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>> CLERK: WE'RE LIVE, MADAM MAYOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

WELCOME EVERYONE -- I'M I NOT ON?

WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY MAY 3RD, 2022.

IT'S 6:00 P.M.

IT'S REALLY NICE TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE.

NOW I'M ON.

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU ALL.

THANK YOU FOR BEING IN CHAMBERS WITH US.

I'M GOING TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN US AS WE SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

IF YOU CAN RISE TO THE LEVEL THAT YOU ARE ABLE AND WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER.

[RECITING PLEDGE]

>> MAYOR STERN: SO UNFORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T HAVE A STUDENT WITH US TODAY FROM GRANDVIEW, BUT I'M HOPING WE WILL HAVE SOMEBODY THAT WILL BE WITH US AT OUR MAY 17TH MEETING.

SO NOW I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO CITY CLERK LIZA TAMURA AND ASK US IF SHE WILL CONDUCT OUR ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> CLERK:

[ROLL CALL].

>> MAYOR STERN: AND I AM HERE.

AS WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR HYBRID MEETINGS AND I APPRECIATE MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO FOR JOINING US TONIGHT.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: I HAVE COVID.

>> MAYOR STERN: I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT YOU SAID. WHAT'D YOU SAY?

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: SECOND TIME. IT SUCKS.

>> MAYOR STERN: YES, IT DOES.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AT LEAST UP AND JOINING US.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO OUR CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.

I'M THRILLED TO RECOGNIZE LAUREN DOVER.

SHE'S BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES' CANCER RESEARCH.

SO, LAUREN, IF YOU CAN COME ON DOWN.

SO, LAUREN, I'M THRILLED TO HAVE YOU HERE.

IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON.

AND YOU WERE RECOMMENDED TO THIS BECAUSE OF YOUR INCREDIBLE EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THEIR CANCER RESEARCH EFFORTS.

I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WHY THIS IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE EFFORT THAT SHE HAS DONE, I WANTED TO JUST GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

TELL US WHERE YOU WERE BORN AND RAISED AND WHERE YOU WENT TO SCHOOL.

>> HI EVERYONE.

I'M LAUREN DOVER.

I'M 16 YEARS OLD AND I'M A SOPHOMORE AT MARI COSTA HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY AND TELL YOU ABOUT MY FUNDRAISING EFFORTS I HAVE DONE.
SO WHEN I WAS SIX WEEKS OLD, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A DISEASE AND I HAD A BIRTHMARK IN MY AIRWAY AND I COULD NOT BREATHE.
THEY IMPLEMENTED A TRACH INTO MY THROAT AND I WAS ABLE TO HAVE MY BIRTHMARK CLOSED AND I WAS ABLE TO BREATHE AGAIN.
MY TRACH WAS TAKEN OUT WHEN I WAS THREE YEARS OLD AND ABLE TO START PRESCHOOL AS A REGULAR CHILD.
I WAS LIMITED TO CERTAIN EXPERIENCES.
I DIDN'T GET TO GO TO THE BEACH OR SWIM IN THE OCEAN BECAUSE THAT COULD GET INTO MY TRACH AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BREATHE.
I ALSO WAS NOT ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH CHILDREN MY AGE BECAUSE THE FEAR WOULD BE THEY WOULD PULL OUT THE TRACH AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BREATHE AGAIN EITHER.
AFTER MY BIRTHMARK HEALED, I WENT TO KINDERGARTEN JUST LIKE A REGULAR CHILD AND WHEN I WAS SIX YEARS OLD, I WAS TOLD I HAD MOYMOY DISEASE.
AND THAT'S WHEN YOUR BRAIN ISN'T GETTING ENOUGH BLOOD.
SO I HAD TWO SURGERIES ONE ON THIS SIDE OF MY HEAD AND THE OTHER SIDE OF MY HEAD AND THIS GOT RID OF THE MASSIVE MIGRAINES THAT I HAD AND I WAS ABLE TO -- MY LAST SURGERY WAS WHEN I WAS EIGHT AND SO FROM 8 TO 16, I'VE ONLY HAD TWO MIGRAINES AND I'M FULLY CLEARED FROM MOYA MOYA AND NOW I FUNDRAISE FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES BY DOING THE TWO TIMES YOU MALIBU TRIATHLON.
SO I SWIM 800 YARDS IN THE OCEAN AND I HAVE RAISED \$20,000 MY FIRST YEAR AND THEN \$20,000 AGAIN MY MOST RECENT YEAR.
AND THEN BOTH TIMES I CAME IN 3RD PLACE FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING.
AND I LOVE BEING ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO EVERYBODY WHO HELPED ME BECAUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES IS THE ONE I WENT THROUGH.
SO I'M FORTUNATE I'M ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE DOCTORS THAT HELPED SAVE MY LIFE WHEN I WAS REALLY LITTLE.
AND I LOVE HELPING THE CAUSE OF CANCER RESEARCH WHICH IS WHAT THE FUNDRAISER IS SPECIFICALLY FOR.
[APPLAUSE].
>> MAYOR STERN: LAUREN, THAT APPLAUSE IS TO APPLAUD YOU.
YOU OVERCAME SUCH AN AMAZING CHALLENGE.
SAYING TURNED LEMONS INTO LEMONADE, YOU'RE JUST REMARKABLE.
THIS IS SUCH AN INSPIRATION.
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FAMILY THAT'S ALSO HERE BECAUSE I KNOW THEY ARE HUGE SUPPORTERS AND I KNOW THAT YOU GET A LOT OF STRENGTH FROM THEM AS WELL.
>> SO MY PARENTS ARE MONICA AND LEE DOVER AND THEY HAVE HELPED ME A LOT THROUGH THE CHALLENGES THAT I'VE FACED.
I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEM.
[APPLAUSE].

>> MAYOR STERN: YOU ARE JUST AN EXAMPLE TO YOUTH YOUR AGE.
YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION FOR ME AND WE'LL NEVER FORGET THIS INCREDIBLE EFFORT AND WE WILL WATCH FOR YOU.
SO I WANT YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU TELL US WHEN YOUR NEXT TRIATHLON IS AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU AND WE WILL DEFINITELY BE LOOKING FOR YOUR SUCCESSES AS YOU CONTINUE ON IN THESE TRIATHLONS RAISING MONEY AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.
>> SO MY NEXT TRIATHLON IS THIS YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AND THE BEST WAY FOR US TO RAISE MONEY IS THROUGH THE WEBSITE THAT I HAVE AND THROUGH SPREADING THE WORD NORMALLY THROUGH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND THEN WE GO THROUGH THAT AND ADD EVERYBODY'S INFORMATION IN.
THAT'S NORMALLY THE BEST WAY WE CAN FUNDRAISE.
I WAS ALSO ON THE CHILD EDITION FOR LESTER HOLT'S NIGHTLY EDITION.
IT WAS JUST A SMALL SECTION ON BASICALLY MY.
THIS YEAR IT WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AND I'LL BE SWIMMING 800 YARDS.
>> MAYOR STERN: SO WATCH FOR LAUREN'S SWIM.
PLEASE SUPPORT HER EFFORTS AND, LAUREN, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS CERTIFICATE AND RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS IN RAISING MONEY IN THIS AMAZING EFFORT FOR CANCER RESEARCH.
SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN SCHOOL.
BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.
I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE TRAINING A LOT THIS SUMMER AND THE VERY BEST OF LUCK IN THE FALL AT YOUR NEXT TRIATHLON.
[APPLAUSE]
>> I'VE DONE THAT TRIATHLON.
>> MAYOR STERN: MOM AND DAD, YOU WANT TO COME DOWN TO THE PODIUM?
>> WE'RE GOING TO AIM RIGHT AT YOU.
>> OKAY.
AWESOME.
THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]
>> MAYOR STERN: SO THAT WAS JUST LOVELY.
THANK YOU.
IT WAS REALLY NICE TO MEET ALL OF YOU.
THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR DAUGHTER WITH US.
OUR NEXT ITEM ON OUR CEREMONIAL CALENDAR IS A PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION OF MANHATTAN BEACH'S CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES.
AND I WANT TO ASK ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER DANA MURRAY AND GREEN BUSINESS COORDINATOR LISA RYDER TO DO THESE PRESENTATIONS.
>> WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE GREEN BUSINESSES DOWN IN JUST A MOMENT.
MY NAME IS DANA MURRAY I'M THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER.
AND ONE OF OUR LONGEST RUNNING PROGRAMS IS THE MANHATTAN BEACH PROGRAM AND THE STATE HAS A PRIORITY TO PROMOTE THIS PROGRAM IN LOCAL CITIES.
IT'S A PART OF THE STATE GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK AND IT'S A FREE PROGRAM FOR

BUSINESSES TO BE APART OF AND IT HELPS THEM OPERATE SUSTAINABLY AND RECEIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS.

OUR CONSULTANT, LISA RIDER MOORE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE BUSINESSES TO HELP THEM GET CERTIFIED, IN THE PROCESS HELPS THEM SAVE MONEY ON WATER BILLS, ELECTRICITY BILLS, AND REDUCE WASTE.

AND THEY ALSO GET \$500 TO HELP GET THEM CERTIFIED WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF UPGRADES AND THINGS.

SINCE THE PROGRAM STARTED OVER 10 YEARS AGO, OUR CITY HAS CERTIFIED OVER 75 LOCAL BUSINESSES TO BECOME CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES AND THESE EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN REALLY HUGE SAVINGS IN BOTH NATURAL RESOURCES AND COSTS.

AND ON OUR WEBSITE, YOU CAN SEE JUST REALLY WHAT THOSE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE AS WELL AS A GREAT LITTLE VIDEO WE DID THE SUMMER OF 2020 WITH THEN MAYOR MONTGOMERY. LISA, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING MORE?

>> I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE BUSINESSES BECAUSE IT IS A LOT OF EFFORT FOR THEM, NOT EASE FOR THEM.

IT DOES TAKE TIME AND WE DO GIVE A \$500 BONUS.

AND, LIKE I SAID, I TRIED TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE.

SO IF YOU HAVE A BUSINESS OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT HAS A BUSINESS AND THERE'S REALLY NO REASON NOT TO DO IT.

IT'S A GREAT LITTLE PROGRAM AND YOU GET LOTS OF RECOGNITION.

YOU GET TO BE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE STATE'S DATABASE AND WEBSITE, ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

SO WE GIVE YOU LOTS OF RECOGNITION FOR GOING THROUGH THE PROGRAM.

SO I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM AND HAND IT OVER TO HILDE.

YOU GET A NICE CERTIFICATE AND A WINDOW CLING.

THAT'S THE BACK OF IT.

BUT PUT IT ON YOUR WINDOW.

AND LIKE I SAID, IF YOU LOOK ON THE STATE WEBSITE IT HAS A LIST OF THE 75 BUSINESSES AND, PLEASE, PATRONIZE THOSE BUSINESSES BECAUSE THEY'VE REALLY GONE THE EXTRA EFFORT TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE TO HELP THE CITY AND THE STATE WITH THEIR EFFORTS TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR THE STATE.

SO, HILDE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO --

>> SO, FIRST, WE'D LIKE TO, AND ONCE WE CALL YOU DOWN, COULD YOU STAY DOWN HERE BECAUSE WE'LL DO A GROUP PICTURE AT THE END.

FIRST, WE'D LIKE 3 LEAF REALTY COME DOWN, PLEASE.

NEXT, WE HAVE -- I DIDN'T TAKE FRENCH.

BAR AU CHOCOLAT.

I TOOK SPANISH.

[APPLAUSE] NEXT, WE HAVE BELLA BEACH KIDS.

[APPLAUSE] NEXT, WE HAVE FISHER, INC. [APPLAUSE] NEXT, WE HAVE HARRIS & ASSOCIATES [APPLAUSE]

NEXT, WE HAVE KIM LEWAND MARTIN LLC.

