

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Tom260@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Firefighters

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From: Tom260@roadrunner.com  
To: "city-clerk@manhattanbeach.gov", "tom260@roadrunner.com"  
Cc:  
Sent: Monday April 18 2022 4:47:28PM  
Subject: Firefighters

On June 27, 2021 I had a major heart attack. I remember very little of the incident as I was totally unconscious and have been told since then that I was actually dead for a period of time. According to my wife the paramedics arrived a short time later. Initially they could not revive me and the captain told my wife the same and suggested she call someone to come be with her during this difficult time. Again according to my wife one paramedic said lets try one more time and when they did I responded and came to. There was hospitalization and a variety of different therapies over the next several months and thankfully today I seem to have recovered completely. I am not the most religious person in the world but I believe in my healed heart that God put life saving magic in the hands of the paramedics that came to this house. I am an avid supporter of the Manhattan Beach Firefighters and Police as well. The question here among other things during contract negotiation's becomes what is my life worth, and what is the lives of all the others that the paramedics have saved and helped in this city worth? You can't put a dollar amount on it can you? I believe that every penny the Firefighters and police earn in this city they truly earn. I don't in any way manner or form in our world today understand why we pay baseball players, football players, soccer players and other athletes upwards of twenty, thirty, and even forty million dollars a year to play a sport for five to seven months a year and why the people who literally save human lives on a daily basis are required to fight for every nickel and dime they get during negotiations. I honestly believe that our lawmakers need to take a minute and reflect in their own lives what is actually important in life an athlete who helps sell beer and peanuts or a Paramedic or Cop that saves lives. I realize that there are priorities and budgets that need to be adhered to but I also believe lives are worth more than beer and peanuts. Please, please, please take the time to understand what our firefighters actually and award the what they are really worth and more so that that what they really deserve. Remember one more thing for you and your families as well. The world is unpredictable and perhaps while I sincerely hope not the time may actually need the paramedics to come to your home to save a life in your family and if so what would they be worth to you then.

Thomas F. Smith  
1200 Faymont Ave  
Manhattan Beach, Calif. 90266

tom260@roadrunner.com

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**From:** Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 12:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fire department

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Greetings to all on the city council,

I learned that you are considering outsourcing our fire department and I am very concerned. I know many people in Hermosa Beach who have gone through the same thing. To a person they all regret the change. Giving up one's own fire department is a terrible idea yet it seems like just another step in the big plan for LA County to control more of our city until it takes over and just absorbs everything. We already have the state taking our tax money and changing our building codes regarding the number of homes that can be on one lot. PLEASE do not give our fire department away. I'm guessing the go is to save \$\$\$. That may be true initially but when they are the only option they will hold all the power and will be able to charge whatever they want. Who is to say they won't use our money to subsidize other things.

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**From:** Katie David <katiemdavid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Firefighters Local

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Hello -

I apologize I did not write sooner as it seems the decision has already been made. Please go back to the firefighters and keep them local!!!

Our tiny alleys require professional firefighters who know how to navigate the ins and outs of our neighborhoods.

Quick story: Back in 2010, I had a newborn baby girl and she stopped breathing for a bit. We called 911 and within a few minutes, the MBfirefighters and paramedics were at my house to help with the situation. We live at 500 7th St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 and if you are familiar with the streets in that area, it is very confusing (infact WAZE even misdirects our doordash orders because of their incorrect positioning of our house). Our house is not on the alley. You would have to know the area to find our home quickly. I believe we got the best and most immediate attention for my newborn baby because these guys knew where we lived and how best to get there and to navigate the truck in the tight alley with impossible turns. They referred us to go to the nearest hospital and we rode in the ambulance to Little Company of Mary and immediately got a room in the ER.

It's really important to me to make sure that everyone in Manhattan Beach has access to the same quality of talented Manhattan Beach firefighters and paramedics as we did on that very scary evening.

Please keep it local!!!!!! They are always there for us!

Thank you,  
Katie David

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Anita Rodal <anitarodal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of our firefighters

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Hello,

I am writing to respectfully request that city leadership return to the bargaining table immediately, and come up with an agreement that is amenable to our firefighters.

