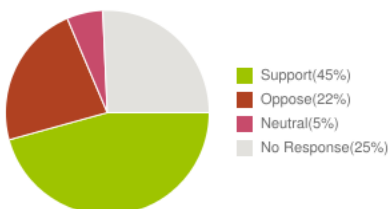
Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 01-18-22

We do not support Janice Hahn,

Agenda Item: eComments for G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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Tim Vrastil

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23pm 01-18-22

It is interesting how many supposed residents are castigating Suzanne Hadley for criticizing the appalling selection of recommended reading books for what used to be an exemplary school district. It was parents such as Suzanne that made the school board keep the high standards that made Manhattan Beach and attractive city for those with school aged children. It was disappointing to read the comments disparaging Suzanne for trying to set educational standards back to the time when MBUSD meant excellence in education. In the past, many of us wanted our children to attend the finest universities and obtain meaningful degrees, and MBUSD provided a solid education providing that opportunity. Perhaps parents no longer set such high standards for their children and Suzanne has become relegated to a Don Quixote del a Mancha. Those grads of MCHS and their parents fortunate enough to have read Cervantes will understand my comment, and those who haven't, perhaps not so much.

AudreyA RittermaEstes

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 01-18-22

Freedom of speech which is a 1st amendment right... Suzanne has a right to state her opinion just like everyone else.

Fred Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 01-18-22

A big 'thank you' to Council woman Hadley for advocating protection for our kids from obscene sexual material available at MBUSD and even promoted by one of the 9th grade teachers.

I'm amazed a small minority of residents are more disturbed at her presentation then the fact the destructive material is available for our kids.

It's high time more CC members took a sincere look at what Superintendent Bowes and the MBUSD Board is doing [and NOT doing]!

Let's return to reason in 2022.

Christina Shivpuri

Location:

Submitted At: 4:43pm 01-18-22

At the last two School Board meetings, we heard disrespectful public comments from Council Member Suzanne Hadley. Her research was incomplete, and she had no intention of working with the leaders of our school district. I expect the elected officials of our community to 1) research the issue and 2) understand all perspectives before making a public statement or making a decision. This is how a community earns the confidence of its leaders. When complex questions or issues are brought to the forefront of the community and its leaders, leadership is called on to think critically before making a decision. I do not have confidence in Suzanne Hadley's leadership.

Alison Chavez

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 01-18-22

Suzanne Hadley jumps in and out of her two personae, "public servant" & "private citizen" as it suits her. Her recent public behavior at the MBUSD board meeting was inappropriate in front of younger kids and disruptive to procedures. Suzanne Hadley's "concerned parent" routine is as transparent as it is telling. It is plainly obvious that this was a publicity stunt to signal her MAGA supporters that she is holding fast with the Trump Party (coming soon to a right-wing neighborhood near you). This MTG wannabe will only further embarrass our city as she is allowed to sit on our council. Far from her contrite "I'll do better" speech after opposition to her becoming mayor arose, she is gearing up for her reelection campaign by following the Trump cult movement manual page for page. Suzanne Hadley's behavior as a private citizen puts into question her ability to make decisions as a council person which are not colored by her extreme political views.

Susan Gilefsky

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 01-18-22

As a current parent to two MCHS students and MB resident, I'm baffled by Councilmember Hadley's comments at the school board meeting the other night. As has been said repeatedly, the book is neither in the Library nor on any required curriculum. Her comments were, therefore, unnecessary, divisive and embarrassing. And the irony of her reading that passage in front of children was not lost on anyone. Let's get back to pertinent, actual issues please.

Madeline Kaplan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31pm 01-18-22

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I am grateful for the high quality schools and our responsive city government. For years I have appreciated the mutual respect, collaboration, and teamwork between both the City Council and the School Board. This collaboration benefits us all. Over the past year, I have watched Councilmembers Suzanne Hadley and Joe Franklin speak at School Board meetings either on their own, or with members of our community highly critical of the School Board. I wondered, why wouldn't a city council member just pick up the phone and call a school board member to share their concerns? Isn't that how our elected officials have extended professional courtesy to each other for so many years? How does their public opposition to the school board benefit our community? I don't see any benefits to tearing down the collaboration and cooperation between the School Board and the City Council. I only see it as serving the self interest of those who are doing it.