[APPLAUSE]
NEXT, WE HAVE LIXPETS.

[APPLAUSE]
NEXT, WE HAVE LMARIE 'SEA TREASURES.

[APPLAUSE]
WE HAVE LORI J. CLARK, O.D.
[APPLAUSE]
AND ONE OF THE STARS IN OUR GREEN BUSINESS VIDEO.
MANHATTAN BEACH E-BIKE RENTALS.

[APPLAUSE]
AND, THEN WE HAVE NIKAU KAI.

[APPLAUSE]
NINE 24 KITCHEN.

[APPLAUSE]
AND, LAST WE HAVE TABULA RASA.

[APPLAUSE]
THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF OUR CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES.
THANK YOU FOR BEING LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND DOING THE RIGHT THING BOTH
FOR YOUR BUDGET AND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU GUYS
BEING LEADERS HERE.
THANK YOU.
OH, AND A PICTURE.

[APPLAUSE]
I'M WAITING FOR JOE TO GET BACK THERE.
OKAY.
EVERYBODY SMILE PRETTY.
OH, YEAH, LISA.
>> LISA SHOULD BE IN THE PICTURE.
YOU CHAMPIONED US ALL ALONE.
>> OKAY.
READY.

[APPLAUSE]
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.
WELL, I HATE TO SAY THAT WAS THE FUN PART OF THE MEETING BECAUSE WE'VE GOT LOTS OF
FUN LEFT TO GO.
THANK YOU ALL FOR THOSE THAT HAVE STAYED WITH US AND ENJOYED THE FIRST PART OF

OUR MEETING.

WE ARE NOW MOVING ON TO ITEM E. WHICH IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE WAIVER OF FULL READING OF THE ORDINANCES AND IT IS AT THIS TIME THAT MY COLLEAGUES CAN REMOVE ANY ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR, OTHERWISE I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

>> I'D LIKE TO MOTION A FULL APPROVAL FOR WAIVER OF MOTION.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY AND DO I HAVE A SECOND.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: I'LL SECOND.

>> MAYOR STERN: AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> CLERK:

[ROLL CALL] MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

WE ARE MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM F.

AND THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM F. NUMBER THREE IS THE CONSIDERATION OF A SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST IN COORDINATION WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO CITY MANAGER BRUCE MOE TO LEAD US OFF ON THIS ONE.

>> CITY MANAGER MOE: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.

ALEXANDRIA FROM MY OFFICE WILL MAKE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE TOPIC AND SHE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

WE ALSO HAVE HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCILMEMBER ARMATO WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HOUSING TRUST AND SHE'S ALSO AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

IT'S ALL YOURS.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU.

GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR.

MY NAME IS AS YOU SAID, THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU IN COORDINATION WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT.

AT THIS TIME, THE SOUTH BAY CITIES C.O.G. IS SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST.

THEY ARE ASKING SOUTH BAY CITIES TO OFFER THEIR SUPPORT IN CONCEPT FOR THIS LEGISLATION AND TO OFFER SUPPORT TO REQUEST SEED FUNDING FROM THE STATE BUDGET. ADDITIONALLY THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. IS INTERESTED IN ENGAGING WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY SUPPORTS CONCEPT JOINING THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST.

SINCE WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THIS WOULD COST, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS STEP WOULD NOT BE -- THIS PARTICULAR STEP WOULD NOT BE COMMITTING THE CITY TO JOINING ONCE ALL OF THE JOINT POWER AGREEMENT AND ALL THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN LAID OUT LATER. IT'S JUST AN OFFER OF SUPPORT.

REGIONAL HOUSING TRUSTS ARE TYPICALLY ESTABLISHED THROUGH LEGISLATION VIA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO FUND THE PLANNING AND EXTREMELY LOW AND LOW INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS.

THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. IS CONSIDERING ITS OWN REGIONAL TRUST SPECIFIC TO THE SOUTH BAY AND IT IS REQUESTING THAT MANHATTAN BEACH INDICATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE

LEGISLATION BEHIND THE MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE THROUGH A JOINT POWER AGREEMENT AND IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL.

IT WOULD BE PAID THROUGH THE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE FEES COLLECTED BY ITS MEMBER CITIES.

I ALSO HAVE A VERBAL UPDATE TO GIVE YOU THAT WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE REPORT THAT'S ON THE AGENDA.

THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. REQUIRE THERE BE A SEVEN-BOARD MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SO THEY WANTED TO PULL THAT OUT SO THAT THEY COULD SEE HOW MANY MEMBER CITIES JOIN THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND THEN MAKE THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THAT ENTITY.

MEMBERSHIP UM -- I'M SORRY.

SO THIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD THEN PRESIDE OVER THE REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND AS SITTING MANAGER MOE INDICATED, BOARD MEMBER STACY ARMATTO IS ON THE LINE AS WELL AS ME.

>> MAYOR STERN: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: ONE THING JUST TO MAKE SURE, JUST CONFIRMING FOR THE PUBLIC THE OPT-IN PERIOD, WE'RE NOT LOCKED IN.

WE COMMIT IN TONIGHT, WE'RE NOT LOCKED IN FUTURE WHATEVER HAPPENS; RIGHT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

IT WOULD JUST BE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PURSUING THE LEGISLATION, REQUESTING THE FUNDING FOR THE SEED FUNDING FOR ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FROM THE STATE BUDGET OR IN ADDITION TO THAT YOU COULD SAY THAT THE CITY IS IN SUPPORT OF POTENTIALLY JOINING THE REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST, BUT IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT COMMIT THE CITY AT THIS TIME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: FOLLOWUP QUESTION.

SO ANY OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES VOTING TONIGHT OR ARE WE THE FIRST ONE?

>> THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION.

PERHAPS STACY ARMATTO CAN HELP US WITH THAT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: COUNCILLOR ARMATTO.

>> THANK YOU.

YOU GUYS ARE THE FIRST TO SEE THIS TONIGHT.

WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH MY CITY'S NEXT WEEK.

SO WE'RE SCHEDULING NEXT MONTH.

BUT IT WILL BE THROUGH THIS MONTH.

YOU ARE THE FIRST.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: THANK YOU.

NO DOUBT THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO THIS ALREADY IN TERMS OF TAKING FEDERAL FUNDS, FOR EXAMPLE, PROVIDING, YOU KNOW, ATTRACTIVE LOANS, YOU KNOW, FOR BUILDING AND THE LIKE.

SO WHAT MAKES THIS UNIQUE IN THE SENSE THAT THOSE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CAN'T PROVIDE OR WON'T PROVIDE OTHER THAN, OF COURSE, IT'S OUR OWN -- IN OUR OWN AREA OF OPERATIONS?

>> I THINK PROBABLY HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER STACY ARMATTO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT.

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.

THERE ARE A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUT FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD, THE SYSTEM IS SEMI-WONKY AND FUNDS ARE OUT THERE BUT IT'S VERY PIECE MAIL AND WHAT WE'VE FOUND IS REGIONAL HOUSING TRUSTS HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STATE.

THERE'S NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, ORANGE COUNTY, THERE'S A FEW, AND ALSO THE SAN GABRIEL REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND WHAT IT PROVIDES IS A BIG POOL OF MONEY THAT, YOU KNOW, IN THIS CASE, WE COULD BE ASKING THE STATE FOR \$50 MILLION IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

IT WOULD BE A LENDING MODEL.

SO IT WOULD BE SUSTAINABLE.

I THINK IMPORTANTLY, ALL MEMBER CITIES WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD AND WOULD THEN DECIDE WHAT PROJECTS RECEIVED THAT FUNDING.

SO, IT REALLY PUTS THE POWER IN OUR CITY'S HANDS IN DISTRIBUTING THAT MONEY.

AGAIN, IN A LENDING MODEL.

IT COMES BACK OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO THEN BE RECYCLED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.

BUT IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE LOCAL FUNDING WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSING.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: OKAY.

SO IT WAS INTERESTING AND I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU REMOVED THE SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD AND WE'LL DISCUSS THAT AS TO HOW IT SHOULD BE MADE UP, BUT MY INITIAL CONCERN WITH THE MAKE-UP OF THE BOARD IS YOU HAD FIVE C.O.G. MEMBERS TO IT AND A HOMELESSNESS -- SOME ONE VERSED IN HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO HOUSING POLICY.

I DIDN'T SEE ANY DEVELOPERS ON THAT BOARD AND IT TAKES A LOT OF EXPERTISE TO DEVELOP THESE PROJECTS TO DEVELOP THEIR PRO FORMAS AND FIND THE MONEY AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

DO YOU SEE PERHAPS SOMEBODY ON THAT BOARD MIGHT HAVE MORE DIRECT BUILDING EXPERIENCE WITH THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS FOR I BELIEVE IT'S WHAT EXTREMELY LOW?

>> VERY LOW AND LOW-INCOME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: YEAH.
VERY LOW AND LOW-INCOME MULTI-FAMILY PROJECTS.
>> THE SHORT ANSWER IS, YES, THERE IS THAT OPPORTUNITY.
AND WE'RE KIND OF IN THIS PHASE RIGHT NOW WHERE WE'RE FACT GATHERING AND FIGURING OUT WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST SETUP FOR OUR BOARD.
IT, YOU KNOW, WOULD BE DELINEATED THROUGH OUR J.P.A. AND BY LAWS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE SET FORTH IN THIS LEGISLATION.
SO WE WANTED TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE WHICH IS WHY THERE WAS A VERBAL UPDATE IN THE NUMBER OF BOARD SEATS.
WE'VE ALSO HEARD THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES IN OUR SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL GOVERNMENTS MEETINGS THAT MAYBE THERE SHOULD BE A SEAT FOR EVERY CITY THAT'S A MEMBER AND WE'RE EXPLORING THAT AS WELL.
THAT MAY BE THE MODEL THAT WORKS AND IT MAY BE IMPORTANT ALSO TO HAVE A SEAT FOR A DEVELOPER AS WELL TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE.
WE'RE OPEN TO THAT COMPLETELY.
THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE CITIES THAT WOULD JOIN THE TRUST TO THEN DECIDE THE MAKEUP OF THAT.
BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN OUR WORDING IN THIS LEGISLATION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE THAT AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: JUST ONE MORE QUESTION, I NOTICED YOU'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR EARMARKED FUNDS AND YOU DID NOTE THEY DO EXPIRE IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME AND THESE PROJECTS TAKE A LONG TIME TO DEVELOP.
IS THAT GOING TO BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE FUNDING FOR THE LOANS?
>> SO THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE FUNDING AS WE'RE SEEING WITH OTHER REGIONAL HOUSING TRUSTS HAS BEEN FROM THE STATE.
THAT COMES WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE MONEY IS DISBURSED.
TWO REQUIREMENTS.
IT HAS TO GO TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THEN IS DISBURSED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE HOUSING TRUST BEING FUNDED, WHICH WE'RE NOT SEEING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE MONEY BEING A PROBLEM, WE'RE SEEING THE PIPELINE IS 100 PROJECTS LONG IN SAN GABRIEL'S REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST.
HOWEVER, ONCE THAT MONEY IS THEN REPAID WITH INTEREST TO THE TRUST, IT'S UP TO THE TRUST'S DISCRETION AS TO WHEN THAT THEN IS DEPLOYED OUT OR RECYCLED OUT GOING FORWARD, BUT THERE'S NOT REALLY A STIPULATION ON HOW LONG THE PROJECT WOULD TAKE TO BE BUILT, WE JUST AS A TRUST WOULD HAVE TO DEPLOY IT WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AND IT WOULD HAVE TO GO TOWARDS BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: GOT IT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> THANK YOU.
SO I DO HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.
CAN YOU CONFIRM, STACY OR ALLY, THAT THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, THAT EVERY CITY CAN APPROVE THE HOUSING PROJECTS OR DENY THEM AND THEY AREN'T FORCED TO BUILD IN THEIR CITY, CORRECT?
>> YES.

