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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:35 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk; Quinn Barrow
Cc: Bruce Moe; Carrie Tai, AICP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Record for March 8, 2022
Attachments: March 8, 2022 Long Term Outdoor Dining.pdf

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Please submit the following attachment into the public record for City Council meeting and work study (March 8, 2022).

These comments are focused on General Business Item 2 – City Council Work Plan and the issue of Long-Term Outdoor Dining

March 8, 2022

Manhattan Beach City Council and Staff
1400 Highland Ave.
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RE: Comments for the Public Record Demanding the City of Manhattan Beach
Cease and Desist with All Violations Associated with Encroachment Permits for
Outdoor Dining Decks in the Public Right-of-Way, Including the Use of COVID-
19 as a Pretext for Emergency Authorities

Honorable Mayor Stern, City Council, and Staff,

As a longtime resident of downtown Manhattan Beach and vocal opponent of ongoing encroachment permits for outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way. Tonight's agenda under General Business item 2, includes a discussion for 'City Council Work Plan' with 35 items. I focus my comments on addressing concerns related to the discussion of Long-Term Outdoor Dining and Business Uses on Public and Private Property. We will be ill-prepared to address long-term outdoor dining in the public right-of-way if we don't address the current outdoor dining concerns that aren't so temporary now that they have been in place for 21 months. Dining decks don't belong in the street; they belong on private property. Certainly, public property can also be used, when the property is suitable for such operation, but the roadway is not one of those suitable locations.

INTRODUCTION

Like most residents, I supported outdoor dining decks when restaurants were forced to operate with restricted capacity. It didn't seem fair government could restrict the use of private land with such a heavy hand. These were legal businesses, operating with proper permits, serving community needs. Government went too far and encroached on private business' ability to generate income by forcing them to close, or operate with restricted capacities. But reduced operating capacities are not an emergency; they are a response to an emergency. Arguably, it was a necessary response in the early days of the pandemic when we didn't know how the pandemic was going to shake out. The emergency was COVID-19; an airborne virus, much like the flu. Authorized emergency response to the virus included stay at home orders, social distancing and wearing masks. That's when things went off the rails. Restaurants wanted to use public land to conduct private business for profit. Emergency authorizations aren't designed to hefinancially support private business by encroaching on the public right-of-way. Emergency authorizations are to protect people and property from an emergency; these decks aren't required as a protection against COVID-19. When the City authorized outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way, it occupied over 57 parking spaces in

the Coastal Zone. The procedures established to accomplish this misguided agenda required an encroachment permit for private use of the public right-of-way; but the Municipal Code specifically prohibits decks in the public right-of-way. The City dismissed the requirements for an amended Use Permit and a Coastal Development Permit; these safeguards would have triggered public hearings and CEQA review. Environmental protections afforded by CEQA would have confronted the gasoline engine exhaust exposure problem; either decks would be prohibited, the exhaust exposure would be mitigated, or the exposure problems would be accepted. But the government and the people would be informed of the hazards they face with exposure to gasoline engine exhaust and the sooty exhaust residue that gets on their food and is absorbed through their skin. Instead of conducting a proper CEQA review, the City declared CEQA exemption without providing substantial evidence to support their claim, as required by law. At first the decks were only going to be in the roadway for 3 months, between June and September 2020. Then it was extended five times and now has no fixed end date; the scheduled end date is currently attached to the end of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor. The impacts to the community have been devastating and City's repeated broken promises to downtown residents shows tremendous lack of concern. When we talk about balancing the needs between public policy and public safety, that's what our Municipal Code, Local Coastal Plan, General and Specific Plans, and CEQA review have already done. These public policies are the balance created by the will of the people. And now, that balance is being disrupted by the short-sighted, destructive agenda to create outdoor dining decks in the roadway where they don't belong, so restaurants can thrive while the community standards and quality of life are sacrificed.

Like me, many in our community never agreed with the way the outdoor dining deck program was allowed to evolve because it overlooked important safeguards like allowing public hearings for radical changes that disrupt orderly government operation; we've never seen these kinds of radical changes and they are destroying our community. The General and Specific Plans have been completely ignored, permit requirements completely ignored, environmental safeguards and CEQA review completely ignored, public hearings completely ignored, land use protections completely ignored, provisions outlined in the California Constitution completely ignored, State legislation completely ignored. All this conflict for private enrichment at public expense, under the false pretense these disruptions are proper responses to an emergency. The actual proper emergency responses are designed to protect people and property; outdoor dining decks don't accomplish this objective. Is it possible the whole fiasco caused by outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way is nothing but an illegal scheme to create a land grab and use it to shakedown State and Federal officials for rescue money? Rescue money like the Paycheck Protection Program (\$993 billion) and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (\$28.6 billion). How much rescue money did these restaurants with encroachments in the public right-of-way receive from the government?

HISTORY

When the City enacted Resolution 20-0039 on March 13, 2020, a local emergency was declared and emergency authorities pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 3.08 were enabled. On May 19, 2020, Council directed staff to work with business owners to accommodate requests for outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way, among other options. County health officials raised indoor dining capacity to 60% in late May. Staff prepared a report for discussion at the June 4, 2020 City Council Meeting; the report incorrectly determined the Municipal Code already includes provisions to accommodate most requests for outdoor use and that it "appeared" only "slight modifications" to internal processes and agreements were necessary. Staff indicated they are able to extend the encroachment permit process to accommodate outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way. Nestled deep in the report under the Service of Alcohol section, staff dismissed the need for each restaurant to reapply for an amended Use Permit due to the time sensitivity of expanding floor plans and obtaining a temporary 3-month encroachment permit. Instead, staff proposed working with the City Manager's office on an Emergency Order that would allow restaurants to temporarily expand their floor plans and allow deviations from Municipal Code requirements like alcohol being prohibited in public areas. The Staff Report indicates staff reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with CEQA and determined that "there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment" and therefore, is not subject to CEQA review.

City Council held a meeting on June 4, 2020 and unanimously approved a motion for staff to finalize "everything" by June 9, notify downtown residents, business owners were required to submit applications by June 22, and the encroachment permits would expire on September 13, 2020. Again, this September deadline has been amended 5 times and there is currently no fixed date for the end of the local emergency.