Brenda OLeary

Location:

Submitted At: 4:19pm 01-18-22

To quote former MBUSD Superintendent Mike Matthews, "I challenge you to name a time when those seeking to ban books were on the right side of history." By asking our community to ban books, Councilwoman Hadley is not only on the wrong side of history, she is on the side of hate groups such as the Proud Boys who are actively supporting this national political agenda. In Ms. Hadley's typical government-by-Fox News style, she has expressed to our community that she knows more about this pandemic than infectious disease specialists who have decades of education and experience; that she knows more about running our schools than our experienced educational leaders and our elected school board; and now that she knows more about censorship than the American Library Association. Ironically, it's often those with the least expertise and experience who loudly claim they know the most. Sadly Ms. Hadley has once again divided our community while at the same time proving she is not fit to lead us.

pam mckniff

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 01-18-22

As a 42 yr resident of MB, Room Mom, Young at Art Mom, Scholar Quiz, Grad Night, Drama, Choir and Library volunteer, I certainly support Suzanne Hadley's right to express her own opinion. I also understand her universal wish to do what she sees as best for her children. What I can't tolerate is her assumption that her choices overrule mine. The book in question is only available to students with parental permission. Her demands to remove access to books she doesn't approve – requires that my options to decide be negated. As it currently stands, every parent in the school district has a choice. Does that need to change?

Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07pm 01-18-22

On January 12th, Councilwoman Suzanne Hadley chose to read, "pornographic" (her words) material in front of K-12 aged children. She did so in deliberate defiance of Board President Sally Peel's stern warning that inappropriate language is not permitted in the School Board room. Hadley's behavior was unconscionable and demonstrates extremely poor judgment and an inability to abide by rules of decorum. Despite representing herself as a "resident," Hadley's behavior reflects on City Council and its relationship with the School Board that she chose to so rudely disrespect. I fully support 1st Amendment Rights and appreciate City Council and School Board providing opportunities for public comment. While Ms. Hadley is entitled to her opinion, she's not entitled to dictate or demand what another parent may permit their child to read. She is stepping way out of her lane by

calling for a list of American Library Association award-winning books to be banned.

Julie Birkel

Location:

Submitted At: 3:07pm 01-18-22

Councilmember Hadley's Jan. 12th comment to your partner School Board violated the City's Rules of Decorum and Civility, MBUSD's bylaws and the public trust. What kind of standard has she just set for other important city and school board meetings? Unlike every other speaker, Councilmember Hadley refused to stop her remarks at 3 minutes about a book that is not in any classrooms or libraries, is not taught, and is optional reading subject 100% to parental discretion. She also ignored the Board President's admonishment to refrain from using language inappropriate for underage children in the audience. The Rules of Decorum required her to "obey any lawful order of the Presiding Officer" and not to "engage in disorderly ... conduct—including ... making any, ... profane, ..., personal,[or] impertinent ... utterance—that disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting." Her willful disturbance was also a misdemeanor. PC 403. Unacceptable.

Respectfully, Julie Birkel

D Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52pm 01-18-22

As a resident in MB with kids that went through the entire MBUSD system, I am floored at the antics of Suzanne Hadley. She is supposed to represent MB and yet has continually been in the news for focusing on personal pet projects. Her latest focus is on banning high school books. When you are a mom of young adults, you are fully aware of the leaps between elementary & middle school, & then between middle school and high school. As kids enter high school, there are many adult themes they will encounter and we begin to have more adult to adult conversations. Yet someone with grown kids, who is supposed to help oversee our city, read out loud adult content of an optional high school book while a young child was in the audience? This was not only inappropriate but highlighted her priorities while Covid cases are soaring (511 new ones in just one week in Jan) & businesses are struggling to survive in our city? Hadley continues to demonstrate she is not qualified to represent our city.

