

# City Council Regular Meeting - April 5, 2022

Meeting Time: 04-05-22 18:00

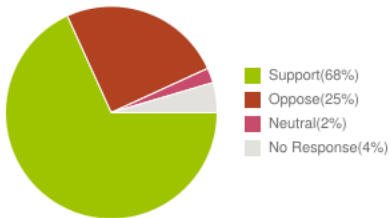
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - April 5, 2022	04-05-22 18:00	46	44	30	11	1

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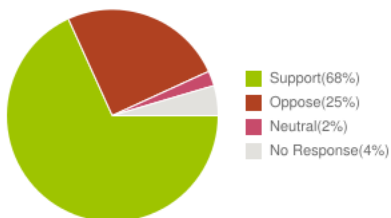
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
2. 22-0025 Presentation of Certificates of Recognition in Honor of Mayor Stern's Kindness Initiative to Allison Hales, Justin Verbiest, Billy Corvalan and Lenora Marouani, as the Founders of Culture Club South Bay. (Estimated Time: 5 Min.) PRESENT	19	18	0	0
G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	1	0	0	1
18. 22-0148 Consideration of Actions Regarding a Citizen-Initiated Ballot Measure to Repeal the City's Existing Prohibition of Commercial Cannabis Activity and Allow Three Cannabis Retail Stores in the City (City Clerk Tamura). A) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-0047 - ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES B) SELECT ONE OF THE THREE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: 1. ADOPT THE INITIATIVE ORDINANCE, WITHOUT CHANGE 2. CONSOLIDATE AN ELECTION ON THE INITIATIVE WITH THE REGULAR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022 3. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT PER CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 9212 C) DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	4	0	4	0
21. 22-0145 Consideration of a Resolution Regarding an Official City Council Endorsement for the Recall of District Attorney George Gascón (City Manager Moe). (Estimated Time: 1 Hr.) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-0045	20	12	7	0

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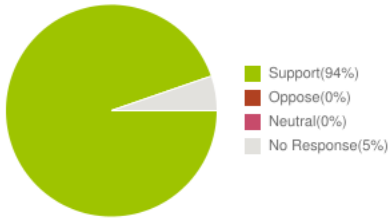
#### Agenda Item: eComments for 2. 22-0025

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition in Honor of Mayor Stern's Kindness Initiative to Allison Hales, Justin Verbiest, Billy Corvalan and Lenora Marouani, as the Founders of Culture Club South Bay.

(Estimated Time: 5 Min.)

PRESENT

## Overall Sentiment



### **Kim Brant-Lucich**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:49pm 04-05-22

Kudos to the founders of the Culture Club South Bay - this is a wonderful group and worthy of support from our community. It takes dedication to lead meaningful community programs like theirs. Keep up the great work!

### **Stacy C.**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:21pm 04-05-22

I proudly support Culture Club and what its initiative stands for, especially for the youth in the community. The commitment to this project deserves recognition as these amazing volunteers are working so hard to make the right kind of difference. Manhattan Beach should be honored to be hosting such a great program.

### **Lauren Silva**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 04-05-22

Fully support CCSB! Would love to see MB on the right side of history! Growing up here, it was easy to see the bias that is rooted in this town and I love that there is group here willing to change all of that! This will make a safer, and more inclusive MB for all!

### **Justin Verbiest**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:12pm 04-05-22

I am so lucky to be a part of such a great program and work with South Bay organizations, people, and youth!!!!

### **Rosemarie Nacita**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47am 04-05-22

I fully support the permanent return of the Culture Club South Bay program. It successfully manages to represent beach life, healthy living, diversity and community. Congratulations to the entire Culture Club team. A special acknowledgment to Bill Corvalan for his unyielding commitment.

### **Patrice Radden**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17am 04-05-22

We are proud supporters of Culture Club South Bay and look forward to watching this important program become a mainstay in our community.

### **Mike Evans**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:20am 04-05-22

Congrats to Culture Club for a successful pilot program - very excited to see this program grow and flourish in our community. This is an incredible program and so valuable to everyone involved. You have my full support!

**Robert Brown**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:50am 04-05-22

This is an amazing program run by a great guy. Billy has done so much for local kids here in the area (including my daughter) teaching them to enjoy, respect and protect the environment and natural resource. It's great to see him expanding the program in such an inclusive way.

**Benjamin Stern**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07pm 04-04-22

This is a terrific program that promotes communication, teamwork and respect.