Having had to call on the fire department twice the middle of the pandemic (due to medical emergencies unrelated to the pandemic), I can tell you that I have first-hand knowledge of just how amazing they are. Along with our teachers and our police force, they are our local heroes. The city should be bending over backwards for them.

I have read the firefighters' open letter. Nothing that they have laid out in that letter seems unreasonable to me. Please keep that in mind, and do right by them.

Thank you for your attention in this matter!

Best regards,

Anita Rodal

**Anita Rodal, MS**

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**From:** jon swidler <jon1swidler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach Fire Dept.

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City Clerk,  
Please support our Fire Department. Please settle with an equitable contract. Manhattan Beach can afford a contract for the first responders.  
Thank you,  
Jon Swidler  
310-245-7685

iPhone Transmittal.

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**From:** jeanette avery <jeanette.avery@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:28 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please come back to the table

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Our firefighters  
Are extremely important  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** zendog4337 <zendog4337@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fire Department

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Please work to keep our fire dept. Local

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## **Martha Alvarez, MMC**

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**From:** Mary Yep Brown <jaybrown61@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:04 AM  
**To:** City Clerk

We support our Manhattan Beach Firefighters. Please go back to the bargaining table. We must keep our city safe. Thank you. We are long time residents of Manhattan Beach. Been here since January 1st, 1994.

Sincerely,  
Mary Yep-Brown and Jay Brown



## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Mars Brownsen <mbrownsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support diversity mbfd

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I think fresh ideas are needed

Please stand up to the insular tendencies of some of our public service leaders!

I would like my daughter to have a fair shot at being a firefighter in mb

Mars brownsen  
1342 mbbld

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Andrew Sheridan <andrew.r.sheridan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not cave to Firefighter Union

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi,

I got a text from the firefighters complaining about their salaries.

My understanding is that they are already the highest paid in the country. The best thing that can happen is for inflation to erode this value over time. I urge you to NOT conceded to the union and pay them more.

<https://californiaglobe.com/articles/manhattan-beach-firefighter-pay-averages-over-300000-per-year/>

I would suggest you look into the costs of a national search to replace the entire department should they keep up this pressure. I would imagine that if you offered 200K total compensation for people to move to CA and work in a wonderful beach town you would get thousands of applicants.

Thanks,  
-Andrew Sheridan

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**From:** Brian Dietz <bgdietz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:18 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public safety concern

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To whom it may concern,

It is unacceptable that the community of Manhattan beach is at great risk of reduced fire protection. Please continue talks with Manhattan Beach firefighters in order to keep our city safe. It may appear to save money but when that money can help save lives and properly (maybe even your own) it should be available for our firefighters to use. We relied on them during this terrible pandemic and now they rely on us for keeping their working conditions safe allowing for our community to be protected!

Thank you,

Brian Dietz

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**From:** Warren Schaffers <warren@theschaffers.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fire Department

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Please keep our Fire Department Local!

Warren  
310.995.8558

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**From:** Riley <riley.versfelt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fire department support

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To whom it may concern,

I support our Fire Department.

Bring them back to the table so they can do the work to keep our city safe.

Stand by your words to support local across the board, not just with local shops but with local fire department.

Thanks,

Riley

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**RILEY**

[riley.versfelt@gmail.com](mailto:riley.versfelt@gmail.com)

310.748.1446

**Martha Alvarez, MMC**

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**From:** Carrie Zehnpfennig <CarrieZ@CarrieZsellsRealEstate.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support our firefighters

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I support our firefighters, do the work to keep our fire dept. local

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**From:** Deborah Phillips <deborah\_phillips1949@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 9:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MB firefighters

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Keep our local firefighters 🚒

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Richard Magnuson <rdmagnuson@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fire Assn. Negotiations

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor and Council:

I fully support all of Council's positions on their negotiations with the MB Fire Dept. union. The firefighters must understand that they don't run the show. The residents through their Council reps, are in charge. Please make this clear to them and stand by your positions on these issues.

Thanks for all you do.

Richard Magnuson  
Manhattan Beach