On June 5, 2020, the City Manager issued Emergency Order 10, invoking authority under emergency authorizations pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 3.08 to allow "existing, legally-permitted business or restaurant ("Outdoor Use Applicant") may apply to the City to expand its existing foot print to conduct outdoor operations, on a temporary basis, on private property or in the public right-of-way, adjacent to its site." This emergency order required an encroachment permit for each applicant, prohibited overall dining capacity for a restaurant to exceed 100% of its approved capacity, afforded a temporary relaxation of use permit conditions or Code requirement[s] pertaining to floor plan areas, and configuration, provided they abide by all other applicable State, County, and local regulations and encroachment permit requirements.

Los Angeles county health officials raised indoor dining capacity to 60% in late May 2020, and lifted all indoor dining capacity restrictions in June 2021. The capacity restrictions impacting restaurants were the pretense for invoking emergency orders to circumvent requirements in the Municipal Code, Certified Local Coastal Plan, the Coastal Act of 1976, the General and Specific Plans. Despite the unrestricted capacity conditions in June 2021, the encroachment permits continue indefinitely. Restaurants were seeking to expand outdoor dining capacity at the March 1, 2022 City Council

meeting, but instead, Council voted to eliminate the \$3 per square foot charge and keep capacity limited to 100%, thereby denying capacity increases.

EMERGENCY

City Resolution 20-0039 ordered the local emergency powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager and the emergency organization of the City "shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the approved emergency plans of the City of Manhattan Beach."

The California Coastal Act of 1976, regulated by the California Coastal Commission and codified in the Public Resources Code, Title 20, provides for waiving permit requirements in the event of an emergency:

Section 30611 Emergencies; waiver of permit

When immediate action by a person or public agency performing a public service is required to protect life and public property from imminent danger, or to restore, repair, or maintain public works, utilities, or services destroyed, damaged, or interrupted by natural disaster, serious accident, or in other cases of emergency, the requirements of obtaining any permit under this division may be waived upon notification of the executive director of the commission of the type and location of the work within three days of the disaster or discovery of the danger, whichever occurs first. **Nothing in this section authorizes permanent erection of structures valued at more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).**

Emergency Order 10 was effective June 5, 2020 and was the workaround created by City staff allowing restaurants to temporarily expand their floor plans and allow deviations from Municipal Code requirements. Even under the assumption the City's broad emergency authorities permit the City to circumvent their own municipal code in ways that threaten public safety and harm the general welfare—in ways never contemplated by emergency power authorizations—these arbitrary decisions don't extend to violating State law. The California Constitution requires no citizen be granted privileges without the same privileges being granted to all citizens. The California Environmental Quality Act requires projects with physical changes that have a potential for significant effects on the environment to undergo CEQA review. The California Coastal Act of 1976, codified in the Public Resources Code, Title 20, requires a Coastal Development Permit for projects in the Coastal Zone; the California Coastal Commission regulates and enforces the California Coastal Act of 1976 and is the same Commission that certified the Local Coastal Plan that the City is now violating with their self-declared emergency.

VIOLATIONS

- Encroachment permits for outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way were only made available to existing, legally-permitted businesses or restaurants in Manhattan Beach. The California Constitution requires "A citizen or class of citizens may not be granted privileges...not granted on the same terms to all citizens." (see California Constitution, Article 1, Declaration of Rights, a. § 7(b)). Also, "[C]itizens of the state are:
 - (a) All persons born in the state and residing within it, except the children of foreign public ministers and consuls. (b) All persons born out of the state who are citizens of the United States and residing within the state." (see California Constitution, Article 1, Declaration of Rights, § 241).
- Outdoor dining decks violate the Manhattan Beach General and Specific Plans:
 1. Achieve a strong, positive community aesthetic.
 2. Continue to encourage quality design in all new construction.
 3. Promote the use of adopted design guidelines for new construction in Downtown.
 4. Protect public access to and enjoyment of the beach while respecting the privacy of beach residents.
 5. Develop and implement standards for the use of walkstreet encroachment areas and other public right-of-way areas.
 6. The purpose of the Specific Plan is to perpetuate and enhance the Downtown's quaint, small-town character, quality of life, and economic vitality through regulations, guidelines and recommendations that address land use, architectural and urban design, circulation and parking, and infrastructure in the district.
 7. The Vision Statement for the future of Downtown Manhattan Beach is to maintain a safe, attractive, pedestrian-friendly village with a small town atmosphere.
 8. The downtown area is to provide excellent facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, and efficient parking options.
 9. The small-town character is defined as: relaxed, charming, eclectic beach atmosphere; walkable, pedestrian-oriented, clean and safe environment; strong sense of community with the Downtown as the heart; events that reinforce a shared sense of community and place; balance residential and commercial quality of life to maintain the community's integrity and soul.
- Outdoor dining decks violate the broad purpose of the Local Coastal Plan (LCP):
 1. To protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare;
 2. To implement the policies of the City of Manhattan Beach Local

Coastal Plan;

3. To preserve the character and quality of residential neighborhoods consistent with the character of the two area districts of the Coastal Zone;
 4. Foster convenient, harmonious, and workable relationships among land uses;
 5. Achieve progressively the arrangement of land uses described in the Local Coastal Plan.
 6. Promote the economic stability of existing land uses that are consistent with the Local Coastal Plan and protect them from intrusions by inharmonious or harmful land uses.
 7. Prevent excessive population densities and overcrowding of land or buildings.
- Outdoor dining decks violate the specific purpose of the certified Local Coastal Plan (LCP):

A.96.010. Specific purpose

In addition to the general purposes listed in Chapter A.01, the specific purpose of Coastal Development Permit Procedures is to implement the Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 of the Public Resources Code) as amended, in accordance with the Local Coastal Program of the City of Manhattan Beach. The regulations of this chapter shall apply in the Coastal Zone, as defined by the Coastal Act and map prepared by the California Coastal Commission.