THAT IS CORRECT.

IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A PRIVATE CITY.

IT'S NOT APPROVED BY THE TRUST.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: OKAY.

SO OUR COMMUNITY HAS INDICATED A VERY LOW WILLINGNESS TO BUILD EXTREMELY LOW, VERY LOW, AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WHY SHOULD WE JOIN THIS GIVEN WE HAVE TO PAY TO BE WITH THE SOUTH BAY HOUSING TRUST.

WHY WOULD WE PAY INTO A GROUP WHEN SOUTH BAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND LAND ARE SO MUCH HIGHER THAN ELSEWHERE AND, HEY, I LOVE THE C.O.G., THE C.O.G. DOES A GREAT JOB.

WHY WOULD THE COUNTY NOT BE FURTHER INCENTIVIZING OTHER AREAS OTHER THAN OUR C.O.G. TO BUILD EXPENSIVE HOUSING FOR EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD THEM IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WHY WOULD WE JOIN THIS?

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS TO US?

>> SO MEMBERSHIP IS A PREREQUISITE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE TRUST FUND AND TO SIT ON THE BOARD.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEES WE DISCOVERED CAN BE PAID FOR EITHER IN PART OR IN FULL BY THE STATE FUNDS BECAUSE THERE IS AN ALLOCATION OF ADMIN FEE.

SO WE COULD DECIDE WE DON'T HAVE OUR CITIES MEMBERS PAY.

IT COULD BETWEEN \$5,000 TO \$20,000 TO BE A MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSING TRUST.

AND WHY WOULD YOU DO IT?

WELL, YOU'RE GIVING PROJECTS THAT COME TO YOUR CITY THAT WOULD INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THIS FUNDING.

YOU KNOW, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A HOT TOPIC AND I SUSPECT THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES WHEN IT COMES TO THAT ACROSS ALL OF OUR CITIES THAT THE LAND PRICES ARE EXORBITANT AND WE DON'T UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW THAT WILL BE BUILT IN OUR CITIES. THAT BEING SAID, WE HAVE BEEN TASKED BY THE STATE TO ADOPT OUR HOUSING ELEMENTS THAT WOULD, YOU KNOW, PRESUMABLY CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE EXTENT THE DEVELOPER FINDS VALUE IN THAT AND THEY WANT TO BUILD, YOU KNOW, 80% FOR MARKET UNITS AND 20% AFFORDABLE AND THEY NEED SOME GAP FUNDING TO MOVE THAT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE.

THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT PROJECT TO HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO.

MY FINAL QUESTION, CAN YOU CONFIRM FOR ME THAT CITIES IF THEY CHOOSE TO JOIN THE REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND OBTAIN THE STATE MONEY DO NOT GET R.I.N.A. CREDIT FOR THE LOW AND EXTREMELY LOW HOUSING?

>> IF A PROJECT WITHIN MANHATTAN BEACH'S JURISDICTION IS APPROVED FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE HOUSING TRUST AND 20 UNITS OF VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSING ARE BUILT IN YOUR JURISDICTION, YOU WILL GET CREDIT FOR THOSE 20 UNITS APPLYING TOWARDS YOUR R.I.N.A. ALLOTMENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: OKAY.

WELL, WITH ALL DO RESPECT ON PAGE 26 OF THE PACKET, IF THE CITY PARTICIPATES IN THE SOUTH BAY HOUSING TRUST CAN THE CITY GET R.I.N.A. CREDIT FUNDED THROUGH THE TRUST BUT BUILT IN A DIFFERENT CITY, AND NO, WE WOULD NOT GET CREDIT FOR ANY OF THAT AND IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT HERE, YOU KNOW, R.I.N.A. IS OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM AND IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR EXTREMELY LOW OR VERY LOW, THEN THE ONLY CATEGORY FOR US WOULD BE LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND --

>> IT APPLIES TO ALL THREE LEVELS OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING THAT ARE CATEGORIZED AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

THE SUBSECTION YOU JUST READ WHICH JUST GIVE ME MORE TIME TO WORK ON THAT IN THE FUTURE YEARS DEALING WITH LEGISLATION.

WE TRIED TO TACKLE IT WITH SB809.

BUT IF FOR EXAMPLE, 200 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARE BUILT THROUGH TRUST MONEYS, THROUGH THIS HOUSING TRUST IN HAWTHORN AND MANHATTAN BEACH WOULD NOT GET CREDIT FOR THAT.

THAT'S WHAT THAT STATEMENT IS SAYING.

BUT YOU WOULD.

IF THE HOUSING TRUST FUNDED AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION, WITHIN MANHATTAN BEACH, YOU WOULD GET THOSE R.I.N.A. CREDITS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: THANK YOU.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

OKAY.

SO I WILL OPEN THIS UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND ASK IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

>> CLERK: YES, WE HAVE LEE PHILLIPS.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I JUST WANT CLARIFICATION.

I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A TRUST, BUT WE ALSO ENACTED A TAX, I THINK IT'S FOR THE COUNTY. IT'S GOING TO BE MEASURE H.

SO WHY WOULD WE NEED THIS IF WE HAVE MEASURE H -- WHATEVER THE COUNTY EQUIVALENT IS, WHY WOULD WE NEED THIS LIKE MEASURE H FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS AND HOMELESSNESS HOUSING.

AND I AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT A CITY BEING ABLE TO DENY A PROJECT.

I THINK I WOULD LIKE MAYBE A LEGAL READ ON THAT FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY THAT WE CAN DENY A PROJECT.

THE CITY COUNCIL CAN DENY A PROJECT IF IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

THEN, THIRDLY, WHAT DO WE GET OUT OF IT?

WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF BUILDABLE LAND.

SO WE'RE JOINING THIS TRUST, WE'RE PAYING A FEE.

SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES HAVE BUILT LITTLE TINY HOUSES.

I DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING IN MANHATTAN BEACH, BUT WHAT TRULY WOULD WE GET OUT OF IT?

IT'S NOT CLEAR.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, LEE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.
AND OUR NEXT COMMENT.

>> CLERK: THERE'S NO FURTHER REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA ZOOM.

>> MAYOR STERN: AND ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT CAN COME DOWN AT THIS TIME.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

WELL, THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER ARMATTO FOR ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS AND I WILL OPEN THIS UP FOR DISCUSSION.

WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO START OUR DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?

OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: MY BEST KEY QUESTIONS WERE I ASKED IF THE CITY'S LOCKED IN?

AND I ANSWERS NO.

WHAT'S OUR GET OUT OF IT THAT LEE ASKED, OUR GET IS THAT R.I.N.A. IS CREDIT.

REGIONAL HOUSING MEANS THAT THE STATE FORCES EVERY CITY TO SUPPOSEDLY BUILD HOUSING OR PLAN FOR HOUSING.

IF SOMEONE WAS TO HAVE A PROJECT IN OUR CITY IF THEY FOUND A PLACE TO BUILD IT, IF THEY WANTED TO DO IT AND WE DIDN'T LIKE IT, WE COULD SHUT IT DOWN FROM OUR STANDPOINT.

THAT'S THE GET.

YOU GET THE CREDIT.

YOU'RE NOT LOCKED IN AS STACY SAID.

WE'RE NOT LOCKED IN ANYTHING HERE.

WE PAY A MEMBERSHIP REGARDLESS OF IF WE A YES OR NO IN ANYTHING WE DO.

WE CAN USE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR OUR FEES.

GOOD FOR US.

BUT WE'RE NOT LOCKED INTO ANYTHING HERE.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM LOOKING AT IT AND SEE WHAT THAT ACTUALLY WOULD BRING US.

IF WE GET CREDIT FOR HOUSING, THAT'S A PLUS FOR US.

IF SOMEONE BRINGS US A PROJECT WE ACTUALLY LIKE.

UNTIL THEN, THERE'S NO HARM AND FOUL.

I'D RATHER NOT HAVE MISSED IT BY NOT BEING AT THE TABLE.

SO I SUPPORT IT, YOUR HONOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: YES.

SO YOU HEARD BY MY QUESTIONS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THERE'S THESE TYPE OF OPPORTUNITIES, THESE TYPES OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND EARMARKS AND EVERYTHING AVAILABLE FROM A LOT OF OTHER PLACES.

A BUILDER AND DEVELOPER KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE AND PROBABLY HAS A DECENT

RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.

IT'S PROBABLY SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO PUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE TOGETHER TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS TIMELY AND ACCURATELY AND THE LIKE FROM STAFF.

STAFF WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT UP.

TO ME, THAT SAYS A LITTLE BIT OF OVERHEAD, PERHAPS.

CAN SOMEBODY -- I SHOULD HAVE ASKED THIS, DID COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO MENTION WHAT THE FEE WAS?

>> MAYOR STERN: DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

>> I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT.

I CAN ONLY LET YOU KNOW WHAT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHARGES IT'S \$5,000 TO \$20,000 DEPENDING ON POPULATION SIZE AND ALSO STATE MONEYS ALLOW FOR 5% EARMARK FOR ADMIN COSTS.

SO THERE COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY WHERE REALLY CITIES MAY NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING.

BUT IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THOSE NUMBERS AND POTENTIALLY 0.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SO WE WOULD BE IN THE ARENA TO COMPETE FOR EARMARK FUNDS.

IT IS A COMPETITIVE PROCESS TO GET THIS MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WOULD GET US R.I.N.A. OUR REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT. HOUSING NUMBERS AND WE'VE GOT A BIG NUMBER THAT WAS GIVEN TO US.

BUT WE WOULD BE GETTING THAT ANYWAY.

I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO BE BLESSED BY A REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST IN ORDER FOR US TO GET R.H.N.A. CREDIT.

TO ME, IT JUST SEEMS IT'S ADDITIONAL OVERHEAD.

THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. DOES GREAT WORK.

I'D RATHER SEE THEM, YOU KNOW.

FOCUS ON ISSUES INSTEAD OF GOING INTO ANOTHER AREA.

WHERE PERHAPS MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE, THEY DON'T HAVE THE CONNECTIONS, THE BUILDERS, YOU KNOW, THE DEVELOPERS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE QUITE LEARY, THEY'RE GOING TO ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

MAYBE THEY DO GO OUT AND TRY TO FIND AS MANY SOURCES AS POSSIBLE, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO THE PEOPLE THAT HELPED THEM BEFORE TO BUILD THESE PROJECTS.

AND ALSO TOO, I'M LOOKING AT THE ONES THAT ARE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT'S GREAT.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE LIKE.

I ALSO, I THINK WE'RE FIGHTING A TREND.

THE TREND IS WE'RE LOSING POPULATION.

AND WE'RE LOSING IT TO THE INLAND EMPIRE.

SO I THINK THAT'S WHERE IF I WERE AT THE STATE LEVEL, I'D BE LOOKING AT WHERE COULD I BUILD AND HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

YOU KNOW, IT MENTIONED HERE WE COULD LOOK AT THE SUSTAINABILITY ASPECT OF IT.

HAVE PEOPLE CLOSE TO THEIR WORK.

