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From: Bruce Greenberg <bruce.h.greenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:25 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Mark Leyman; Laurie McCarthy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] P&R Commission Appointment // Larry Zimbalist

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Hello Mayor Montgomery and Council Members,

Next week, you will be interviewing candidates to fill Ken Weiner's seat on the P&R Commission. I have never before endorsed a commission candidate but I want to put in a plug for Larry Zimbalist.

As he was contemplating whether to submit an application for the commission role, he reached out to me to learn about my experience serving on the commission over the past 6 years. Of the various candidates with whom I've met in recent weeks, Larry unquestionably stood out for his degree of preparation, understanding, inquisitiveness, and desire to serve the community. When he and I spoke a few weeks ago, he had already studied the Parks Master Plan and read through a year's worth of minutes from the P&R Commission (keep in mind that recordings of P&R Commission meetings are not available for viewing on the City's website.) Before I started explaining the role and answering questions about our projects and ad hoc committees, I got the distinct sense that he had done his homework and had a clear notion of the Commission's work.

He was so thorough in his preparation and insightful in his questions. If he is selected for the commission and brings even a fraction of the diligence and preparation to the role, I'm confident that we will all be blown away by the output and productivity of the P&R Commission over the next 6 years.

Prior to my hour-long phone call with Larry a few weeks ago, we had only met a few times in social situations. As I got to know him on the call, I learned about his commitment to our community as an MBYB coach and, more significantly, as a member of the Bond Oversight Committee for Measures C & EE over the past 6 years. This is a quiet but critical role providing diligent oversight to the community's \$150M investment in new and upgraded facilities at our school campuses.

Although he still has school age children, Larry has recently retired. Thus, he has the time, energy, and bandwidth to throw into this volunteer role.

No, he did not ask for my endorsement. I'm sending this because I care about MB...and I would like to see Ken's seat filled with a strong replacement...and I am confident that Larry is just such a candidate. Current commission chairperson Laurie McCarthy (cc'd) implored Ken and me to help find strong candidates for the commission. Fortunately, we didn't need to... the strong candidates found us. I'm simply calling out the best of the bunch (IMHO).

Thank you for your service. Good luck with the interviews and the subsequent selection process.

Best regards,
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From: Jim Yang <graceandjimyang@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Commissioner Seats

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Jim Yang. I would like to introduce myself and express my interest in being considered for the upcoming vacancies for the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (Member-at Large) as the first option and the Board of Building Appeals (Member-at Large) as the second option.

My family has been a resident of Manhattan Beach for 41 years. Our children have grown up here and attended Meadows Elementary Schools, MBI and Mira Costa High School.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I am passionate about serving my city and community. I am currently serving as a commissioner for the Board of Building Appeals. The current term ends on May 31, 2023.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In addition, I am a licensed professional engineer (Civil) and licensed contractors in California. My related experience for more than 40 years is summarized as follows:

1. Worked as a volunteer engineer for the City of Manhattan Beach Engineering Division of Public Works Department for nearly one year after retirement from the Metro (2019-2020)
2. Worked as a Supervising Engineer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (the Metro) for approximately 35 years
3. Prior to Metro, I worked for the Orange County Transportation Authority as a Project Manager for Civil and Construction Projects, the City of Baldwin Park as an Acting City Engineer and various consulting firms.

These backgrounds and experiences greatly benefit my ability to fulfill the duties of commissioners, analyze and make decisions on all related parking, capital improvement projects, traffic management and environmental enhancement issues.

Thank you for considering me for the two commissioners seats.

I can be contacted at 310 951-7993 or by email graceandjimyang@gmail.com should you have any questions or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Jim Yang