- A coastal development permit is required for any development...in the Coastal Zone that changes the availability of long and short-term public parking (See, A.64.230. Parking Management Program for the Coastal Zone).
- Temporary Use Permits are required to be located, operated and maintained in a manner consistent with the policies of the General Plan and the provisions of the Local Coastal Plan; approval of the application will not be detrimental to property or improvements in the surrounding area or to the public health, safety or general welfare (See A.84.110. Temporary use permits).
- The outdoor dining deck project requires a CEQA review because: 1) it changes the physical environment; 2) the project creates a new environment that increases exposure to gasoline engine exhaust—which contains dangerous toxic chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and reproductive harms; 3) the statutory common sense exemption is unsupported by any evidence, much less required substantial evidence; and 4) the categorical exemptions have applicable exceptions.
- CEQA review is triggered by Planning Commission Review, amended Use Permits, Coastal Development Permits, and

Encroachment Permits. The City didn't hold public hearings with the Planning Commission, exempted amended Use Permits and Coastal Development Permits in violation of the Certified Local Coastal Plan, and the Encroachment Permits were granted after considering Staff's declaration that CEQA review was exempt.

- Amendments to the Use Permit trigger CEQA review, which the City initially claimed was statutorily exempt. But statutory exemption can only be relied upon if factual evaluation reveals that it applies. The City never cited any evidence supporting that "there is no possibility" that the outdoor dining deck project may have a significant effect on the environment. Public comments have raised arguments regarding possible significant environmental impacts from close proximity of the outdoor dining decks in the roadway causing increased exposure to airborne gasoline engine exhaust and the sooty residue from engine exhaust being absorbed by the skin and ingested after it settles on food being consumed by patrons of the outdoor dining decks (See March 1, 2022 City Council public comments). The City is required by law to consider possible environmental effects or support its decision with substantial evidence. Abuse of discretion is established when the City has not proceeded in a manner required by law or if the determination of statutory exemption is not supported by substantial evidence. The City must itself provide the support for its decision before shifting the burden to the concerned public; but in this case, the public burden has already provided substantial scientific evidence to support the concern that environmental hazards associated with the outdoor dining project are present (See the Prop 65 gasoline engine exhaust warning from CalEPA).
- Dining decks don't belong in the roadway; the roadway is for vehicles and crossing pedestrians.
- Dining decks in the roadway are unsafe, hazardous, disruptive, and an eyesore.
- Dining decks don't promote public health and safety; they increase the risk of a car/deck collision, increase exposure to toxic automobile emissions, and force vehicles and bicycles to occupy insufficient space. Further, social distancing requirements on the dining decks are routinely violated.
- Dining decks are inconsistent with the land use and density policies of the General Plan and have specific adverse impacts on public health, safety and welfare.
- Invoking Chapter 3.08 authorities was a workaround, used to circumvent permit requirements, environmental review, and public comment opportunities. These emergency authorities only provide for protecting people and property from the emergency. Emergency authorities aren't designed and don't provide for helping businesses recover from the effects of an

- emergency.
- The emergency doesn't require outdoor dining decks in the public right-of-way to prevent or mitigate exposure to the virus; the emergency requires people to socially distance and avoid airborne virus exposure; outdoor dining decks aren't required for these purposes.
 - Municipal Code Chapter 7.36 requires the following:
 1. Encroachment fees be based on market values; not meter losses or \$3 per square foot (§ 60). Market values are more like \$10-\$20.
 2. Encroachment permits must conform with policies and goals of the General Plan (§ 65).
 3. No authority for exemption from any required permit, including a Coastal Development Permit or a Use Amendment Permit (§ 140).
 4. Decks are *prohibited* in the public right-of-way (§ 150(D)(3)).
 - Municipal Code Chapter A of the Local Coastal Plan provides:
 1. A precise guide for physical development in the Coastal Zone to prevent excessive population densities and overcrowding of land use (§ A.01.030)
 2. A justification for the prohibition on "granny housing" by determining they are inconsistent with the land use and density policies of the General Plan and have specific adverse impacts on the public health, safety, and welfare, including increased traffic (§ A.52.060). In contrast, outdoor dining decks raise the same concerns. Why are businesses granted encroachment permits in the public right-of-way, but homeowners can't have "granny housing" on their private property?
 3. Additional off-street parking requirement for Minor Alteration or Enlargement when the change in occupancy involves an intensification of use or an increase in parking demand (§ A.64.020).
 4. Prohibits Use Permits from exceeding the capacity of public services and facilities [like parking spaces] which cannot be mitigated (§ A.84.060).
 5. Identifies the specific purpose of the Coastal Development Permit Procedures is to implement the Coastal Act of 1976 in accordance with the Certified Local Coastal Program (§ A.96.040).
 6. Requires the City to review the project for compliance with...the General Plan, and complete a Coastal Policy Checklist (§ A.96.120).
 7. Requires the plans, policies, requirements or standards of the Local Coastal Program to take precedence when projects in the Coastal Zone conflict with Area District or

Zoning District provisions (§ A.96.130).

- Special Permit Conditions require the licensed area shall not obstruct driver visibility or reduce travel lane width; the Business Owner shall comply with Public Health requirements for Social Distancing.
- CEQA review is required for potential or significant environmental effects of proposed activities, including private activities requiring governmental approval; creating a new environment where people eat and drink, in the roadway, immediately adjacent to automobile traffic, and exposing them to toxic automobile exhaust, requires CEQA review; contrary to unsubstantiated staff findings, statutory or category exemptions do not apply.
- The City used an unauthorized emergency order as a pretext to forego public hearings, then internally dismissed CEQA review requirements under the false pretense there was no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment; this unsubstantiated determination had virtually no evidence to support the claim.
- The City's encroachment permits for outdoor dining decks are an unlawful and arbitrary, temporary right-of-access to real public property, granted to a certain class of citizens with terms that were not extended to all citizens in the State.
- The City acted arbitrarily, capriciously and without an evidentiary basis, and failed to consider the applicable policies and the extent to which outdoor dining decks conform with those policies.
- The City abused its discretion by not proceeding as required by law and then making a determination that is not supported by substantial evidence.