I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BE WALKING AND RIDING THEIR BICYCLES NECESSARILY, BUT

AT LEAST THEY'LL BE CLOSER TO THEIR WORK.
AND THE STATISTICS, THE L.A. TIMES HAS JUST BEEN HAVING A LOT OF ARTICLES ABOUT THIS THAT L.A. COUNTY IS LOSING POPULATION TO RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE JOBS ARE OUT THERE TOO.
YOU KNOW, I'LL JUST QUOTE A FEW THINGS HERE.
IT'S AN L.A. TIMES ARTICLE FROM THIS PAST THURSDAY, BUT AS THOSE CITIES SHRANK, SEVERAL ADJACENT COUNTIES SAW POPULATION GAINS INCLUDING RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNARDINO, AND THEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE JOBS AND THE BIG DRIVER HAS ALWAYS BEEN HOUSING AFFORDABILITY.
THIS ECONOMIC ADVISOR SAID FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.
IN THE DECADE AFTER THE GREAT RECESSION, THE INLAND EMPIRE ALSO LED THE COUNTRY IN JOB GROWTH.
NOT THE STATE BUT THE COUNTRY IN JOB GROWTH.
NOTING THAT THE AREAS GOODS MOVEMENT SECTOR, WAREHOUSING ESSENTIALLY IS AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.
THE PORTS OF L.A. AND LONG BEACH CAN'T DO THEIR JOB UNLESS THE WAREHOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.
HE ADDED THAT 42% OF ALL GOODS THAT ENTER THROUGH THE PORTS PASS THROUGH THE INLAND EMPIRE BEFORE HEADING TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.
AMAZON'S BIGGEST FOOTPRINT IN THE U.S. IS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.
AND ALL THE MAJOR PLAYERS INCLUDING WALMART AND TARGET HAVE WAREHOUSES THERE AND EVEN OUR VERY OWN SKETCHERS.
IF YOU'VE DRIVEN BY THERE, YOU KNOW, ON INTERSTATE 10, THAT JUST STRETCHES ON FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE MILES.
THAT'S WHERE THE JOBS ARE GOING TO BE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE OCCUPYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING.
THOSE KIND OF JOBS NECESSARILY ARE NOT HERE FOR THEM.
SO FOR THE GREATEST SUCCESS, FOR THE GREATEST SUSTAINABLE HOUSING WHERE THEY NOT ONLY, YOU KNOW, GET INTO HOUSING, THEY GET REHABILITATED, THEY GET ALL THE HOMELESS SERVICES THAT HELP THEM DO THAT, ARE THE GREATEST SUCCESS OF GETTING A JOB IS NOT NECESSARILY IN THIS AREA.
SO, MY INTERESTS ARE TO GET THESE PEOPLE TAKEN CARE OF AND IF IT'S NOT HERE, LET'S DO IT WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW, BE DOING THE MOST GOOD.
AND IF THE STATE WAS REALLY INTERESTED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHEN WE ASK THE QUESTION, YOU KNOW, DOES THE CITY GET, YOU KNOW, REGIONAL HOUSING I'M SORRY REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT, R.H.N.A. CREDITED FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST, BUT BUILT IN A DIFFERENT CITY, THEIR ANSWER SHOULD BE A RESOUNDING "YES."
YES, WE WOULD.
YOU CAN HAVE IT AND YOU CAN FACILITATE A PROJECT WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE GOING IN A DIFFERENT CITY, THE ANSWER SHOULD BE YES, BUT THE ANSWER'S NO.
FOR THAT REASON, I FIND IT INEFFICIENT AND NOT REALLY A GOOD USE OF TIME RIGHT NOW.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.
MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN ARGUES AGAINST HIS OWN POINT HONESTLY.
WE'RE LOSING
[INDISCERNIBLE]
BECAUSE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
IT'S NOT JOBS ARE OUT THERE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING BECAUSE THERE'S
LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING HERE.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS, THOUGH.
YOU KNOW, GOOD DEVELOPERS WHO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING KNOW HOW TO GET THE
FUNDS.
I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED TO DO OR BE ANY PART OF THAT.
I'VE BEEN PREACHING THIS FOR YEARS THAT ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS SUBSIDIZED IN
SOME WAY.
AND TO SOME POINT, THE COST OF LAND AND EVERYTHING IS PROHIBITIVE TO AFFORDABLE
HOUSING THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU GET IT IS BY LAWS AND RULES THAT ARE ALREADY IN
PLACE THAT DON'T REQUIRE A FUNDING SOURCE ON TOP OF THAT FROM CITIES AND THAT IS
THE DENSITY BONUS AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HIGH ROADS RIGHT NOW.
PEOPLE ARE UP IN ARMS.
IF PEOPLE ARE UP AND ARMS IN MANHATTAN BEACH SADLY AGAINST SIX, THE FACT THAT
SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING'S INCLUDED IN DEVELOPMENT, THE QUESTION IS THAT
DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL?
NOT JUST THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PART OF IT.
BUT TAKING THAT ASIDE WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
CREATING A NEW TRUST FOR IT AND WHERE WOULD IT GO AND IT NEEDS THE APPROVAL OF
THE LOCAL CITY, HONESTLY, I JUST DON'T SEE THE NEED FOR THIS.
I SEE THE NEED FOR IT IN SOME PLACES BY SOME DEVELOPERS WHO MIGHT WANT TO GET IN
THE GAME WHO OTHERWISE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT THE REAL DEVELOPERS
WHO DO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEY'RE OUT THERE NOW.
THEY CAN'T DO ENOUGH HOUSING NOW.
IS THIS GOING TO SPEED IT UP?
ONLY IF THEY GET APPROVAL FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT
MONEY'S AVAILABLE TO THEM THERE.
I DON'T SEE WHAT OUR VOICE IS GOING TO DO WITH THAT.
I REALLY DON'T.
SO I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT.
I HEARD A LOT OF WE MIGHT DO THIS.
WE MIGHT DO THAT.
THE COSTS MIGHT BE THIS.
FOR ME, WHEN YOU HAVE MORE DETAILS, WE'LL CONSIDER IT AGAIN.
I DON'T SEE THE POINT RIGHT NOW.
THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: YES.

THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO FOR YOUR TIME.

I WOULD ECHO THE COMMENTS BY MY COLLEAGUES STEVE AND JOE.

I LIKE THE C.O.G., I WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER ON THE C.O.G. FOR A YEAR OR SO.

I ALSO LIKE THE LOCAL PROJECTS LIKE THE FIBER RING, LOBBYING IN SACRAMENTO AND THINGS THAT REALLY FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF THE SOUTH BAY RIGHT NOW.

AND DOABLE THINGS FOR THE SOUTH BAY.

WE ARE A UNIQUE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE STATE, BUT THIS IS NOT THE CORE GROUP OF THE C.O.G. THE LAND IS MORE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.

THE SOUTH BAY IS NOT THE PLACE TO GO.

I ALSO WANT TO PROTECT THE TAXPAYER OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

IT'S ALSO STAFF TIME.

\$5,000 TO \$20,000 A YEAR IS A LOT BUT THE STAFF TIME IS CONSIDERABLE AND OUR STAFF IS ALREADY OVERBURDENED AND OVERWORKED WITH A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.

I'M JUST NOT GOING TO ADD THIS TO THE PLATE.

AND IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY ANY OF THESE PROJECTS WILL BE APPROVED IN MANHATTAN BEACH IF WE DON'T GET THE R.H.N.A. CREDIT SHARING.

WHERE I LIVE NEAR ROSE CRANZ IT'S RIGHT BY EL SEGUNDA OR EVEN IN TORRANCE OR FARTHER EAST, I REALLY DON'T SEE THAT WE WOULD HAVE ANY RESIDENT INPUT.

LASTLY, I DON'T LIKE TO GO FIRST AND I SHARE THIS WITH YOU COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO.

I DON'T WANT TO BE THE FIRST CITY TO DO THIS.

I DON'T WANT TO JUMP IN THE POOL NOT KNOWING THERE'S WATER IN THE POOL.

LAST WEEK WE HAD A MEETING WITH BRUCE AND THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED AND, BAM, THIS IS ON IT.

IF THE COMMUNITY ISN'T AWARE AND IT'S TOO RUSHED, I'M A "NO" AS WELL.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

SO I WILL JUMP IN HERE TOO AND JUST REMIND MY COLLEAGUES AS COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY INDICATED, THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT.

THIS IS JUST FURTHERING THE EXPLORATION OF THE HOUSING TRUST BECAUSE WE ARE ALL FACED WITH THIS SAME CHALLENGE WHICH IS WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INCREASE HOUSING BY A NUMBER THAT SEEMS INSURMOUNTABLE.

EVERY CITY IN THE STATE HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A NUMBER AND IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR US. BUT AS WE'RE WATCHING THESE HOUSING BILLS BEING PASSED AND I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HOW THESE HOUSING BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND AS THEY'VE BEEN INTRODUCED AND WE'VE SEEN LIKE SB9, WE'VE WATCHED THAT BILL COME FORWARD.

WE'VE WATCHED THE ITER RATIONS OF IT AND WE'VE HEARD OUR LEGISLATORS SAY DON'T JUST TELL US YOU DON'T LIKE IT.

GIVE US ALTERNATIVES AND SOLUTIONS SO THAT WE CAN FURTHER OUR GOAL OF FINDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TYPES OF SOLUTIONS.

THIS IS PROVIDING AN INCENTIVE THAT ACTUALLY KEEPS OUR CONTROL IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WE'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DEVELOPER WANTS TO USE OTHER INCENTIVES THAT DO

TAKE AWAY OUR CONTROL.

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN SAYING ABOUT ALL THESE HOUSING BILLS IS THAT WE WANT TO KEEP THE CONTROL WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW THESE HOUSING BILLS THEN EFFECT OUR LAND USE, ZONING, AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

THIS IS THAT OPPORTUNITY THAT DEVELOPERS WILL WANT TO DEVELOP PROPERTIES, THEY WILL WANT TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THIS GIVES AN INCENTIVE FOR THAT THAT ACTUALLY KEEPS THE CONTROL IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WE CAN RECOMMEND THOSE TO THE HOUSING TRUST.

WE CAN INCLUDE OUR OWN ZONING REQUIREMENTS IN THESE BILLS.

AGAIN, THIS IS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT IT AND TO EXPLORE THIS AND TO LOOK AT IT IN CONCEPT.

THERE'S LOTS OF DETAILS HERE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT.

BUT, AT THIS POINT, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.

WE'RE LOOKING AT SUPPORTING THIS CONCEPT TO JUST KEEP OUR LOCAL CONTROL, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE ON -- WE'RE ON A PATH WHERE WE ARE BEING TOLD THAT WE HAVE TO INCLUDE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND WE'RE SEEING THE DEVELOPERS ARE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS IN OUR BEACH CITIES AND CERTAINLY IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

SO I DO SUPPORT THIS IN CONCEPT.

I ABSOLUTELY DO.

I THINK IT'S AN OPTION.

I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY.

I THINK IT'S A VERY CREATIVE WAY TO BOTH SUPPORT US REGIONALLY, SUPPORT OUR CITY, AND ALSO ADDRESS SOME OF OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HOUSING BILLS THAT OTHERWISE ARE TAKING AWAY OUR LOCAL CONTROL.

SO I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE US AT LEAST SUPPORT BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO THE LEGISLATORS TO ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE SEED MONEY FOR THIS AND WE CAN THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH UNDERSTANDING HOW THIS THEN WOULD FLUSH OUT FOR OUR CITIES.

SO, I'M WILLING TO MAKE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THIS IN CONCEPT AND SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THIS SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND I'M LOOKING FOR A SECOND.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: CAN I MAKE A COMMENT?

>> MAYOR STERN: GO AHEAD.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY HEARD THIS CORRECTLY.

MEASURE H IS NOT APART OF THIS.

THAT ADDRESSES THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS ITSELF.

THIS IS LOW-INCOME AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

TWO SEPARATE ISSUES.

THE IDEA OF STAFF TIME IS EVEN IF A PRIVATE DEVELOPER CAME IN TOMORROW AND WANTED LOW-INCOME HOUSING, IT WOULD TAKE STAFF TIME.

WE CANNOT STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING.

NO MATTER WHAT.

WE FOUND THAT OUT.