Thank you to everyone involved for creating and nurturing South Bay Culture Club.

**Serge Dube**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06pm 04-04-22

This is an awesome program for our kids. Please continue to support an initiative that provides education, builds skills and connects everyone to the community and the ocean.

**Hideharu Kojima**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 04-04-22

Last summer I saw many kids participating in the program with big smiles on their faces. This amazing program gave the kids both participating and volunteering great memories they will carry for a long time. Thank you for putting together this amazing program.

**Alex McCulloch**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 04-04-22

Congratulations to the Culture Club team, my son and I had such a fun and enriching experience volunteering in their program. They really do make a difference in kids lives and strengthen our sense of community.

**Rolf Bender**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:20pm 04-04-22

This program is exactly what the South Bay needs. The world today can be a diff I place to live in. A program like this enhances children's lives. We can be the change for them! We can give them the opportunity to grow and learn outside the box. It is our responsibility to offer them to see and explore new things. Please support this program. It makes the world a better place

**Robert Carter**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 04-04-22

this is an amazing program for the kids, our children had a great time, and introducing the beach culture to new participants is a complete win. Thank you to everyone who put this on and supported it.

**Jason Manasse**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 04-04-22

How can someone even oppose this? This is great work.

**Benjamin Harris**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34pm 04-04-22

This is exactly the program our youth needs. My son benefitted greatly from the program and developed not only his surfing skills but his ability to connect with others from different backgrounds. He got to see first hand how connected community helps many. Congratulations to Billy and team for their incredible work to do good.

**Tiffany Am**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:32pm 04-03-22

My kids had a great time at Southbay Culture Club. It is a diverse group of young people who socialize and build with one another through group activities at the beach. Many children do not have the opportunity to surf, cook, or participation in community clubs. Every day that our children went out there, they felt safe and happy. Hopefully, individuals agree with and support the program because it fosters harmony, love, and peace within our youth.

**Magaela Bethune**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:29pm 04-03-22

I'm am thrilled that the Culture Club of South Bay and its founders are being recognized and celebrated. This program engages a community of volunteers in providing opportunities for diverse young people to be exposed to a broad range of life skills, positive social interactions, and cultural, community, and environmental immersion. I look forward to watching this program grow in this community and beyond.

**Michael Jenkins**

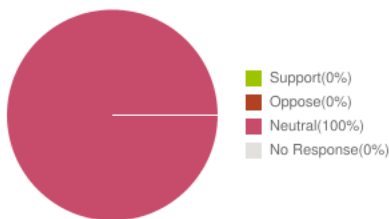
Location:

Submitted At: 12:30pm 04-03-22

This is a great program. I urge residents to support the Culture Club program by volunteering, signing up your kids or making a donation. A program like this that exposes a diverse group of young people to beach sports enriches Manhattan Beach. Thank you Mayor Stern for recognizing Culture Club.

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

Overall Sentiment



**Matt McCool**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44pm 04-05-22

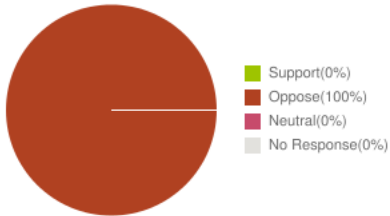
Dear Honorable Mayor Stern and Members of the City Council - I am following up on my January 18, 2022 City Council meeting public comments regarding the City of Manhattan Beach contracting prosecution services with the City of Redondo Beach. Please see attached letter.

Agenda Item: eComments for 18. 22-0148

Consideration of Actions Regarding a Citizen-Initiated Ballot Measure to Repeal the City's Existing Prohibition of Commercial Cannabis Activity and Allow Three Cannabis Retail Stores in the City (City Clerk Tamura).

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Overall Sentiment



**Char Harding**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 04-05-22

No pot shops please. Keep our quant town wholesome

**Heather K**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:50pm 04-05-22

Not only were the petition gatherers extremely deceptive in their tactics as Mayor Stern warned the community once it was brought to light, but this is a slap in the face to the retailers who were unfairly targeted for selling LEGAL TOBACCO PRODUCTS to ADULTS through verification processes. If smoking is outlawed, how can this even be a consideration? Hypocrisy at its finest.