CONCLUSION

Our National, State and local county government abused their discretion with their response to the pandemic when they restricted capacity limits in restaurants, improperly assumed emergency authorities designed for protecting people and property from an emergency, then weaponized these emergency authorities for protecting power and profit...at public expense. After these public agencies were hamstringing business activity with capacity limits, the City repurposed public land for private profit to help these struggling restaurants, while completely ignoring required safeguards designed to protect public safety, public interest and public welfare. These radical actions are a prejudicial abuse of authority by the city; are destroying our downtown community, and endangering our lives. There never was an emergency requiring an outdoor dining deck; the decks were an appeasement to compensate businesses for the government's illegal taking of their land use rights. Now vulnerable businesses are beholden to sustaining the statewide emergency so they may retain improved business operations while our

communities continue to deteriorate. This corrupt scheme ultimately leads to a transfer of wealth from the general public, to the State sponsored beneficiaries of encroachment permits, rescue funds, and reduced competition resulting from those the State discriminated against and deprived the same benefits. Now taxpayers will be subsidizing the orchestrated collapse of our communities so the selected beneficiaries can rise to the top; State sponsored winners and losers. This has to stop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Burton
Downtown Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative



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By having this initiative placed on the June ballot and passed in June, MBUSD schools will have an additional \$12,000,000 annually at the start of the 2022-2023 academic year. If this measure is instead passed in November, we will not be able to begin utilizing these funds until the 2023-2024 academic year.

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Thank you for taking the time to educate yourself on this voter initiative. We hope you listen to the clear message our community members have sent by signing our petition so quickly.

Thanks,

Dora Seiffer
Manhattan Beach Resident

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From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:55 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please put the school parcel tax on the June ballot

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Dear City Council,

Our family moved to MB for its amazing public schools, and we have not been disappointed. Our schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels, yet they are facing dire budgetary realities. That is why I was happy to volunteer to help collect MB Resident signatures to put a school parcel tax on the June Ballot. It was a very enjoyable experience to go door-to-door and hear from neighbors (including those who do not currently have kids in the school district), support longer-term solutions to school funding. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can use the funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tonight, you will receive the report from the County Clerk of Los Angeles certifying the signatures for a citizen-led proposed parcel tax. **Please accept this certification and submit the measure to the County by the March 11th deadline to be included on the June 7th election ballot.** Our community stands behind our schools. Let's put this on the June ballot.

Sincerely,

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Diana Skaar
MB Resident with 2 kids in MBUSD

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From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative - June Ballot

From: Katie Ranne
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Bruce Moe
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Manhattan Beach Resident

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From: Michele Graeler
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Michele & David Graeler

MB Residents and Parents to Students at MBMS and Meadows Elementary School

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From: Bruce Moe
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative

From: Gita O'Neill
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to you to strongly support the Council placing the MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative on the June ballot.

The voters deserve to decide this issue as soon as possible, and the June ballot would be the best time for the voters.

Thank you,

Gita O'Neill

Manhattan Beach Resident



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Sincerely,
Kieran Malik

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools - Support for June Ballot

From: Jennifer Laws
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:31 PM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; jfranklin@manhattanbeach.go; Suzanne Hadley ; Richard Montgomery
Cc: Bruce Moe
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MB Resident / Pacific Elementary PTA Treasurer

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From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Respectfully Requesting your support

From: Farnaz Golshani
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; Joe Franklin ; Suzanne Hadley ; Richard Montgomery ; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Respectfully Requesting your support

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With respect and appreciation,

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Submission - Please Support Ed Measure on 6/7 Ballot



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From: Heather De Roos
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Hildy Stern ; Suzanne Hadley ; Steve Napolitano ; Richard Montgomery ; Joe Franklin ; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Submission - Please Support Ed Measure on 6/7 Ballot

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Parcel tax note

From: Jason Boxer
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; Joe Franklin ; Suzanne Hadley ; Richard Montgomery ; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Parcel tax note

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Quick clarifying note: I was speaking as an individual citizen when I expressed these views. I should have used my personal email instead of my district one - I apologize for any confusion. Please do not take my previous note as speaking for the board or district.

-Jason

On Tue, Mar 8, 2022, 7:58 AM Jason Boxer <jboxer@mbusdapps.org> wrote:

Dear esteemed Councilmembers -

Hi - Jason here. Hope you all are well. Thank you for your stewardship of our city during these increasingly demanding times. I'm writing to express my support for the MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative. I wish to humbly advocate that City Council choose to accept the signature certifications it will be receiving from the LA County Clerk at tonight's meeting, so as to submit the measure back to the county for inclusion on the June 7th ballot.

As you all well know, the demographics and size of our district consistently position MBUSD among the lowest-funded school districts in the entire state of California. Funding prioritizes districts with larger populations of foster youth, free-or-reduced-lunch eligible families, and English language learners, all of which Manhattan Beach has in short supply. To put an exact number on this, our per pupil funding clocks in about \$2,000 below the state average right now. We are insufficiently funded to provide the education that each Manhattan Beach student deserves.

To put it simply: locally controlled funding is the best option we have to mitigate this structural issue, and this ballot initiative can help us move toward adequate funding.

The community has shown very strong preliminary signs that they agree. In early February, the community members behind this initiative collected over 4100 signatures in support of their cause. Grandparents, business owners, neighbors, and past and current MBUSD parents signed in favor of including the initiative on the June ballot for voters. The support was overwhelming and sent a clear message – our community continues to prioritize high-quality schools.

These are, however, only preliminary displays of support. These signatures do not guarantee that our community agrees with implementing the tax, and that is the most important reason I'm writing: I'm asking that

you allow the small-d democratic process to continue so that our neighbors and fellow residents may vote on this urgent and critical issue in June. Please allow them to make their voices heard, whether in support or opposition.