IT DOESN'T STOP THE STATE.
AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE THIS IS THE END OF THE STORY, YOU HAVE TO BE PART OF THE TEAM TO FIND A SOLUTION OR THEY WILL ROLL RIGHT OVER US.
THIS IS NOT THE END.
YOU CAN'T TELL THE STATE "NO" AS WE FOUND OUT IN SB9.
THEY'LL GO RIGHT THROUGH US.
IF WE DON'T WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT WORKS FOR BOTH OF US OR THEY'LL ROLL RIGHT THROUGH YOU.
THIS DOES NOT END HERE.
THIS GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE TABLE.
IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THIS, THEY'LL NEVER STOP.
I'D RATHER BE AT THAT TABLE TRYING TO PROVIDE COMMENTS.
EITHER REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE TRUST MONEY AND HELP US WORK ON SOLUTIONS.
I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO BUILD A PROJECT ON THEIR LAND, BUT I GET CREDIT FOR IT, NO. IT NEEDS TO BE IN YOUR OWN CITY.
I WANT THE CREDIT FOR ALL THE HOUSING NUMBERS I GET.
IF I'M IMPACTED, I GET THE CREDIT.
NOT TORRANCE, NOT EL SEGUNDA.
YOU CAN'T GET THE SOLUTION IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE TABLE.
IF WE'RE NOT THERE, OTHER CITIES WILL JUMP IN AND THEY'LL DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR OUR AREA AND NOT US.
THAT'S A MISTAKE.
SO I'LL BE YOUR SECOND, YOUR HONOR.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.
I HAVE A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.
MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, YOUR HAND IS UP.
>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: YEAH.
SO WHY ARE WE VOTING ON THIS TONIGHT?
WHAT IS THE NEED FOR US TO VOTE ON THIS TONIGHT?
>> MAYOR STERN: I'M GOING TO ASK COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO ABOUT THE TIME CONSTRAINTS WE'RE UNDER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR PRO TEM AND MADAM MAYOR.
TONIGHT IS REALLY JUST SUPPORTING CONCEPT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BE OPTIONAL FOR CITIES TO JOIN AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ALLOW OUR LEGISLATORS TO REQUEST FUNDING IN THIS FISCAL YEAR FROM THE STATE BUDGET.
>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: HOW MANY DO YOU NEED TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN?
>> WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM OUR SOUTH BAY CITIES TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION.
WHETHER OR NOT A CITY DECIDES TO JOIN IS I THINK THE DECISION CITIES FRANKLY SHOULD BE MAKING LATER IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT AND THAT'S TOTALLY FINE. BUT WE'LL NEVER GET TO THE POINT OF ALLOWING CITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE TO JOIN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE LEGISLATION THAT CREATES THE REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST.
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.
THANK YOU.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARMATTO IS THE CORRECT THAT THIS SENATOR ALLEN IS BEING ENTERTAINED FOR THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION?

>> YES.

THAT'S CORRECT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

OKAY.

SO WE HAVE A --

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: COULD I MAKE SOME FURTHER COMMENTS?

>> MAYOR STERN: SURE.

IF YOU CAN KEEP IT RELEVANT TO THIS.

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>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: SO IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE GOT AN EXAMPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S A PAPER TODAY OR TOMORROW THE BLUE RIBBON, YOU KNOW, COMMISSION FOR HOMELESSNESS THIS IS, WHAT, THE 15TH ITERATION OF HOMELESS ISSUES HERE.

FUNDING ALL OVER THE PLACE.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

I DON'T SEE, NOW, I MAY NOT BE A BIG A STUDENT OF ALL THIS STUFF, BUT I DON'T SEE THE EFFORT FROM SACRAMENTO TO WORK WITH.

I AGREE WITH COUNCIL MEMBER NAPOLITANO TO SIT AND WAIT TO SEE MORE DETAILS COME.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED WORKING WITH SENATOR ALLEN ON THIS BILL.

SO, OKAY.

MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, I SEE THAT YOUR HAND IS UP AGAIN.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: YES.

I'M GOING TO ASK MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE MADAM MAYOR ARMATTO TO WITHDRAW THIS TONIGHT FROM MANHATTAN BEACH, GO TALK TO THOSE OTHER CITIES SO THAT WE CAN SEE WHAT'S SAID AND WHAT'S APPROVED BY THEM AND COME BACK TO US AT A LATER DATE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: THAT'S GOING TO BE YOUR ITEM.

>> MAYOR STERN: ARE YOU ASKING TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM?

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: YES.

I'M ASKING COUNSELOR ARMATTO TO DO THAT.

>> MAYOR STERN: WE CAN CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: WE CAN?

>> MAYOR STERN: SURE.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR TIMING WOULD BE CORRECT WITH THIS BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE'S WORK WITH SENATOR ALLEN THAT WILL BE -- THAT IS MORE TIMELY AND MORE TIME SENSITIVE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: CONTINUE OR TAKE MY "NO" THAT'S YOUR CHOICE.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

WELL, THEN, I THINK I WANT TO CONTINUE THIS.

SO, LET'S CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

I WILL WITHDRAW MY MOTION.

WE'LL CONTINUE IT TO OUR MAY 17TH MEETING.

AND, AFTER THAT TIME, WE WILL HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL OF THE OTHER CITIES AS TO THEIR POSITION ON THIS BILL AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE THE SUPPORT AND WE WILL UNDERSTAND BETTER HOW FAR ALONG THIS IS IN SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATION.

SO, COUNCILMEMBER ARMATTO, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

I KNOW THAT YOU SPEND -- YOU HAVE SPENT JUST AN EXHORBANT AMOUNT OF TIME ON THESE EFFORTS AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TONIGHT.

>> THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: SHOULD WE ASK HER IF MAY 17TH GOING TO BE ENOUGH TIME?

>> MAYOR STERN: IS MAY 17TH GOING TO BE ENOUGH TIME IF WE MAKE A DECISION ON MAY 17TH?

>> YES, IN FACT, THIS IS GOING IN FRONT OF HERMOSA BEACH IN A WEEK FROM TODAY AND THEN TORRANCE ON MAY 24TH, SO YOU WOULD BE BASICALLY IN BETWEEN THAT AND THEN WHATEVER OTHER COUNCIL MEETINGS COME UP ON OUR CALENDAR IN BETWEEN THAT. SO HAPPY TO REPORT BACK ON THE 17TH.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND THIS WILL BE CONTINUED TO OUR MAY 17TH MEETING THEN.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: YOUR HONOR, MAY I ASK WHY THIS AGENDA WAS PLACED FIRST BEFORE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I SEE HOUR LIBRARY MANAGER HAS BEEN WAITING.

WHY WAS THIS PUSHED SO EARLY?

>> MAYOR STERN: IT WAS DONE FOR A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY BASICALLY TO COUNCILMEMBER ARMATTO HAD ANOTHER MEETING.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: AGAIN, ANOTHER REASON THIS WAS RUSHED FOR OUR COUNCIL AND HAS INCONVENIENCED OUR RESIDENTS.

SO I WOULD PREFER IT TO COME BACK INTO REGULAR ORDER WHEN IT RETURNS ON MAY 17TH.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

IT WILL.

AND WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM G WHICH IS OUR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UP COMING EVENTS.

I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO OUR ASSISTANT CLERK ALVAREZ TO SEE IF ANYBODY HAS ANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

>> CLERK: YES, MADAM MAYOR.

THROUGH ZOOM, WE HAVE DAVID ARCHER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MADAM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

DAVID ARCHER, MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CEO.

THANK YOU TO COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY BEING AT THE INVESTOR PANEL FOR Y.E.A. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.

WE ALSO HAVE THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY GRADUATION TOMORROW AT MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 5:00 P.M.

WE HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING AT ALL RISE MARTIAL ARTS AT 5:45 P.M. TOMORROW EVENING. WE ALSO HAVE A CHAMBER POWER HOUR ON MAY 11TH AT YUNITA AT 11:30 A.M., WE HAVE CONSTANT CONTACT PERSONNEL COMING IN TALKING TO US ABOUT HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA AND E-MAIL.

AND LASTLY, WE HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING FOR REBORN COFFEE MAY 7TH AT 11:00.

THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, DAVID, IF FOR YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

AND OUR NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS CULTURE CLUB SOUTH BAY.

>> HI GUYS.

HI CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR.

I AM A CO-FOUNDER OF CULTURE CLUB SOUTH BAY.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY THE 14TH, AND SATURDAY THE 21ST.

CULTURE CLUB SOUTH BAY IS A COMMUNITY PLATFORM FOUNDED BY ALLISON HILLS IN 2020 TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND CREATE INCLUSION IN THE SOUTH BAY.

IN THE FALL OF 2021, WE LAUNCHED OUR FIRST PILOT YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AT THE HISTORIC BRUCE'S BEACH WHICH OFFERED COMPLIMENTARY SURFING, ARTS TO YOUTH AGES 8-13.

IN TOTAL, WE'VE RECEIVED OVER 700 SIGN-UPS FROM PARENTS WANTING TO GET THEIR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE.

IT INCLUDES A GROUP OF KIDS WITH VOLUNTEERS THAT RANGE FROM VOLLEYBALL AND SURF PROFESSIONALS.

MARI COSTA CITIZENS.

EXCUSE ME.

MY DOG.

SURFING, ARTS, EDUCATION, CULINARY -- PARDON ME, TAKE DOWN, REGISTRATION, ARTS EDUCATION.

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CULTURECLUBSB.COM/VOLUNTEER-SIGN-UP.

AND SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE, WE WELCOME DONATIONS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND WE WILL SEE YOU GUYS DOWN AT THE BEACH.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, JUSTIN, FOR YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT AND FOR SHARING CULTURE CLUB WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

AND OUR NEXT COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS JOSH MURRAY AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.

I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE COMMUNITY THAT TODAY, MAY 3RD, IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO ATTEND MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENT "AFTERNOON WITH AN AUTHOR" SPEECHING JAN DENNIS.

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY ON MAY 13TH FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD RSVP SENDING AN E-MAIL TO TRACY WINES.

TRACEYWINDES@GMAIL.COM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, JOSH.

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON AND PUT A NAME TO THE FACE.

WELCOME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: JOSH, JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, GOVERNMENT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK ON TIME.

WE DON'T ALWAYS WORK ON THE CLOCK HERE.

>> NO PROBLEM.

I AM ON THE CLOCK.

SO I'VE GOT TO GO.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, JOSH.

AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT OR OUR NEXT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS HEATHER.

>> HI.

I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE ARE 59 DAYS LEFT TO SIGN THE PETITION TO RECALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON.

PLEASE GO TO RECALLDAGEORGEASCON.COM.

THIS IS FOR VICTIMS RIGHTS AND FIGHTING FOR VICTIMS' LIVES.

IT'S FIGHTING FOR VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED EVEN BY SMALL THINGS LIKE MAYBE PETTY THEFT OR PROPERTY CRIME ALL THE WAY UP TO MURDERS.

SO, PLEASE, DOWNLOAD THE PETITION AND SEND IT IN.

RECALLDAGEORGEASCON.COM.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, HEATHER, FOR YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT.

AND OUR NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> CLERK: THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

>> MAYOR STERN: DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

I DO HAVE A COUPLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST ANNOUNCE AN EVENT BEING HOSTED BY MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THIS IS THE -- MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS PROVIDING AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE MATSU FAMILY AND THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE LAND WHERE MIRA COSTA NOW STANDS.

AND IF WE HAVE THAT FLYER UP.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS MARY UYEMATSU KAO.

AND THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FROM MBSD STUDENTS.

THE EVENT TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, FROM 10:00 UNTIL 2:00 AT MIRA COSTA IN THE MUSS STANG MALL.

RSVP IS REQUIRED AND THE FLYER DOES INDICATE WHERE TO RSVP.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EVENT AND I HOPE TO SEE A LOT OF SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR THIS EVENT.

THANK YOU.

AND MY NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH WHICH IS

NOW.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MY KINDNESS COUNTS INITIATIVE, THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT ARE THREE BEACH CITIES, HERMOSA, REDONDO, AND MANHATTAN HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO PROMOTE ACTS OF KINDNESS.