Stephanie Monash

Location: 28205, Charlotte

Submitted At: 2:43pm 01-18-22

If perhaps at times inelgantly, Suzanne Hadley speaks for me as a constituent. I'll take common sense, courage and conviction over mealy-mouthed political correctness any day. Those who have dedicated themselves to mounting perennial attacks on Hadley do so to intimidate her supporters and discourage meaningful discussion of the issue(s) she raises--and frankly, I'm sick of it. Her willingness to speak truth to power resonates, making her the target for serial vitriol from those who would squelch the expression of viewpoints that differ from their own. Hadley is a genuine voice for a large number in our community, and I encourage her to continue to champion our values.

Nina Tarnay

Location:

Submitted At: 2:38pm 01-18-22

Council member Suzanne Hadley is entitled to exercise her first Amendment Rights and express her opinion, but she has no right to infringe upon the rights of other members of our community. Whether in her capacity as an elected official or as a private citizen, she should not be able to dictate what my children read. Ms. Hadley's private crusade against LGBTQ books is not pertinent to Council's business; however, her public behavior as an elected official on City Council is. I was appalled by Ms. Hadley's disrespectful, wantonly offensive behavior at last week's School Board meeting when she defied Board President Peele's admonishments and bulldozed through reading aloud an explicitly "pornographic" (as she self-described) passage in front of young children. Her behavior was unbecoming of a public representative and an embarrassment to Council. I expect council members to value and respect the rules & decorum of public meetings--Ms. Hadley clearly thinks the rules do not apply to her.

Lyn Fisher

Location:

Submitted At: 2:29pm 01-18-22

I knew very little about Suzanne Hadley prior to her being elected to MB City Council. Since her election, I have been very impressed by her solid leadership and not being willing to "sway with the wind" in her opinions, as so many others do. She is very clear and represents her constituents well. I am very proud of her and her representation of and for the City of Manhattan Beach both as a private citizen and a member of Council.

stephen Packwood

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 01-18-22

We would like to take this time to thank Suzanne Hadley for bringing to light some very concerning issues regarding our school curriculum here in Manhattan Beach. Suzanne went to the School Board meeting as a private citizen to voice her concerns regarding a certain book that was on a list for our schools. Apparently, there are many legitimate concerns being expressed to the School Board at this time and without Suzanne bringing this to light, we would not be made aware of the depth of these issues in our School District. We are very thankful that Suzanne represents us on the City Council issues and thankful that she is free to state her personal opinion at the School Board. Keep up the good work Suzanne.. The Community appreciates you.

Steve and Paula Packwood

Heidi Rayden Tobias

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 01-18-22

No end in sight to the woke mob's relentless manufactured outrage & hysteria. Suzanne Hadley represents half the community when she speaks & half does not equal "fringe"! Debate the substance of your never ending issues instead of continually attacking your fellow residents. When school board presidents send unwarranted "cease & desist" letters to parents for speaking, parents will be intimidated to speak. If the book in question is so noble, award winning & of such great value any excerpt should be welcomed to be read out loud.

Additionally how about some rage directed towards community safety? That could surely "bring our community together". Martyr's hate crime, a recent anti-Semitic sticker campaign, countless home invasions & car thefts...the Arco on MB Blvd @Dianthus 7pm ARMED robbery! Shouldn't our current Mayor be focusing on crime? But wait she supports criminal justice reform & Gascon...no hope there! Perhaps another peace pole can be erected without consulting other CC members.

Taylor Gamble

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 01-18-22

I was dismayed to learn that one of our councilmembers attended the Dec 15 and Jan 12 school board meetings to complain about two books (that are not in the library and require parental permission for a student to read), instead of advocating for increased school funding. The public display was clearly inappropriate, especially in the presence of young children. City leaders should show better judgment by maintaining a certain level of respect for members of the School District by following the rules, and maintaining civility amongst the community members in attendance at the public meeting.