Thank you for your service to the city and partnership with the schools.
Sincerely,

Jason Boxer
MBUSD Board Clerk



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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Support for June Ballot Initiative

From: Jen Fenton
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; Joe Franklin ; Suzanne Hadley ; Richard Montgomery
Cc: Bruce Moe ; Jennifer Fenton
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Support for June Ballot Initiative

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Dear City Councilmembers –

As a resident and leader of this community, you understand the importance of Manhattan Beach schools to our City. You are also well aware that MBUSD has suffered from inadequate funding for decades. Not only do we receive the lowest amount of state funds as compared to other districts in CA, we do not qualify for supplemental or categorical money, and unfortunately only a small fraction of our property taxes actually go to the schools. While MBEF and other generous supporters have allowed us to do a lot with just a little, the truth is both costs and expenses have increased while our funding sources have remained flat.

But now is our chance to change the narrative! A few weeks ago, MB Citizens for Schools introduced a new parcel tax initiative that could significantly modify the school funding formula for MBUSD and ensure a sustainable source of financial support for a generation of students! This group did the impossible! In just 9 days, over 150 community volunteers gathered 4,100 petition signatures supporting a June ballot measure that prioritizes high-quality schools.

The sheer excitement of this initiative also brought our fractured community together in a way that I haven't seen for years. It became clear to everyone that there is a strong desire to identify a long-term solution that would push MBUSD to the next level. This tax allows our district to move forward and provide our students with continued greatness.

Please give this ballot initiative the attention it deserves. Please listen to the City Clerk certify the signatures collected and submit the measure to the County by the March 11th deadline. And please allow Manhattan Beach residents to stand behind our schools and vote for this tax in the June election.

Let's not miss this opportunity to significantly impact MBUSD and our City!

Best,
Jen Fenton

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Richard Montgomery
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Heather De Roos
Cc: Liza Tamura, MMC; Martha Alvarez, MMC; Bruce Moe
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Submission - Please Support Ed Measure on 6/7 Ballot

It goes to city clerk Heather.

Liza Tamura copied here.

Richard

Sent by iPhone



RICHARD MONTGOMERY

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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:47 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative - Public Comment 3/8/2022

From: Jennifer Gale
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:41 AM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; Joe Franklin ; Richard Montgomery ; Suzanne Hadley
Cc: Bruce Moe
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From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:08 AM
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] School Funding



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From: Angela Smith
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 10:48 PM
To: Hildy Stern
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Funding

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To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools

From: Kristen Weinstein
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:39 AM
To: Richard Montgomery
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Hello

I forgot to cc Bruce on the original e-mail.
Thanks,
Wysh Weinstein

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristen Weinstein <kristenwysh@gmail.com>
Date: March 8, 2022 at 6:40:32 AM PST
To: Suzanne Hadley <shadley@citymb.info>
Subject: MB Citizens for Schools

Dear Councilmember Hadley,

Manhattan Beach schools have a well-deserved reputation for excellence in student success and are a source of pride among the members of our community.

With your experience, you also know that our local schools have suffered from insufficient funding from the State for decades. Manhattan Beach is consistently among the lowest funded school districts in California with per pupil funding nearly \$2,000 below the state average. Locally controlled funding has been critical to maintain the high-quality schools our community is known for – but as expenses have risen, the sources of funding have not.

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Thank you for your service to the city and partnership with the schools.

Sincerely,

Wysh Weinstein

MBUSD PTA President

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:06 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]

From: Kristen Weinstein
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:43 AM
To: Steve Napolitano
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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BRUCE MOE
CITY MANAGER

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:05 AM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens Parcel Tax Initiative Certification

From: anna bargagliotti
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:48 AM
To: Hildy Stern ; Steve Napolitano ; Joe Franklin ; Suzanne Hadley ; Richard Montgomery ; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens Parcel Tax Initiative Certification

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Sincerely,
Anna Bargagliotti
MB Resident
PTA President Pennekamp Elementary

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Anna E. Bargagliotti, Ph.D
Professor | Loyola Marymount University | Department of Mathematics

BRUCE MOE
CITY MANAGER

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens For Schools

From: jennifer cochran
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley ; Joe Franklin ; Steve Napolitano ; Richard Montgomery ; Hildy Stern
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens For Schools

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Dear Councilmembers,

Tonight you will be asked to vote to put the MB Citizen's for School Initiative on the June ballot. Thank you very much for considering this item and understanding the urgency of the timing. As you are all keenly aware, state funding for our schools is inadequate, and it has always been the will of this amazing community to make sure that our public schools receive the funding they deserve to provide an excellent education for our students and build a great foundation for the community. The will of our community has spoken once again, and over 4000 residents have asked that we have the opportunity to consider a local parcel tax on the June ballot. When those residents signed the petition they understood that this initiative would come in front of the voters in June. Please follow through with the final step that is required to make that happen. It was the intent of the petition, the will of the residents, and the final step in the process is in your hands.

Thank you for your support of local schools over many, many years. Our schools have united our community for decades, and we must maintain some local control to make sure that we preserve the community that we all know and love.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cochran
MBUSD Board of Trustees



BRUCE MOE
CITY MANAGER

(310) 802-5053
bmoe@manhattanbeach.gov

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Emily Kaplan <kaplan.emilyb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Citizen Led Proposed Parcel Tax - June Ballot

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Thanks,
Emily Kaplan

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cindy Marian <ccmarian07@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax to benefit MBUSD

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Dear City Council,

Our family loves our MB schools and we support placing a school parcel tax on the June ballot. Since we moved to Manhattan Beach in 2014, we have witnessed how the schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels. Year after year we have heard when District officials and community volunteers discuss the financial challenges the District faces. If the parcel tax passes in June it will help provide a much needed remedy to the chronic under-funding of our schools.

We understand that tonight, you will receive the report from the County Clerk of Los Angeles certifying the signatures for a citizen-led proposed parcel tax. Please accept this certification and submit the measure to the County by the March 11th deadline to ensure it will be included on the June 7th election ballot. The fact that a citizen led group of volunteers got the necessary number of signatures on the petition to add this to the ballot, in an amazingly short time, shows that our community stands behind our schools. Our family certainly stands behind our schools. Let's put this on the June ballot.