AND FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, WE ARE SUPPORTING A KINDNESS COUNTS POSTER CAMPAIGN AND ALL OVER THE THREE BEACH CITIES, YOU'LL FIND THESE POSTERS THAT WERE CREATED BY A MIRA COSTA STUDENT NAMED "RACHEL" AND THEY FEATURE PULL TABS WITH SUGGESTIONS TO SPARK AND INSPIRE ACTS OF KINDNESS.

IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE.

YOU CAN TRY WRITING A THANK YOU NOTE TO SOMEONE YOU'RE GRATEFUL TO, TEXT A FRIEND WHO'S STRUGGLING OR LEAVE A POSITIVE REVIEW FOR A SMALL BUSINESS AND THEN SHARE YOUR STORY AT OUR KINDNESS COUNTS PORTAL WHICH IS AT BEACHCITIESHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/KINDNESSCOUNTS.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMEBODY IS GOING THROUGH SOMETHING, BUT YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR LIFE A LITTLE BETTER WITH THE SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS.

AND FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, YOU CAN VISIT THE WEBSITE.

THEY ALSO HAVE SUPPORT AND WELL-BEING RESOURCES.

YOU CAN ALSO CALL THEIR ASSISTANCE INFORMATION NUMBER AND THAT NUMBER IS (310) 374-3426 OR VISIT THEM AT THEIR WEBSITE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND THE KINDNESS INITIATIVE WITH THE THREE BEACH CITIES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: YOUR HONOR.

CAN I HAVE A LATE ADD HERE.

THIS IS CYSTIC FIBROSIS, C.F. AWARENESS MONTH.

MY WIFE WORKS IN THAT FIELD.

SHE REMINDED US OF A GLOW RIDE ON AUGUST 27TH.

STARTS IN HERMOSA BEACH GOES TO MANHATTAN BEACH.

IT'S CALLED THE GLOW RIDE AND IT'S A FUNDRAISER FOR C.F. AND I'LL HAVE MORE TO FOLLOWUP.

AND I'M OFF THE HOOK FOR TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: NICE.

AND COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: YES.

THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.

WE ALL LOVE THE STAFF IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WE SEE OUR FIREFIGHTERS HERE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS AND RECREATION ALIKE.

AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE UNSUNG HEROES AT TIMES THAT HAVE A THANKLESS JOB AND ACTUALLY THANK THEM AND THAT'S OUR PUBLIC WORKS.

WE'VE GOT ERIC LEE HERE WHO'S THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

AND THEY'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB ON THE SLURRY PROJECT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN THE SAND SECTION AND YOU CAN SEE THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION OUT THERE.

GIVE YOURSELF SOME EXTRA TIME IF YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN THE AREA AND DRIVE THROUGH BECAUSE IT'S LIKE MR. TOAD'S WILD RIDE AND THERE'S A LOT OF TRAFFIC DOWN THERE BUT THEY'RE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THAT.

THERE WAS, WE GOT NOTIFICATION OF A CALL AT 1:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING WITH SOME TRANSFER PUMP STATION IN THE MEADOWS AREA AND THEY REACHED OUT AND REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC WORKS HELPED THEM AT 1:00 IN THE MORNING WHILE ALL OF US WERE SLEEPING.

YOU SEE THEM OUT THERE IN THEIR BRIGHT ORANGE SHIRTS AND WHITE UTILITY TRUCKS, GO AHEAD AND THANK THEM AND KNOW WE APPRECIATE THEM.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: TAKE BRUCE'S COMMENTS AWAY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: NEW GUY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: WHO NEEDS A CITY MANAGER.

>> MAYOR STERN: NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: WE NEED A CITY MANAGER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: SORRY, BRUCE.

>> MAYOR STERN: YES, WE DO.

BRUCE, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND MORE WAYS TO GIVE ACCOLADES TO OUR CITY STAFF. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO OUR PUBLIC COMMENT?

WE'RE MOVING ON TO ITEM H WHICH IS OUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

AT THIS TIME, SPEAKERS MAY PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON ABOUT ANYTHING THAT IS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY. SO I WILL AGAIN TURN THIS OVER TO ASSISTANT CITY CLERICAL ALVAREZ TO SEE IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

>> CLERK: YES.

FIRST I'LL RECEIVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE KINDNESS INITIATIVE.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE, SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST TO E. COMMONS.

AGENDA ITEM 14 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER.

AGENDA ITEM 16.

M.L.U. REGARDING CITIZENS FOR MEASURES PARCEL TAX.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 21, STREET SWEEPING RESTRICTIONS SEVEN E-MAILS AND OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO E-MAILS.

AND JUST TO REMIND THE PUBLIC, ALL THESE COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO REVIEW.

AND FOR OUR FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT VIA ZOOM, WE HAVE DIANE WALLACE.

>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR STERN AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

THREE MEETINGS AGO, A RESIDENT CALLED IN AND STATED THAT THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT 9:00 P.M. MESSAGE IS NEW AND IS RELATED TO POLITICS AND I'M HOPING TO PROVIDE SOME CLARIFICATION TONIGHT.

AS A LONG-TIME NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAIN AND AREA COORDINATOR, I JUST WANT TO ASSURE EVERYONE THAT IT HAS NEVER BEEN MY IMPRESSION THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGES ARE POLITICAL BUT RATHER HELPFUL.

THE CURRENT MESSAGE REMINDS RESIDENTS TO LOCK AND CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS AND

DOORS, LOCK YOUR CARS, AND CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOORS.
THIS MESSAGE IS OFFERED AS A REMINDER TO ALL OF US TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTY.
THIS CURRENT 9:00 P.M. MESSAGE HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS.
PREVIOUSLY, I'M SURE YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USED THE
MESSAGE "LOCK IT OR LOSE IT" AND THAT WAS USED FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS.
BOTH MESSAGES ARE SIMPLY COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS TO PROTECT
THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, DIANE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS FRANK ANGEL.

IF I CAN HAVE FRANK ANGEL ACCEPT THE AUDIO PROMPT.

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> CLERK: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

>> I AM THE LEAD ATTORNEY FOR DARBY KEEN IN THE CASE THAT SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED
YOUR ILLEGAL BAN ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE MANHATTAN BEACH COASTAL ZONE.
A MONTH AGO, I WROTE YOUR ATTORNEY AND YOU ADVISING YOU OF THE COURT OF
APPEALS OPINION RELEASED THAT DAY WHICH AFFIRMED IN JUDGE HALLPIN'S DECISION
AGAINST YOU.

THE MODEL OF CAREFUL ANALYSIS YOUR ATTORNEY SEEMED NOT TO AFTER YOU WERE IN THE
MANHATTAN BEACH COASTAL ZONES AND STOP SIDE STEPPING COASTAL COMMISSION
REVIEW OF YOUR BAN.

IN LIGHT OF THE BLISTERING APPELLATE OPINION, ALL OF YOUR GROUNDLESS
RATIONALIZATIONS WERE VIOLATING THE COASTAL ACT.

WE DEMANDED THAT YOU, ONE, IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT IN THE MANHATTAN
BEACH COASTAL ZONE OF YOUR SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS.

TWO, IMMEDIATELY SOCIALIZE PLATFORMS.

THREE, OTHERWISE OBEY THE JUDGMENT.

FOUR, IMMEDIATELY MAKE ALL NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO THE DISINFORMATION ON YOUR
WEBSITE CONCERNING THE REGULATION.

AND, FIVE, IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO REFUND ALL UNLAWFUL FINES, FINES ASSESSED
AGAINST S.T.R. HOSTS IN A COASTAL ZONE.

IF YOUR ATTORNEY HASN'T ADVISED YOU OF THE LIABILITY YOU MANEUVERED THE CITY INTO
AND IF YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIABILITY ON THE CITY

[INDISCERNIBLE]

FOR THE CREATING AND ORDERING THE COLLECTION OF UNLAWFUL FINES AMONG OTHER
THINGS, LET ME DO TO FINE PEOPLE FOR EXERCISING ESTABLISHED RIGHTS AND OTHER STATE
LAW VIOLATES THE 4TH AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. INSTITUTION UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF
PROPERTY AS YOU WILL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH GIVEN YOUR ONGOING FAILURE TO
REIMBURSE PEOPLE YOU HAVE HARMED.

YOUR ATTORNEY HAS YET TO RESPOND TO MY APRIL 6TH E-MAIL.

TO OBEY COURT ORDERS NOT TO WORK TO OBSTRUCT THEM OR ADVISE YOU TO DO SO.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU HAVE REJECTED OUR MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS SINCE BEFORE YOU
FORCED US EVEN TO SUE TO SPARE THE CITIES AND TAXPAYERS OF THIS FIASCO.

A FIASCO IN LIGHT OF YOUR FUTURE CITY LIABILITIES AND A SHOCKING REFLECTION OF WHO

YOU ARE TOWARD OVERNIGHT VISITORS AND CITIZENS WHO OPEN THEIR ARMS TO
OVERNIGHT VISITORS.
HUMANINGS WHO DEMAND NOTHING MORE THAN TO SPEND A NIGHT IN A ROOM HOUSED
AT THE BEACH.
PEOPLE YOU DEPRIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENT A ROOM, A HOME, OR JUST EVEN A
ROOM FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS VACATION.
IT IS UNFORTUNATE I'M GOING TO BE DONE IN TWO SECONDS THAT YOU STILL REFUSE TO
COMPLY AND YOU HAVEN'T HAD THE DECENCY TO NOTIFY THE HOSTING PLATFORMS AND
REFUND --
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, FRANK.
THANK YOU, FRANK, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.
IF YOU HAVE ANYMORE TO ADD TO THAT, FEEL FREE TO WRITE TO US, THE REMAINDER OF
YOUR COMMENTS.
OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> CLERK: NEXT IS FRED TAYLOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR STERN, ESTEEMED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
I'M GOING TO WEIGH IN ON THE FIRE STORM OVER MEASURE A AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S
ATTEMPT TO WRITE THIS M.O.U. TO CORRECT SOME OF THE PARTS OF A POORLY WRITTEN
PARCEL TAX FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.
BEFORE WE PROVIDE OVER \$12 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE DISTRICT, LET'S
TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE BOARD'S TRACK RECORD.
SINCE 2014-2015, THE DISTRICT LOST OVER 1,030 KIDS IN ATTENDANCE.
THAT'S A 15.9% DROP IN JUST SIX YEARS.
AND OVER 35% OF THAT LOSS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC.
FURTHERMORE, THIS SCHOOL BOARD KEPT OUR KIDS LOCKED DOWN WAY PAST THE TIME THE
COUNTY ALLOWED ALL SCHOOLS TO OPEN UP AND I ASK WHY.
FINALLY, THE COSTA KIDS WERE THE LAST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH BAY.
THEIR OWN FIRST INTERIM BUDGET REPORT SHOWS THEY HAVE OVER \$90 MILLION OF
ANNUAL REVENUE.
THAT'S OVER \$15,400 EACH FOR THE REMAINING STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.
91% OF OUR KIDS ATTENDING TO A BISMAL 77%.
SOUTH PASADENA.
LA CANADA, PLEASANTON, TORRANCE, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT PALES VERDES.
I AM AGAINST THE COUNCIL FIXING UP THIS.
THE RESIDENT DID I OBJECT TO THE CITY TAKING SIDES, REALLY POLITICAL SIDES ON THIS
CONTROVERSIAL PARTIAL TAX.
THE ISSUE ISN'T THE MONEY.
THE ISSUE IS OUR BOARD AND NOW THE ISSUE IS OUR COUNCIL.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, FRED, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.
AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> CLERK: NEXT IS SARAH TRACY.
>> HELLO, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.
I APPRECIATE THIS QUICK OPPORTUNITY.

JUST TODAY I WAS ADVISED BY A NEIGHBOR THAT ONE PERSON HAS REQUESTED THAT NO PARKING SIGNS FOR STREET CLEANING BE ADDED TO A BLOCK OF ROWL AND NEIGHBORS ON THIS BLOCK ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THAT ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S A REQUEST BY ONE PERSON.