Tom and Betty Freitag

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 01-18-22

As residents of Manhattan Beach, we support parents and private citizens holding our schools and School Board accountable for the education and the influence they have on our children. We applaud those who stand up to the School Board to point out content of materials that are not appropriate and are harmful for our children. Remember the saying, "it takes a village"? Protecting our children from harm and supporting our youth is precisely what Suzanne Hadley has done in the past and continues to do as a private citizen and as a Council Member. We support Suzanne's view, her values and her commitment to our village of Manhattan Beach. She is an amazing leader!

Maureen Denitz

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 01-18-22

Our family supports Suzanne Hadley Decency, great moral character and common sense are lacking lately but she embodies them wholeheartedly. We appreciate that. We are lucky to have her on city council and I know so many friends and neighbors that also share in our opinion about her. Please disregard the unkind and slanderous lies that are being targeted to Ms Hadley. It's disgusting what had been commented on social media. These are the same people who want to be known as the "kindness counts" group but yet they show the exact opposite by their hate filled rants. Ms Hadley And others have opened our eyes to what Our school system is facing. My grandkids are now starting in the district and we all as a family have serious discussions about continuing. It never was like this when my kids went to school here. We were very much unified with our school board. Suzanne is a gem

Terry Watson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 01-18-22

I support Suzanne Hadley's ability to comment at the school board meetings about reading material which she finds inappropriate for teenage children. Based on what I heard from her statements at the meeting I agree that this material is questionable for 13 and 14-year-olds. I find absolutely nothing wrong with concern parents expressing their opinions about what is available in our schools to the students.

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 01-18-22

I am writing in strong support of Suzanne Hadley, she continues to show not only tremendous strength but resilience for all of us, children and parents alike. As a parent of now adults, I cannot imagine WHY any reasonable adult or responsible parent would allow the sexualization of their children! It's bad enough that porn/sexual material is marketed to lure children on social media, TV, ads, etc. but now it's coming from one of the supposed safe-havens: the schools. This is wrong on so many levels, children are precious and extremely vulnerable. I'm urging all of you to step back and think of what is being allowed at this time; these books in question are not literature pieces, non-educational sexual virtue signaling meant to further confuse already fragile and influential young minds. Please think of the children and not other alterier agendas on this, it's THAT IMPORTANT.

Kathleen Waterson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 01-18-22

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Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45am 01-18-22

Oh here we go again with the same old voices that want to paint Mrs. Hadley in a negative light.. You just have to watch the video for yourself to see they are lying about her once again. I applaud Suzanne for having the courage to stand up in that toxic environment that we call a school board meeting. She has morals, nothing wrong with that. But these childish attacks are getting old to the rest of us. If you want to debate Suzanne please do it on topics we care about. like homelessness our local economy, unshaking our small businesses and giving our kids

the freedom of choice. Not weather or not we should allow pornography in school.. The fact that all the adults that were there reacted in the way they did says it all. People know pornography where there hear it. And tht's the issue here,..nothing else.

Andrea Laraneta

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26am 01-18-22

I have listened to both sides of this issue regarding books that may or may not be in our school for our children to read. Susan is right in that Sexualization of our children when they are still not fully developed makes them susceptible to influence. I do understand that our children have many avenues to access sexual content but should we make it so readily available? I do not see books showing explicit sexual conduct with heterosexual acts being offered only LGBT conduct, why? Acceptance of peoples differences regarding their sexual preference is one thing but sexualizing our children is not ok and it's a form of porn it is desensitizing them to a very intimate action that should be held in higher respect in our community than it is. These books should not be offered even with the parental sign off that is currently used. I'm not encouraging banning books. I'm also not about encouraging our children at such a young age to explore sexual acts by showing them how to perform them.

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 01-18-22

Councilmember Hadley chose to use her cherished Freedom of Speech to advocate for censorship at a recent MBUSD meeting. The hypocrisy is all too obvious. Her campaign material assured us she would "Stay in her lane", yet Ms Hadley continues to veer off course, attempting to sabotage our fine schools once again, while important City business is left undone. Whether she is wearing the hat of "Private Citizen" or "Councilmember", Ms Hadley would do well to follow the rules in her presentations, just like the rest of us Citizens of Manhattan Beach do when we are addressing a governing body. Ms Hadley's disrespectful approach to government participation continues to be a disappointment.

