



## CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH CITY HALL

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### Comment

I'm calling about the City Council and the Manhattan Beach Firefighters. What are you people trying to do to the Fire Department and this town in general? All you folks care about is this woke crap that's going around such as Bruce's Beach which is a total farce. All these things that make you feel good inside but are harmful to the community. Be fair with the firefighters, give them the cost of living increases that they need to survive in this community and in the South Bay in general. And why are you cutting salaries for Captains that move up to Battalion Chief? What is wrong with you people? You know, you people should take a pay cut, I haven't seen you do anything worthwhile for this city yet. I've lived here since 1979 and this city is just going downhill more and more every year. I hope someone reaches out to me to comment on this crap that's going on. My name is Bill Pratt. My phone number is (310) 871-7054. Do something right for a change and stand up for the firefighters in the City of Manhattan Beach. All these people that are there protecting you daily, that you would cry over if they didn't come and protect you. They worked through the pandemic, they're putting their lives on the line every day. So do something good for the community and not just the stuff that makes you feel good inside. It's a total waste of time and money. Please reach out to me 'cuz I'd love to hear someone comment on this because everyone wants to talk but no one wants to justify and back up their actions. Thank you.

### Comment

Hi, my name is Katie David. I'm a resident of Manhattan Beach. I live at 500 7<sup>th</sup> Street and I just wanted to comment on keeping the Manhattan Beach Firefighters local. I know they play a very important role in keeping our town safe and it is one of the reasons I feel safe living here, having them so close and knowing our alleys. We live in an area where knowing how to get around and where our house is located is really important. It was important in 2010 when my daughter quit breathing and we had to call them and they came immediately. They knew how to make that turn and navigate into the alley to get to our house and they were extremely helpful in that situation and for that I just really want to put a word in to say please keep them local. It is so important to us and I really appreciate you taking the time to listen to my message. Thank you. Bye.

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Yes, my name is Steve Brick. I live on Pine Avenue, here in Manhattan Beach. 2209 Pine and I want to come speak on behalf of the firefighters. We need them to stay local. We need to not hand this business out to someone else. We need to keep our firefighters and our police officers as local as we can. That is extremely important. Please get everyone back to the talking table and let's sit down and figure out a way to make it happen. It is absurd with the amount of money, tax money that is coming into this city because of the value of the property here every time a house sells, we are robust with wealth in this town. People will support this. Please do not treat this as this is, as if this is some kind of place in Northern California that has 58 homes in the whole city. We deserve a full time police and fire department all working directly for the city and people of Manhattan Beach.

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As my family has been a resident of Manhattan Beach for 50 plus years and reading the firefighters letter, I do support the firefighters. I have accessed them for my children and my family and if it's an issue of getting to the table in 2022, find a way to do it and be open hearted about it and look at the big picture. Good day.