Sincerely,

Cindy and Jaime Marian

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michelle McDonald <mbmichellemcdonald@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:52 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative
Attachments: MB City Council 3-8-22.pdf

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Dear City Council members and Manager Moe,

Please see the attached letter in support of the MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative, which I understand will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle McDonald

March 8, 2022

Dear Council Members,

As Chair of the Measure MB Citizens Oversight Committee, which monitors revenue received and expenses (teacher salaries/benefits) paid from the current parcel tax, and a long-time participant on the MBUSD Budgeting Strategy Committee, I am keenly aware that our school district is structurally underfunded and equally convinced that a significant parcel tax is the only way to permanently solve our district's intrinsic budget problems.

In early February, MB Citizens for Schools introduced a new parcel tax initiative that will critically change the formula for school funding in Manhattan Beach to ensure a sustainable source of support for our local schools and future generations of Manhattan Beach students.

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Thanks,



Michelle McDonald

MBEF Board Member, Chair of Measure MB Citizens Oversight Committee

Proud parent of a 21-year-old college junior who attended Pacific, MBMS, and Mira Costa

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bea Zimbalist <beazimbalist@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:47 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizen's Initiative for June Ballot

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Dear Council Members,

I'm writing in support of having the MB Citizens for Schools parcel tax initiative placed on the June ballot. In just 9 days and with the help of hundreds of volunteers, MB Citizens for Schools was able to get 4,100 signatures which is more than the 2,700 required to get it placed on a ballot. It signals that it's definitely an issue that the community cares about and, at the very least, would like to see it explored.

The main advantage of having it on the June ballot is, if passed, the schools can start utilizing the funds (approx. \$12,000,000 annually) for the 2022-2023 school year. It would also be great to keep it separate from an already filled November election ballot.

I appreciate your consideration on this very important matter to our community.

Thanks,

Bea Zimbalist

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Haruko Froeb <haruko15@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:34 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools parcel tax initiative

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**Best,
Haruko Froeb**

Please excuse any typos...sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Craig Kaplan <ckap9@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes on Parcel Tax on June Ballot!

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Dear City Council,

Our family loves our MB schools and I support a school parcel tax on the June ballot. Our schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels, yet they are facing dire budgetary realities. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can use the funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Sincerely,
Craig Kaplan
1708 Magnolia
MB 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Payal Kachalia <payal.kachalia@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative

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Thanks,
Payal Kachalia
Pacific PTA Board Member & MB Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: alice demartino <alicedemartino3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:09 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Boo
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Parcel Tax

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Dear City Council,

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Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Alice and Michael DeMartino

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Julie <justick79@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB parcel tax

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Sincerely,
Julie and Eli Ustick -Meadows Family

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tracy Lewis <canadatrac@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE PUT THE PARCEL TAX ON THE JUNE BALLOT! :)

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Warmly,
Tracy Lewis

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Brenda O'Leary <brendajoleary@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax - June Ballot Please

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Dear City Council -

As you know, our community pulled together on short order to achieve the necessary signatures to put the parcel tax for our schools on the ballot.

Tonight you will receive the certified signatures from this citizen-led proposed parcel tax and will decide whether or not to place it on the June ballot. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can start using the money in the 2022-2023 school year. Our kids need that investment in their education ASAP. Let's not delay!

Thank you for your service,

Brenda O'Leary

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:55 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please put the school parcel tax on the June ballot

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Dear City Council,

Our family moved to MB for its amazing public schools, and we have not been disappointed. Our schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels, yet they are facing dire budgetary realities. That is why I was happy to volunteer to help collect MB Resident signatures to put a school parcel tax on the June Ballot. It was a very enjoyable experience to go door-to-door and hear from neighbors (including those who do not currently have kids in the school district), support longer-term solutions to school funding. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can use the funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Sincerely,

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Diana Skaar
MB Resident with 2 kids in MBUSD

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tisha Anderson <anderson.tisha5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:53 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
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Thanks,
Tisha Anderson
Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ellen Kubo <emlizmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative
Attachments: Councilmember Montgomery.docx; Councilmember Franklin.docx; Mayor Pro Tem Napolitano.docx; Councilmember Hadley.docx; Mayor Hildy Stern.docx

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Attached please find letters for the members of the Manhattan Beach City Council regarding the Parcel Tax initiative on tonight's City Council meeting agenda.

Ellen Kubo
2404 John Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 546-6778

March 8, 2022

Councilmember Joe Franklin
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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March 8, 2022

Councilmember Suzanne Hadley
Manhattan Beach City Hall
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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March 8, 2022

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Manhattan Beach City Hall
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Thank you,
Ellen Kubo

Ellen Kubo
2404 John Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 546-6778

March 8, 2022

Mayor Hildy Stern
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Avenue
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: ro schreiner <schreiner.ro@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Placing the Parcel Tax on the June Ballot

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my support of placing the Parcel Tax Initiative on the June Ballot. I am proud of our schools, committed to supporting them in gaining the much needed additional state funding. Thank you for all that you do for our community and our schools.

Sincerely,
Ro Schreiner,
MBUSD Teacher, retired

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Joseph Bell <bell.joseph.s@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Can you send a quick email to MB City Council by 4 PM today for our schools!
Attachments: Dear Council Members.docx

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Joe Bell

Phone: (858) 692-7453

Primary Email: bell.joseph.s@gmail.com

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Thanks,

NAME

TITLE (MB Resident works too)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Stephanie Gampper Hsu <stephgampper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Put school parcel tax on June ballot

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Dear City Council,

Our family loves our MB schools, I am an MBEF Ambassador at Pacific Elementary, and I support a school parcel tax on the June ballot. Our schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels, yet they are facing dire budgetary realities. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can use the funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Gampper
Parent of kindergartner at Pacific and 6th grader at MBMS

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: April McGrath <aprilcaroline1977@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax

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Sincerely,

April McGrath

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Britt Joyce <britt.joyce@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:09 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax

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Thanks,
Britt Joyce
Manhattan Beach Resident

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Britt

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Sarah Dupee <sarahdupee@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please add the Parcel Tax Initiative to the ballot in June

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Thanks,

Sarah Dupee

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Parcel Tax

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Dear City Council,

I encourage you to put the MBUSD School Parcel Tax on the June ballot. I hope you will join the thousands of Manhattan Beach residents who support this Parcel Tax, and support our children's education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Laura and Michael Kiely
Manhattan Beach residents since 1994

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jen Jenkins Dohner <jendohner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support putting the MB Citizens for Schools Parcel Tax Initiative on the Ballot in June

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Hi All-

Just wanted to drop a quick line to let you know that I support putting the MB Citizens for Schools Parcel Tax Initiative on the June ballot. Maintaining the excellence of our schools and supporting all students is important and will translate into maintaining the property values of our homes and the desirability of our community as a great place to live.