Diana Skaar

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 01-18-22

If Councilmember Hadley considers an optional book that requires parent consent her highest priority, then that is good to know. Unfortunately her choice to attack our School District and play to theatrics now have me and many others questioning her judgement as a leader. While Hadley is entitled to her opinion, it doesn't matter what she thinks. It is up to the parents (not Hadley) to decide what is appropriate for their kids. Tools like Commonsensemedia.org can help.

Even after a warning by the MBUSD Board, Hadley displayed poor judgement and disregard for the meeting decorum. Suggesting that the parent & child could leave the room displays a sense of entitlement. Why should THEY leave the meeting so that she can have her "shock value" moment? It makes me question her true priorities. Out of all the issues she can highlight (like how to increase school funding), she focuses on this and demonstrates an inability to work with School Leadership.

Jen Dohner

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45am 01-18-22

Regardless of what we believe, or how we vote, most parents in Manhattan Beach want to raise well educated, responsible adults. Last week, Council Member Hadley and a small but loud group of provocateurs have divided us with a disingenuous spectacle of political theater, and it has distracted all involved from the work at hand that is most important.

Council Member Hadley acted in poor judgement when she read aloud from an explicit passage in a public school board meeting. She misled the community about the contents of a book and its place in the MCHS curriculum to enrage parents. By her own argument, she harmed an elementary school child to score political points, exposing her to a passage she strongly believes is inappropriate for children.

By refusing to grant Suzanne and her agitators legitimacy, our community can reclaim ourselves from their toxic attempts to provoke us with lies. And when we vote in her successor we can once again be proud of the leadership that represents us.

Allen Kirschenbaum

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 01-18-22

Ms. Hadley continued her censorship campaign at the recent MBUSD School Board meeting, calling for the ban of another book. Ms. Hadley claimed the book was part of the 9th curriculum, which basic research would have shown was false. The silliness of this is a) the two books are on a link to the Alex Awards b) were options among many for an outside reading assignment c) required parental permission, and d) no student chose the books. Ms. Hadley was rude and uncivil to President Peel, a behavior not desired among Manhattan Beach elected officials.

Ms. Hadley's actions bring attention to the books she decries, while no one is able to show a Mira Costa student harmed by these books. It appears Ms. Hadley is seeking out issues to divide our community and elevate her status.

Please be cautious in supporting Ms. Hadley in her endeavors as she is putting herself first over our community and the City of Manhattan Beach.

Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00am 01-18-22

Suzanne Hadley is a private citizen and has a right to speak up at public meetings. It is her right as a resident of Manhattan Beach. Ever since I have followed Suzanne she has had a way with words, maybe that is what scares people about her, her way of speaking the truth. Our community is fortunate to have someone who is not afraid to speak up, to inform the community about important issues. Manhattan Beach residents are very sophisticated and see who is behind this disgusting campaign

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48pm 01-17-22

I fully support Suzanne Hadley bringing the profane and pornographic-adjacent content of a book being recommended by a Costa English teacher to 13 and 14 year old freshman students to the School Board's attention. I also fully expect our City Council to ignore the bleatings of faux outrage and self-righteous moral posturing from the MB Divided mob and the local chardonnay Antifa who are claiming that Suzanne is a homophobe for rightfully expressing her concern over the age appropriateness of the reading material. Her critics are merely indulging their Hadley Derangement Syndrome and trying to drum up a wedge issue that they hope to employ against her re-election in November. They will fail as their false and defamatory allegations are pathetic and without substance. You will only embarrass yourselves if you cave to their demands for some sort of censure or informal reprimand for her actions, which she has every right to engage in as a private citizen.

Tiffany Wright

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55pm 01-17-22

I'd like to thank Suzanne Hadley for continuing to stand up for the students of MB. She took a risk last year in supporting opening classrooms and was the ONLY elected official in MB brave enough to sign a letter to LA County showing her support to open schools. We now know that her advocacy for our children was spot on!