**Heidi Rayden Tobias**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:12pm 04-05-22

Strongly oppose this consideration. No pot stores on MB

**Scott Chambers**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 04-05-22

I oppose any pot shops in town. We are a smoke free city or we are not. I think you need to let local businesses sell Tabaco products if this moves forward

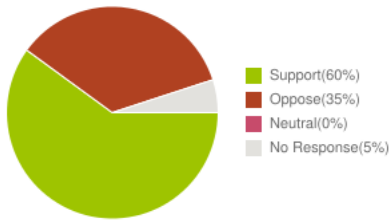
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Consideration of a Resolution Regarding an Official City Council Endorsement for the Recall of District Attorney George Gascón (City Manager Moe).

(Estimated Time: 1 Hr.)

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-0045

## Overall Sentiment



### Char Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 04-05-22

Please get a handle on crime

### Heather K

Location:

Submitted At: 5:17pm 04-05-22

Thank you, to most of the members of City Council, for supporting the Recall of George Gascon a few months ago. I trust that you will once again join in the growing number of cities who have voted on similar resolutions to send a strong message to this fake DA that his reign of terror is coming to an end. He has made it abundantly clear that he cares more about victimizers than victims and chaos over calm. Our lives and quality of life is threatened more and more each day. We are privileged in Manhattan Beach that we have a lower number of violent crimes so we must fight for those in other communities who are victims without any resolution or regard for their lives. And MB, when your sense of security is ripped from you because of property crimes, maybe those sympathetic to criminals will have a change of heart too.

### Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 04-05-22

While many in our community oppose Gascon's policies and support a recall election, it is not appropriate for our City Council to pass a declaration supporting recall. Individuals vote for elected officials. City Council, however, does not have a group vote in a local election and should not collectively endorse the recall. Making this declaration could harm our city and future relations with the DA's Office - current and future

Police Chief Abell has shared on several occasions that MBPD has a good working relationship with the LA County District Attorney. This vote could undermine that relationship, hurting MBPD. It doesn't help our MBPD or serve our City in any way to endorse a recall

In addition, Manhattan Beach has asked the DA's office to allow MB to prosecute its own misdemeanors and the DA's office has denied the request. A declaration supporting recall will hamper any future opportunities to renegotiate this matter. This will not help our City.

### Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 4:33pm 04-05-22

Please endorse the Gascon recall. Gascon's directives have endangered the property and persons of Manhattan Beach's residents, specifically his refusal to allow Manhattan Beach to prosecute the state misdemeanor violations (which he refuses to charge) through Redondo Beach's prosecutor. This directly affects us as a city because it precludes our ability to access Redondo's homeless court.

Those who support Gascon's pro-crime agenda will naturally oppose his recall but they are lying when they make a cynical baseless claim that today's resolution is a toothless political stunt. Gascon undermines our democratic process by refusing to enforce criminal statutes that our elected representatives have enacted. Even if this was not an election year, I and my neighbors would want to see Gascon recalled and we all supported Council's 4-1

decision last year (a non-election year) to vote No Confidence in George Gascon. Today's resolution is the logical extension of that previous vote.

### **Heidi Rayden Tobias**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31pm 04-05-22

Council took an oath to protect the citizens of Manhattan Beach. Stating there are only "Perceived" increases in crime & it is "political theater" as an argument CC should not support the recall effort... are beyond ignorant and asinine at this point.

From reducing felonies to misdemeanors to the HANNAH TUBBS case ... (along with the hundreds of other victims of crime re-victimized by Gascons office)... this DA does not care about honest, law abiding citizens. Think crime is not up...talk to your local shop owners & MBPD. Wake up. We don't have to "wait" until we turn into SF.

Manhattan Beach should absolutely be taking a stand against this DA & show MB residents they support law & order. I urge MBCC to vote in support of the Gascon recall.

### **Elyse Gura**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:19pm 04-05-22

We should replace Gascon - but through election, not recall. Recall likelihood is low.. Even if successful: Who replaces Gascon? For how long? Will policies we object to be reversed? What we really want is POLICY CHANGE to protect neighborhoods, residents & businesses. Gascon has backtracked on preventing sending juveniles to adult court. A committee now reviews prosecutor motions to transfer cases involving minors accused of murder, violent sexual assaults, etc. into adult court.

Let's work with other cities to get Gascon to rescind or modify other directives . Chief Abell can advise on where to focus energy to really make a difference. This is more likely to get bipartisan support in MB; is more likely to get the intended results; is more likely to get the policy change our city needs. Follow with bipartisan effort to replace Gascon in the next regular election.