The Committee to support MB Citizens for Schools needs time and space to put the community's focus on this important initiative with appropriate education and discourse. Residents need to understand what factors affect our school funding currently, how our local public schools will utilize and benefit from additional funding, how it will affect residents, and who are the exempt and responsible parties.

Inserting this into the fall general election milieu will limit the bandwidth and attention the measure could be afforded by voters. If the June measure did not pass, the fall election could provide another opportunity for schools to propose a measure that would. The fact that the initiative secured roughly 1/3 more signatures than it needed in the small 9 day window available is evidence that this is important to MB Residents. Please approve the measure for the June ballot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen Dohner

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Beth Orozco <beth.boehm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Bruce Moe; List - City Council
Cc: Aaron Orozco
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding MB Citizens for Schools: Ask for June Ballot

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Hello MB Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your support to add the parcel tax initiative placed on the June Ballot. This is critical in allowing the funding (if passed) impact the 2022-23 school year.

My husband and I are homeowners in Manhattan beach with two children at Pennekamp. We are also the volunteer MBEF site reps at our school, so we know all too well both the funding challenges and the support our community continues to demonstrate for our schools.

Thank you for prioritizing our high quality schools that are a huge part of what makes this community so special. We would hate it if the initiative was lost in the shuffle of all the other items in November. Let's do what is right for our kids, now.

Thank you for your support,

Beth and Aaron Orozco
MB Residents

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Nicole Maheu <nmaheu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:52 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax supporting our Schools

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Thank you for your time and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,
Nicole
MB Resident and parent

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Judd Gilefsky <judd.gilefsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:43 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Parcel Tax

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Sincerely,

Judd Gilefsky

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Nicole Pacourek <nicolepacourek1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools - Parcel Tax Initiative

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Thanks,
Nicole Pacourek/MB Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Sai Patil <sai.uday.patil@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:37 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School parcel tax on Jun ballot

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Sincerely,

Sai Patil
MB resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kate Pennino <katepennino10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:37 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Parcel Tax

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Sincerely,
Kate Pennino

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Catherine Schneider <cataluce@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools - Parcel Tax Initiative

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today to **respectfully request that the MB Citizens for Schools' parcel tax initiative be placed on the June ballot**. As you know, the initiative was supported by over 4,100 Manhattan Beach residents who signed in support of putting the initiative on the June ballot. The support was overwhelming and sent a clear message – our community continues to value and prioritize high-quality schools. If the measure is placed on the June ballot and passes, MBUSD schools will have an additional \$12,000,000 annually at the start of the 2022-2023 academic year. If this measure is instead passed in November, we will not be able to begin utilizing these funds until the 2023-2024 academic year.

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Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Catherine Schneider

Manhattan Beach resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kisu Lam <kisulam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 1 -- Parcel Tax Initiative

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Dear City Council,

Please accept the County Clerk's certification of the signatures for the MB Citizens for Schools Parcel Tax Measure and submit the measure to the County by the March 11th deadline to be included on the June 7th election ballot. The community's support for the measure is evidenced by the number of signatures collected. Passage of the parcel tax would be a win not only for our schools and students, but for all property owners. Property values are directly tied to the ranking of our schools, and our schools are already slipping in some rankings. Ensuring immediate funding for our schools if the measure is passed in the next election will help get our school rankings back up.

Sincerely,

Kisu and Nolan Lam
9 Cambridge, Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jack Kappe <jackkappe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Tania Kappe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support the parcel tax

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Sincerely,

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Jack Kappe
jackkappe@gmail.com
(310) 699-3224
1711 10th St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jiyeon <im.jyoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel-tax initiative--please certify

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Dear City Council,

Tonight, you will receive the report from the County Clerk of Los Angeles certifying the signatures for a citizen-led proposed parcel tax. Please accept this certification and submit the measure to the County by the March 11 deadline to be included on the June 7 election ballot.

In less than two weeks, over 4000 signatures were gathered, exceeding the minimum threshold. By doing so, Manhattan Beach residents have demonstrated their full-throated support to prioritize and fund our schools.

It is also imperative that the initiative is placed on the June ballot and passed in June. Then, MBUSD schools will have an additional \$12,000,000 annually at the start of the 2022-2023 academic year. If this measure is pushed to November, funds will be delayed until the 2023-2024 academic year. Further, the June ballot will give the initiative primacy of place--it will have undivided attention in our community whereas November will be crowded with elections across local-, state-, and national levels. There can be a clear and focused conversation around finally providing a stable revenue stream for our public schools.

I respectfully ask you that you recognize your constituency in validating this initiative and accepting the certification of our signatures.

Sincerely,
Jiyeon Im
Manhattan Beach resident (Pennekamp and MBMS family)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kelly Gordon <kelly.gordon.mb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Parcel Tax Ballot Measure

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I wanted to share my support to get the new parcel tax on the June ballot. It seems clear that the residents are interested in this given the huge turnout of signatures in just 9 days. I especially appreciate that residents 65+ will be exempt and hopefully this will help us pass this measure to help better fund our schools. Thank you to the council members for your continued hard work for MB.

Kelly Gordon, MB resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Adrienne Silva <currensmommy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Parcel Tax

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Sincerely,

Adrienne Silva
Cell: 310.714.7271
currensmommy@yahoo.com

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Claire Jacks <clmckenn00@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel tax

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Sincerely,

The Jacks Family
1617 Chestnut Ave

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Heather Hogan-Schlehuber <hjhogan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:22 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to City Council

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Heather Schlehuber
MB Resident, Meadows Parent, MBMS Parent

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Paula & Todd Cogan
MB Resident
2301 Oak Avenue

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: emma hite <e_hite@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please include parcel tax on June Ballot!