Suzanne voiced her concern last week about a pornographic book on a reading list link accessible on the MCHS library website. She was illegally interrupted by President Peel when she attempted to moderate the content of Suzanne's speech and was not given the interrupted time back.

A number of social media posts have wrongly portrayed Suzanne's comments as censorship or homophobic. Keeping parents and the board informed is not censorship. Her concern were clearly the sexual references and graphic sexual pictures in the book, not the sexuality of the characters. As a proud mom of a gay son, I find this politically motivated misrepresentation offensive & hurtful.

Lucia aMES

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03pm 01-17-22

I am writing to apologize to Suzanne Hadley for the infamously partisan, undeserved, and unbecoming attacks and cyber bullying she had to endure on multiple social medias, - all in account on the fact that she had the courage to speak up against the unwise choice of adult books containing pornographic depictions as optional readings. Thank you, Suzanne, for being a courageous voice; thank you for informing and protecting the community and the children. We are truly blessed to have you as our representative.

Cameron Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59pm 01-17-22

Suzanne Hadley's public remarks and reading from the novel Genderqueer on January 14 left me upset and ashamed to be represented by her. I agree with other community members' outrage over her fear-mongering and outright lies about the book being available to children in MBUSD schools, but I wanted to voice my own anger at Hadley's blatant homophobia. Suzanne chose this book specifically to generate fear about queer people and to ostracize anyone who relates to the contents of the book. By doing this and reading inappropriate contents of the book to children at the meeting, Hadley has made brazen her own homophobic sentiments and is pushing anti-queer hatred. As both a Manhattan Beach community member and LGBTQ community member, Suzanne Hadley has made me feel personally attacked, ashamed, and fearful of being openly gay in Manhattan Beach. I implore the counsel members to consider how having a homophobe proudly representing our community makes queer Manhattan Beach residents feel.

Sharon Cohen

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 01-17-22

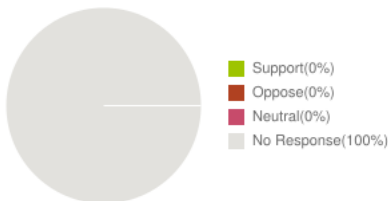
Suzanne Hadley appeared at a School Board meeting where she defied the Chair and disrespected Board rules to read aloud sexual material, despite knowing that a young child was present. It was a blatant political stunt to bait the left and animate her base. It had nothing to do with the issue she argued, which was a book being available for students to check out, but only with parental consent. Under the guise of protecting young people from sexual language, Suzanne read in front of a young child. The stunt wreaks of irony and hypocrisy. She talks about government overreach. While speaking as a citizen of Manhattan Beach, there is nothing like the overreach of a City Council member bullying and defying a School Board at their own meeting. Council needs to stand up to Suzanne. She is working from an anti-gay, right-wing political handbook. She presents herself as open-minded and caring, but we keep seeing offensive behavior from her. I call on Council to have the courage to censure her.

Agenda Item: eComments for 11. 22-0008

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Finance Director Charelian).

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Overall Sentiment



Gary Osterhout

Location:

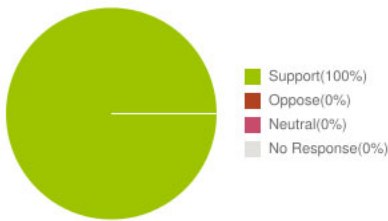
Submitted At: 1:34pm 01-14-22

This is an incorrect statement: "General Fund support to the Stormwater Fund and Street Lighting Fund will continue unless a Proposition 218 assessment vote can be passed to fund operations going forward." There are myriad ways that the City could control GF going to the stormwater fund (not that it is wrong for GF monies to go to such funds, and many cities don't have such separate funds). Note that the dedicated fee going to storm water is just for storm drain funding, not everything tangentially related to storm water. One way would be to use ARPA funds; another to remove expenditures from the fund that were later put there for convenience (i.e., streetsweeping). Should have gone for a 2018 vote, though, years ago for Lighting (which has an easier path than a storm drain increase). Speak to us plainly; we can handle it.