THE NO PARKING HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS, SO REALLY NOT SURE WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT ONE PERSON'S VOICE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THAT ADDITIONAL TIME IS GIVEN TO ALERT NEIGHBORS OF THIS PROPOSAL SO THEY MAY REACT AND PROVIDE COMMENT FEEDBACK AS NECESSARY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, SARAH, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.
AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS JIM BURTON.

>> GOOD EVENING, MADAM MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH AN ECHO OF COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN'S PRAISE OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN ORANGE SHIRTS IN DOWNTOWN.

CERTAINLY, THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB.

I DO WANT TO TALK ABOUT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NUMBER TWELVE WHERE WE'RE INCREASING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE STREET SLURRY IN THE CENTRAL SAND DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN AND IT'S AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF DOWNTOWN, I'VE SEEN JUST HOW MUCH MONEY WE CONTINUE TO SPEND BECAUSE THE DINING DECKS ARE IN THE PUBLIC ROADWAY.

AND I KNOW THIS IS OLD HAT AND I KEEP SAYING THE SAME THINGS AGAIN AND AGAIN AT ALL THESE MEETINGS, BUT WHEN THE CRY WORKS WERE HERE, AND WE SPENT \$60,000 OR \$70,000 OF ADDITIONAL CITY TAXPAYER MONEY FOR POLICE AND FIRE THAT HAD TO SPREAD OUT AND LIEUTENANT CAME IN THE STREETS ARE NOW SLURRING BECAUSE THE DECKS ARE NOT BEING REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC ROADWAYS, OR THE STREETS.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ON THE SIDEWALKS BUT IN THE PUBLIC ROADWAY.

THE PARKING METERS WENT UP FOR EVERYONE.

THE STAFF TIME, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY TALKED ABOUT STAFF MEMBERS TONIGHT.

THE STAFF HOURS COSTING MONEY.

AND TODAY THE RESTAURANTS AND THOSE USING THE PUBLIC SPACE ON DOWNTOWN STREETS SPECIFICALLY MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD AND HIGHLAND ARE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES ARE NOT PAYING A NICKEL.

THIS IS ALL FREE AND AT WHAT POINT DO WE CONTINUE TO SPEND MONEY HELPING THE BUSINESSES WHICH I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF HELPING THE BUSINESSES.

WHEN DOES IT BECOME A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE CITY CONTINUE TO POUR AND TAKE AWAY TAXPAYER DOLLARS BECAUSE WE NEED DINING DECKS IN THE PUBLIC ROADWAY?

AND, AGAIN, JUST TO COMMENT, THIS IS NOTHING AGAINST THE STREET SLURRY, ALL-AMERICAN CONTRACTOR AND ERIC AND EVERYBODY THAT'S GOING THERE, BUT I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE CONTINUE TO SPEND CITY DOLLARS AND IT'S IN MY MIND, IT'S NOT

TRANSPARENT ON HOW MUCH THESE DINING DECKS ARE COSTING US.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, JIM, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

NEXT COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS HEATHER.

>> YEAH.

I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS MEASURE A.

I BELIEVE TONIGHT THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO CLARIFY SOMETHING ABOUT THE SENIORS TAX -- I MEAN, THE SENIOR EXEMPTION BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HOW IT'S GOING TO BE A ONE-TIME DEAL FOR THE SENIORS AND BUT IN THE LANGUAGE, IT CLEARLY STATES CONTRARY TO THAT.

THE PROPONENTS OF MEASURE A ARE TELLING US REALLY TO NOT LOOK AT THE LANGUAGE THAT IS CLEARLY WRITTEN AND INSTEAD TAKE THEM FOR THEIR WORD WHICH IS DON'T WORRY, THE CITY WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.

SO THAT REALLY HAS TO BE CLARIFIED AND I DON'T THINK THAT THE MEMO RANDOM OF UNDERSTANDING THE M.L.U. TO CLEAN UP THE CITY'S MESS IS LEGALLY BINDING.

THAT IS SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

I ALSO WHAT ABOUT TO TALK ABOUT STILL REGARDING MEASURE A, YOU KNOW, THIS PARCEL TAX IS OCCURRING ON TOP OF ANOTHER PARCEL TAX.

THERE'S ALREADY A PARCEL TAX IN PLACE THAT WILL END IN 2024 AND HERE WE ARE AGAIN WITH A BRAND NEW ONE THAT'S FOUR TIMES THE CURRENT TAX.

IT'S TOO MUCH MONEY WITH WAY TOO MUCH INFLATION WHICH IT WILL BE TIED TO AND IT CAN ALMOST DOUBLE TO 2, 100 PER YEAR.

12 YEARS IS WAY TOO LONG.

IT'S THE LONGEST RUNNING PARCEL TAX IN M.B. HISTORY.

ALL MANHATTAN BEACH OWNERS WILL BE FORCED TO PAY THE SAME AMOUNT REGARDLESS OF THEIR PROPERTY VALUE.

AND, IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT THIS WAS PUT TOGETHER, ONLY 50% OF THE VOTERS, PLUS ONE PERSON NEED TO COME OUT AND VOTE "YES" IN ORDER FOR THIS TO PASS. 50% ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO ALL 100% OF THE RESIDENTS HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN NORMALLY THIS REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE NEED RIGHT NOW.

I THINK THIS WAS POORLY WRITTEN AND IT WAS HASTILY DONE.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS DONE ON ACCIDENT OR ON PURPOSE.

I REALLY CAN'T TELL.

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SO MUCH EGO INVOLVED THAT THEY ARE DOUBLING DOWN ON THIS INSTEAD OF TAKING A STEP BACK, TAKING THIS OFF OF THE I DON'T KNOW WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, TAKING THIS OFF AND REGROUPING AND STARTING OVER IN 2024.

THE NO FOR NOW GROUP IS SAYING THAT, YES, IT ABSOLUTELY MATTERS WHO'S ON THE BOARD.

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD STEWARD FOR THIS MONEY, WE'RE BASICALLY JUST ENABLING AN ADDICT RIGHT NOW.

MONEY DOES NOT SOLVE MONEY PROBLEMS.

WE HAVE A SPENDING PROBLEM.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, HEATHER, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA ZOOM.
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WE HAVE RUDY MEJIA.

>> THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MY NAME IS RUDY MEJIA AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE QUALITY OF FIREFIGHTERS YOU HAVE.

THERE ARE 25 OF US.

WE ARE ALL PARAMEDICS.

MOST OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE ALSO TRAINED AND ABLE TO WORK AS ENGINEERS AND
CAPTAINS AND MOST OF OUR CAPTAINS ARE TRAINED TO WORK AS BATTALION CHIEFS.
WE HAVE THREE L.A. COUNTY LIFE GUARDS THAT IN MULTIPLE OCCASIONS HAVE SAVED
LIVES.

WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE, AND GIVE THE COMMUNITY THE SERVICE IT DESERVES, WE NEED TWO
IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS.

ONE, WE NEED TO BE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE.

WE NEED TO WEAR LOTS OF HATS.

WE KNOW WE HAVE TO DO WITH 25 WHAT OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD DO WITH
MORE EMPLOYEES.

TWO, WE NEED QUALITY FIREFIGHTERS.

LET ME SHARE MY FIRST CALL AS A ROOKIE FIREFIGHTER HERE.

I WAS DISPATCHED TO VONS WHERE AN ELDERLY LADY IS PASSED OUT.

AS I TOOK HER TO THE HOSPITAL, OUR ENGINE CREW, TOOK HER GROCERIES HOME, CHECKED
ON HER BED WRITTEN HUSBAND AND DID HER DISHES.

THAT'S THE KIND OF QUALITY YOU GET FROM US.

I FIND IT IRONIC TONIGHT.

THIS PROCLAMATION SPEAKS TO THE BRAVE SELFLESS AND DANGEROUS WORK FIREFIGHTERS
DO WHILE AT THE SAME TIME YOU HAVE TURNED YOUR BACKS ON OUR CRY TO STOP THE
MISMANAGEMENT.

OUR COMMUNICATIONS HAVE ENDED AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

MISMANAGEMENT BY CITY LEADERS HAVE LED TO A REVOLVING DOOR OF FIRE CHIEFS AND
BROKEN TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CITY LEADERS.

I HAVE SEEN, WE'VE ALL SEEN UNIMAGINABLE THINGS AND WE HAVE SAVED LIVES.

WE'VE SEEN WILD FIRES THREATEN FAMILY HOMES AND WHEN WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE
FRONT LINE OF THE PANDEMIC WHERE NOBODY CAN TELL US WHAT WAS GOING ON, WE STILL
SHOWED UP EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

AND WHAT DID THAT GET US?

INSTABILITY WITHIN OUR WORK PLACE, LOOSE MANAGEMENT LEADING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
CONCERNS, TWO YEARS OF HIRING DELAYS, AND TWO YEARS OF THE CITY TURNING THEIR
BACKS ON THE SAME BRAVE FIREFIGHTERS OF WHOM I'M HONORED TO CALL MY FAMILY.

THIS EVENING, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS, I'M HERE ASKING YOU

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, STOP THE MISMANAGEMENT, QUESTION THE INFORMATION THAT YOU ARE BEING TOLD.

BRING IN THE FIRE CHIEF TO THESE DISCUSSIONS.

IF ANY OF YOU TRULY BELIEVES THE WORDS THAT YOU'RE SEEKING TO PROCLAIM TONIGHT AND IF THOSE WORDS ARE TRUTH TO YOU AT ALL, THEN I ASK YOU THIS, CREATE A STABLE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS.

SUPPORT YOUR MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS.

STOP THE MISMANAGEMENT.

IF NOT FOR US, DO IT FOR THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

MAKE THE WORDS YOU PROCLAIM MEAN SOMETHING.

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU JUST LIKE YOU COUNT ON US EVERY DAY.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, RUDY, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS MADELYN CAPLAN.

AFTER MADELYN, WE HAVE DIANA SCAR.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS MADELYN CAPLAN.

I HAVE A HUGE SMILE UNDER THIS MASK BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TOGETHER.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I'M A 12-YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

I LOVE IT HERE.

I LOVE OUR SCHOOLS.

I LOVE OUR CITY.

I SUPPORT MEASURE A.

AND I SUPPORT PASSING THE MEMO RANDOM OF UNDERSTANDING TONIGHT.

MEASURE A IS A SMART SOLUTION TO SOLVE THE SEVERE FUNDING PROBLEMS WE FACE.

OUR SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$2,000 LESS PER STUDENT THAN THE STATE AVERAGE.

THIS IS A MAJOR PROBLEM.

OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS FACE THIS EXACT SAME PROBLEM.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS LIKE SAN MARINA, PALO ALTO AND PIEDMONT CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IN ORDER TO SECURE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR SCHOOLS, THEY NEEDED A LOCALLY CONTROLLED REVENUE SOURCE, A PARCEL TAX.

THEIR COMMUNITIES WERE ALL IN.

THEY SUPPORTED THEIR SCHOOLS.

THEY SUPPORTED THEIR CHILDREN.

WE ARE SMART TO DO WHAT THESE HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE DONE.

NOW, THERE ARE SOME IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO BELIEVE SCHOOLS SHOULD ONLY BE FUNDED IF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS THEIR EXACT SAME POLITICAL IDEOLOGY.

NOW, THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME.

IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE IT'S PLAYING POLITICS WITH OUR CHILDRENS' ACADEMIC FUTURE AND PLAYING POLITICS WITH THE FUTURE OF MY PROPERTY VALUES.