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Sincerely,
Emma Hite

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Meike Hennon <meikehennon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:14 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax

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Meike Hennon

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[Meike Hennon](#)
(310) 593-3645
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/meikehennon>

[Shinebright, Co-Founder](#)
shinebright.us

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jane Kim <jwk54321@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:13 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed parcel tax

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Sincerely,
Jane Kim DeFrance (MB resident since 2007)
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Heather Freelin <hfreelin@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel tax on June ballot

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Sincerely,

Heather and Jason Freelin, parents of 5th grader and 9th grader in MB schools

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jenn Remillard <jenn@kemperinteriors.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax for June Ballot

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Remillard

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jason Quinn <jason.quinn7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools

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Thanks,
Jason Quinn
MB Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Susmita Patnala <susmitapk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax on the June Ballot

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Sincerely,
Susmita and Venkatesh
2009 Magnolia Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Carrie Wetsch <carrie.wetsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] in favor of parcel tax...

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Dear City Council,

Our family has lived in MB/HB for almost 90 years and has three generations of Costa Grads! We love our MB schools and I support a school parcel tax on the June ballot. Our schools provide outstanding academic programs at all levels, yet they are facing dire budgetary realities. If the parcel tax passes in June, we can use the funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Sincerely,

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~Carrie Wetsch
MBUSD SEAC Leadership
Parent and advocate for equity and inclusion



Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: patricia doumeng <pdoumeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:53 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools support

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Thanks,

Patricia Doumeng

Pacific Elementary PTA Co-President

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tracey windes <traceywindes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools

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Dear City Council,

I am in support of the MB Citizens for Schools ballot initiative and hope you are too! Please consider approving this initiative, so it will be added to the ballot this week.

Thank you,
Tracey Windes

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Carrie Gilmer <ckngilmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel tax

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Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,

Carrie Nichols Gilmer (Pacific, MBI and MCHS '94 alum) & Greg Gilmer (Grand View, MBI and MCHS '92 alum)

Parents of Grant Gilmer (MCHS 10th grade) and Paige Gilmer (MBMS 8th grade)

Carrie Gilmer

Freelance Copywriter

Executive Director, Beautycounter

beautycounter.com/carriegilmer

(Sent from my iPhone)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Madeline Kaplan <madbiest@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for placing the school parcel tax on the June ballot

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Madeline Kaplan

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rachel Disser <rrdisser@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:39 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools Ballot Initiative

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Best,

Rachel Disser
MB Resident, Board Member - MBEF, & Mira Costa Parent

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lisa Quarello <lisa.quarello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please put Parcel Tax Initiative on JUNE BALLOT

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Lisa Quarello
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From: Paul Silva <paulmathewsilva@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed language for Bruce's Beach plaque

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Dear City Councilmembers:

I propose this language for the Bruce's Beach plaque. It's taken directly from a city official, Frank Doherty, who took part in the action, reflects the council's thinking at the time and his personal regret over time.

“At one time, we thought that the Negro problem was going to stop our progress. And they erected a large building at the end of 27th Street using the first floor for a dressing room for bathing and the entire second floor for a dining room and kitchen...They came here in truckloads with banners flying, Bound for Manhattan Beach. We tried to buy them out, but they would not sell. There were several families in the blocks between 26th and 27th streets and between Strand and Highland. We had to acquire these two blocks to solve the problem, so we voted to condemn them and make a city park there. We had to protect ourselves. Our attorney advised members of the council never to admit the real purpose and establishment of the park, especially during the council meetings.”

“Those Negroes were Americans and had as much right to be here as we did. I always felt that it was a mean trick to make them leave their homes. But it was the only way out. Being a member of the board, I had to participate or give up Manhattan Beach. I always thought that was the meanest thing I ever did, but I suppose I had to, and always thought the same way about it.”

Frank Doherty

Manhattan Beach City Trustee (Dates)

Excerpt from newspaper article written by Doherty in 1945

Thank you for your consideration and service

Paul Silva

1321 Curtis Avenue, Manhattan Beach

(310) 991-6401

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Alison Quinn <apquinn7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools Ballot

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Thanks,
Alison Quinn
MB Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maribeth Cunningham <maribeth.cunningham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] parcel tax initiative

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Thanks,

Maribeth & Ben Cunningham
Manhattan Beach Residents

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Paula Cogan <paula.cogan@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools Ballot Initiative- Support for
Attachments: MB Citizens fo Schools (Cogan, 2301 Oak Ave).docx; ATT00001.htm

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Brooke Zipperman <brookezipperman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Adding Parcel Tax to June ballot

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Thanks,
Brooke Zipperman
VP of Fundraising at Pacific Elementary

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Damian Areyan <damianareyan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] June Ballot, please! Thank you City Council!

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Dear City Council-

I'm sure I'm not the only one writing to you...

My grandparents moved to the South Bay in 1919 and we are deeply committed to this area. My wife and I are now raising our two boys in MB because it's such a special place.

We are in favor of having the MB Citizens for Schools Parcel Tax be placed on the June ballot!

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For our childrens' future, please consider the June ballot. This parcel tax can be TRANSFORMATIVE for our schools (and for property values for all citizens).

Thank you !!

Damian Areyan
2105 Faymont Avenue, MB

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kate Joyce <katherine.e.a.joyce@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach Parcel Tax Initiative

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Kate Joyce
Manhattan Beach Resident

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From: Carly Feingold <carlyfeingold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:37 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel tax for MBUSD

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Thanks,
Kimberly Rosenfeld
Meadows PTA President
Parent of 3 MBUSD Students

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From: Taleene Rose <taleene@taleenerosehome.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parcel Tax Initiative — Please place on JUNE ballot

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Thank you,
Taleene Rose

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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:16 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Citizens for Schools

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Thanks,
Ashley Areyan
MB Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:12 AM
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Thank,
Ashley McCarthy
Manhattan Beach Resident (and MBUSD Parent)