Agenda Item: eComments for 20. 22-0021

**Consideration of a Draft One Year Agreement with the City of Redondo Beach for Prosecution and Homeless Court Services in the Amount of \$300,000 (City Manager Moe).
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

Overall Sentiment



TONI STAFFORD

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 01-18-22

We wish to support this agreement which we feel is much needed to protect our citizens in our community

Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 01-18-22

I support the City's proposal to prosecute misdemeanor crimes through the City of Redondo Beach.

Brenda OLeary

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 01-18-22

Support

Madeline Kaplan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 01-18-22

I support the City's proposal to prosecute misdemeanor crimes through the City of Redondo Beach. Unfortunately, Gascon refuses to prosecute these crimes in our community. I do not support this policy of his and I very much appreciate the City working around his inaction to deal with issues affecting our community.

AudreyA RittermaEstes

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 01-18-22

Crime in Manhattan Beach is a local problem so we need a local solution. Please City Council protect MB citizens and help the homeless get services

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 01-18-22

I support this proposal and encourage our Councilmembers to vote in favor. In the year the contract is in effect, I respectfully ask Councilmembers to work toward a long-term solution aimed at connecting the unhoused with help and services.

Devon Nicole

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 01-18-22

In full support of this - please vote in favor!

Tom and Betty Freitag

Location:

Submitted At: 12:57pm 01-18-22

We support this 1 year agreement with the City of Redondo for prosecution and homeless court services! We ask every Council member to vote Yes!!

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 01-18-22

This is exactly what this city needs. Just ask any cop. Crime is up!!!

Terry Watson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 01-18-22

Please do this. We need to address both the homeless situation as well as the crimes associated with the homeless. I am 100% behind this. Please do it!

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 01-17-22

I fully support Manhattan Beach contracting with the City of Redondo Beach for prosecution and homeless court services. Crime is rapidly spinning out of control thanks to many of criminal-coddling DA George "Hug A Thug" Gascon's policies, including his refusal to prosecute a number of state misdemeanors which we will now be able to have prosecuted by Redondo's City prosecutor and to use as leverage in getting homeless to accept services and get them off the streets. A win-win for everyone.

Stephanie Monash

Location: 28205, Charlotte

Submitted At: 1:45pm 01-17-22

While I encourage our City Council to require the L.A. County DA to consent to access a city prosecutor, I doubt that will garner much traction with Gascon. As such, it would behoove us to contract with Redondo Beach now to avail ourselves of their resources. Sandra Shells, a 70-year-old nurse just died after being assaulted by a homeless person on her way to the bus stop after working her shift at USC Medical Center. Think it can't happen here? Think again. The time to be proactive is now!

Tiffany Wright

Location:

Submitted At: 1:14pm 01-17-22

I request that city council formally require LA County DA consent to access a city prosecutor and execute a contract of services for the Homeless Court of Redondo Beach. As we all know, MB has experienced an

increase of presence of homeless people in the recent months. We need to be able to have a discrete approach to connect these homeless people to professional services and available shelter as soon as possible.

There has been discussion of utilizing the LA County Homeless Court which currently does not exist and, as a result, is not in consideration at the moment. We have a problem NOW and we need a solution NOW. We can always consider other solutions in the future (and it is a fiduciary duty to do so). But, this should not be a reason to delay the homeless the necessary services and shelter they desperately need.

John Mistler

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 01-17-22

I encourage the Council to:

1) formally require LA County DA consent to access to a city prosecutor as this is the necessary step which has been stalled and

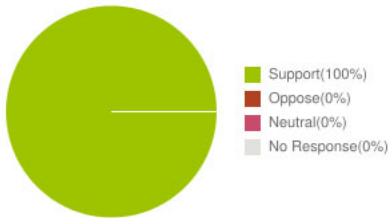
2) execute a contract of services for the Homeless Court of Redondo Beach.