Please vote against the resolution to recall Gascon .. and resolve to implement policy change instead.

### **Jan Mills**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 04-05-22

It is not the city council's job to take a position on the recall; each voter can make their views known regarding DA Gascon. I have lived in Manhattan Beach for almost 40 years, and I am stunned that the city council would somehow think they have the right to represent residents on an issue over which they have no role. How does this resolution improve democracy?

### **Michael Jenkins**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56pm 04-05-22

Gascon was duly elected and should be allowed to pursue his agenda. If it is unsuccessful, he won't be reelected when the time comes. No doubt he has made some mistakes, but those aren't grounds for a recall. Gascon is not responsible for any perceived increases in crime; if anyone should be recalled it is the Sheriff. As a practical matter, the City needs to have a good working relationship with the DA's office; the proposed resolution impairs that relationship. The City as a government plays no role in the recall process; it is a matter of individual voter choice and the City Council, which represents all voters in the City, should not be taking a position on a matter about which your constituents disagree. That's what makes this resolution a toothless political stunt, designed to rile up certain political elements in the community purely to build support for the next Council campaign. We are all against crime; that is not the issue here. I urge the Council not to pursue this.

### **Scott Chambers**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 04-05-22



Talk with any police officer crime is up!! So as a city we have to stand up for law and order, not this chaos. I support the recall of Gascon.

**Fred Taylor**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:03pm 04-05-22

Our LA County Attorney has proven he wants to lower LA County by NOT prosecuting criminals. Our murder rate is up 94% in just one year. How much more can we tolerate. His office has already communicated they don't care about MB by denying our request for a Redondo partnership.  
RESOLVE that George Gascon BE RECALLED.....IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

**Devon Nicole**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:38am 04-05-22

I support the recall and hope it passes. Please stand up for the safety of our residents which has been obliterated by Gascon.

**Michele Reniche**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:23am 04-05-22

I object to council members using the city's name and reputation in this manner. Opposed.

**Cathy Hobart**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:07am 04-05-22

I support the recall of George Gascon. Please stand up for our community and support enforcing current laws.

Thank you!  
Cathy Hobart

**Karla Devine**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:53pm 04-04-22

I oppose the recall of George Gascon. He was fairly elected. Recalls are meant to be used in cases of crime or malfeasance, neither of which applies here. This decision should be made by citizens, not the Manhattan Beach City Council. Please stick to Manhattan Beach issues and not political theater!

Thank you!  
Karla Devine

**James Harger**

Location:  
Submitted At: 5:52pm 04-04-22

I fully support the recall of George Gascon and request that each of you do the same.

Elections have consequences. Hopefully the Los Angeles County electorate who voted for Mr. Gascon will do some research next time before they cast their ballots.

Hildy, I know you'll vote against the recall because, being a radical liberal, you support criminals before the residents of our City, I hope that in the best interest of our City you do not seek reelection.

Thank you,

Jim Harger  
63 year resident of Manhattan Beach

**Lee Phillips**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 04-04-22

I endorse the recall of gascon

**Liz Calkins**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 04-04-22

I am writing to oppose the resolution to endorse the recall of District Attorney George Gascón. This was tried once already and failed. He was duly elected and will be up for reelection. If the City Council wants to discuss the issues with DA Gascon, then please do so. But do not waste our time and tax dollars on unnecessary recalls and special elections. Thank you.

**Marvin Hixson**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55am 04-04-22

It is so important to remove this man who assumes power over what laws are to be ignored. No man is above the law. How is it legal for him to ignore laws, norms of a civil society, and statutes put in place by elected officials? Manhattan Beach City council needs to reconfirm 100% to give Gascon ZERO confidence and put him out on the street.

**Lissen Schnack**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 04-03-22

I in favor of the city endorsing the Recall of George Gascon.

**Tiffany Wright**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 04-03-22

I am writing to ask that the City Council to endorse the campaign to recall Gascon and adopt a city prosecutor. I agree that we should:

1) move the prosecution of misdemeanors to a city prosecutor (that being a Manhattan Beach city prosecutor or the Redondo Beach city prosecutor). 2) endorse of our campaign to recall Gascon. Our family has been victimized by crime within the last year. An ebike was stolen out of our garage in WHILE WE WERE HOME! Because the theft was considered less than \$950, it was just a misdemeanor under prop 47 (which Gascon helped to draft!) and the criminal who stole the bike has not been punished.