Agenda Item: eComments for 21. 22-0062

Provide Direction on Leadership Manhattan Beach's (LMB) Proposed 2021-2022 Class Project (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Overall Sentiment



Sam Kaldawi

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 01-18-22

Hello. I am an owner/resident at 1638 11th St just a few feet away from the Art Center wall being addressed. I am in full support and strongly in favor of this project. I believe that it will add beauty and happiness at a much needed location. After this project, this side of the Art Center would no longer be an eye sore to walk by and drive by. It would provide a sight to appreciate for any visitor to the Art Center entering the parking from 11th Street. My thanks and appreciation to the city council for their consideration and support.

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 01-18-22

The Arts Building is an important part of MB history and this project is a wonderful opportunity to honor that history and carry it into the future. Back in the day this building was a busy library serving the students who attended the four elementary schools East of Sepulveda (I was one of them). Please give your full support to this worthy Leadership Manhattan Beach project and help MB to build community in the process.

Charlie Velasquez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:29pm 01-18-22

I am in full support of this Class project from Leadership Manhattan Beach. As someone who commutes to the Beach Cities to work every weekday, I find this project contributes so much to the city from showcasing local artists to the opportunity to bring people from the community together in the form of a community event. There is much visibility it will also bring to the Manhattan Beach Arts Center. Local government supporting an initiative of a group of local individuals coming together to better the city via a class project also showcases just how great this City is in supporting its local residents and students.

Douglas Barclay

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 01-18-22

As a member of the LMB class of 2022, I support this initiative and ask the council's full support. This project seeks to contribute to the importance of the public arts in Manhattan Beach and will engage the community in the painting of a mural. It supports local artists, brings much needed visibility to the Community Arts Center, and will be a small but welcoming sign that MB is a public arts centered community! The LMB class wants to make a positive impact on the community and encourage civic engagement. Your support of this project shows support of this amazing initiative. Thank you.

Cynthia Clarke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31pm 01-17-22

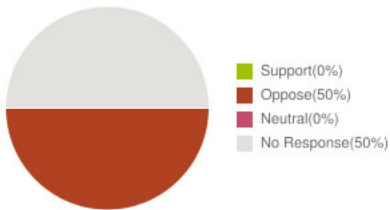
I am in support of this generous donation by the LMB Class of 2022. The proposed LMB class project contributes numerous benefits to the city - supporting the work and design of a local artist, creating an opportunity for a community event in the unique form of public art, highlighting the often missed MBAC, and bringing East Manhattan Beach the opportunity to have a new art installation.

Agenda Item: eComments for 27. 22-0023

Consider Request by Councilmember Montgomery and Mayor Stern Regarding Lights Placed Above Walk Streets (Community Development Director Tai).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Overall Sentiment



Gloria Nelund

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 01-18-22

- Regarding Agenda Item # 27. 22-0023 Legislation regarding public use of the Public Right-Of-Way.
- We support rules governing lights placed above walk streets; however, we do not support permit requirements as they are costly to residents not only through permit fees but also through the additional resources required to process and issue the permits and the subsequent enforcement
- Rules should be consistent with existing laws allowing private use of the walk streets requiring that they are:
 - o Attractive
 - o Non-obtrusive to the public
 - o Temporary
 - o Connected to private property and paid for by the resident

Reggie Kenner

Location:

Submitted At: 2:58pm 01-17-22

Interesting that we have, for at least 4 years, been putting lights up over our 4th street Walk Street, improving them each year and with full participation by each of our neighbors and now that so many other walk streets are doing the same the possibility of a permit comes up. Surely the same entity that removed the speed bumps at 4th and Crest, that some citizen placed to slow those motorists for whom a stop sign is merely a suggestion and who sought to protect our young kids at that intersection has other important work to consider.

Our lights have been a delight to all who travel the walk streets, are paid for by the residents at no cost to the city.

To insist that there must be a public safety issue at play is inconsistent with removal of those speed bumps.

Safety does not seem to be the issue.

It's a given that funds normally gained from parking meters downtown Manhattan Beach which are now out of use due to the outdoor dining areas has cut into the budget. Why the complaint?