WE ALL KNOW THAT HIGH PROPERTY VALUES ARE TIED TO EXCELLENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THERE IS NOTHING POLITICAL ABOUT GIVING OUR CHILDREN THE VERY BEST EDUCATION WE CAN.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE OUR SHARED COMMUNITY ASSET.
THEY NEED OUR INVESTMENT AND THEY NEED OUR PUBLIC SUPPORT.
TONIGHT, I'M ASKING CITY COUNCIL, PLEASE, SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR CHILDREN
AND OUR PROPERTY VALUES.
THANK YOU SO COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY, MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, AND
MAYOR STERN FOR GOING ON THE RECORD IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOLS IN MEASURE A.
BUT WE NEED ALL OF CITY COUNCIL TO JOIN US.
PLEASE, SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS.
PLEASE PASS THIS M.L.U. TONIGHT AND THANK YOU FOR RUNNING OUR CITY SO WELL AND
FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION TONIGHT.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, MADELYN FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> CLERK: NEXT, IT WILL BE LAURA KYLIE.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND ESTEEMED COUNCIL MEMBERS.
MY NAME IS DIANA SCAR.
IMAGINE MY SURPRISE AFTER BUYING OUR HOME AND ENROLLING OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL TO
LEARN THAT OUR EXCELLENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDERFUNDED.
SO I DID WHAT EVERY RESPONSIBLE RESIDENT WOULD DO AND GOT INFORMED.
TURNS OUT, MBUSD IS ONE OF THE LOWEST FUNDED SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF OUR
WEALTHY DEMOGRAPHICS.
APPROXIMATELY \$0.20 OF EVERY PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GOES TO SCHOOLS.
HOWEVER, IT FIRST FLOWS UP TO SACRAMENTO WHERE MOST OF THE FUNDING GOES TO
SCHOOLS WITH HIGHER NEEDS STUDENTS BEFORE IT TRICKLES BACK DOWN TO US.
CONSEQUENTLY, OUR SCHOOLS RECEIVE ON AVERAGE \$2000 LESS PER STUDENT PUTTING US
AT THE BOTTOM OF STATE FUNDING.
HOW DO WE HAVE FUNDING FOR NEW BUILDINGS?
WELL, THOSE FUNDS CAME FROM BOND MEASURES WHICH ARE RESTRICTED BY LAW TO ONLY
IMPROVING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.
WHY DON'T PARENT AND CORPORATE DONATIONS TO M.B.F. SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?
BECAUSE M.B.F. IS ONLY FOR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS LIKE SCIENCE LAB AND CLASS SIZE
REDUCTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN KEY TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.
M.B.F. IS NOT DESIGNED TO COVER THE STATE FUNDING DEFICIT WHICH IS THE ROOT
PROBLEM MEASURE A WILL FIX \$1,095 PER YEAR IS A LOT.
HOWEVER, AFTER MOVING TO MANHATTAN BEACH, I REALIZE OUR SCHOOLS SERVE AS TENT
POLES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
I'VE CONNECT WEDNESDAY MANY RESIDENTS INCLUDING THOSE WITHOUT STUDENTS AND IT
WARMS MY HARD TO SEE HOW MANY NEIGHBORS TRULY BELIEVE THAT INVESTING IN OUR
SCHOOLS IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES.
AS A SUPPORTER OF MEASURE A, I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY
AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN DRAFTING THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING.
THAT'S GOING TO BE DISCUSSED TONIGHT.
THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF NONPARTISAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER.

THIS M.O.U. CLARIFIES THAT SENIORS AND OTHERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX EXEMPTION WILL ONLY HAVE TO FILE ONCE BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RENEWING THE WAIVER ANNUALLY AND THE M.O.U. ALSO CLEARLY STATES IT WILL BE CAPPED AT 5%.

PLEASE APPROVE THIS M.O.U. TONIGHT SO YOU CAN HELP RESIDENTS MAKE INFORMED VOTING DECISIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, DIANA FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

>> CLERK: AFTER LAURA KYLIE, IT WILL BE MICHAEL SINCLAIRE.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS LAURA KYLIE.

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH SINCE 1994.

WE HAVE TWO CHILDREN IN THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I AM VERY EXCITED TO VOTE FOR MEASURE A WHICH WILL INCREASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOLS.

I THINK IT'S A FABULOUS IDEA TO HAVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BROUGHT BEFORE A CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT.

AND I HOPE OUR CITY LEADERS WILL SUPPORT THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROVIDE FACTS TO OUR ZITS SO THEY CAN BE WELL-INFORMED VOTERS.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, LAURA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: AFTER MICHAEL SINCLAIRE, IT WILL BE GARRET NOES.

>> MY NAME IS MICHAEL SINCLAIRE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF AND THE DISTRICT STAFF IN THEIR EFFORTS FOR PREPARING THE MEMORANDUM APPEARING IN TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

SACRAMENTO HAS CRITICALLY UNDERFUNDED OUR DISTRICT FOR DECADES AND IT HAS HAD A COMPOUNDING EFFECT ON OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

TAKING BACK OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND KEEPING OUR TAX DOLLARS HERE IN OUR LOCAL CLASSROOMS AND OUT OF THE HANDS OF SACRAMENTO.

MEASURE A IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, OR ANY SCHOOL PROGRAM.

WE ARE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS.

WE ARE AMONG THE 4,000+ PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS AND EDUCATORS AND RESPECTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO SIGNED THE PETITION TO PLACE THIS MEASURE ON THE JUNE BALLOT AND PROTECT HIGH-QUALITY ACADEMICS AND EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING IN OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT MEASURE A.

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE FALSE CLAIMS CIRCULATING THAT SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS MUST FILE AND RE-APPLY TO MEASURE A EVERY YEAR.

AS YOU KNOW, THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

AS THE M.O.U. CLEARLY CONFIRMS AND CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RENEW OR RE-APPLY FOR THE EXEMPTION EACH YEAR.

THE M.O.U. FURTHER CONFIRMS ONCE THE EXEMPTION HAS BEEN GRANTED, IT REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE FULL TERM OF MEASURE A OR UNTIL THE TAXPAYER BECOMES INELIGIBLE. AND A SIMPLE FORM EITHER BY MAIL, ONLINE, OR IN PERSON.

BY WAY OF ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THERE ARE FALSE CLAIMS THAT MEASURE A DOES NOT HAVE AN INFLATION CAP AND THE AMOUNT OF THE PARCEL TAX WILL DOUBLE OVER TWELVE YEARS. AS YOU KNOW, THAT TOO IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

AS THE M.O.U. CLEARLY CONFIRMS ANY ANNUAL INCREASES ARE CAPPED AT THE LESSER OF C.P.I. OR 5% WITH NO ANNUAL INCREASE TO BE LEVIED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF ASSESSMENT. MEASURE A CANNOT DOUBLE.

MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS DESERVE THE FACTS ABOUT MEASURE A AND THEY DESERVE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION PRIOR TO RECEIVING THEIR BALLOTS WHICH WILL BE MAILED OUT NEXT WEEK SO THEY CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO CAST THEIR VOTE FOR THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.

RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE CITY A TRUSTED AND VERIFIED SOURCE TO CONFIRM THE FACTS ABOUT MEASURE A.

ACCORDINGLY, I RESPECT DMROOE REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE M.O.U. BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING AND WITHOUT DELAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: AFTER GARRET, IT WILL BE BRENDA O'LEARY.

>> HI THERE.

MY NAME IS GARRETT NOSE AND I'M A SENIOR AT MARI COSTA HIGH SCHOOL.

I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CRITICAL FOR THIS NEXT GENERATION TO BE THE BEST EQUIPPED FOR OUR FUTURE, BUT I'M ALSO DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE PARTISAN MISINFORMATION AND THE PARTISAN RHETORIC THAT'S CIRCULATING OUTSIDE OF THESE FORMS.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM IDENTIFYING AS A CONSERVATIVE.

I CALLED MY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE AGAINST SENATE BILL 1 WHICH RAISED THE GAS TAX BY \$0.03 AND THAT WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1ST.

I WAS PROUD IN 2014, THAT I SUPPORTED DAVID HADLEY IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER IN FUNDING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FUNDING OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

FROM SOMEBODY WHO COMES FROM A FAMILY THAT WAS VERY POOR, THAT MIGRATED FROM JAPAN TO CANADA AND HAD A GRANDFATHER THAT WAS THE VERY FIRST PERSON OF JAPANESE DESCENT TO GRADUATE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL AFTER WORLD WAR II, I RECOGNIZED AND AM AWARE OF THE EDUCATION AND STRONG COMMUNITY BRINGS.

I'M AWARE IN OUR FAMILY WE HAVE A SAYING THAT BELIEVES THAT EDUCATION ELEVATES AND PROGRAMS PERPETUATE.

IF ONE THING THAT YOU MUST CONSIDER AND CONTINUE FUNDING SHOULD BE EDUCATION,

IT SHOULD BE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AS A CITY.
IT SHOULD BE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AS A STATE.
FURTHERMORE, INVESTING IN EDUCATION HAS FURTHER BENEFITS DOWN THE LINE.
THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS INVESTS IN ITS EDUCATION -- FUNDS ITS EDUCATION THE MOST IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT ALSO HAS THE FOURTH LOWEST CRIME RATE IN THE UNITED STATES.
THERE ARE CLEAR CORRELATIONS BETWEEN GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION AND HAVING A BETTER FUTURE LATER ON IN LIFE.
I WILL CONTINUE FIGHTING AMONGST THE STAY TUNED BODY TO ENSURE THAT MEASURE A IS PASSED BECAUSE THE SAME PARENTS THAT WORKED TO GET US BACK IN THE CLASSROOM WHICH I APPLAUD ARE ALSO NOW NEGLECTING THE POTENTIAL ISSUES WE MAY FACE IN THE CLASSROOM AFTER TWO YEARS OF BEING ON DISTANCED.
THE LONGER THE STUDENTS ARE ON DISTANCE, THE GREATER RAMIFICATIONS TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH WERE.
I WILL ALSO WORK TO BRING ATTENTION TO ENSURE THE NEW MONEYS BEING RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS ADDRESSING THINGS LIKE EATING DISORDERS THAT A LOT OF MY FRIENDS ARE DEALING WITH.
THERE ARE VERY SAD IMPLICATIONS THAT THESE COVID LOCKDOWNS HAVE HAD. CUTTING FUNDING OR REJECTING FUNDING AND QUESTIONING OTHER PEOPLE AND QUESTIONING OTHERS' INTENTIONS WHEN THEIR INTENT IS TO FUND OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION IS TRULY APPALLING TO ME.
I VOTE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL?
[LAUGHTER]
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT.
AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR, STERN.
MY NAME IS BRENDA O'LEARY AND I'M SPEAKING YOU TONIGHT AS A PROPERTY OWNER AND AS A PARENT.
OBVIOUSLY, GARRETT IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW, AND HERE I AM.
BUT I'M PROUD OF STUDENTS LIKE GARRET AND OUR SCHOOLS.
I'M PROUD OUR SCHOOLS HAVE TURNED OUT WONDERFUL KIDS.
WHEN YOU LOOK AT COLLEGE PLACEMENT.
IT'S A GREAT COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE GREAT KIDS AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM.
I BELIEVE THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS MEMORANDUM TONIGHT.
AND I WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY WHO CAME OUT TOGETHER AND VOTED TO GET THIS ON THE BALLOT.
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS SUCH A GREAT EFFORT OF POSITIVITY AND PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO REALLY MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.
I ALSO FEEL LIKE THERE'S, YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ACTION HERE, BUT IT'S ALWAYS WORTH CONSIDERING INACTION.
WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T VOTE FOR THIS PARCEL TAX?

AND I BELIEVE I'M A GOOD WITNESS TO WHAT HAPPENS BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER IS NOW A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WE'VE BEEN SHORT ON MONEY IN OUR SCHOOLS. OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN UNDERFUNDED. ANY SCHOOL CAN ARGUE THAT, BUT THAT'S A FACT. AND I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. I THINK IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, WE WERE \$3 MILLION SHORT AND WE HAD TEACHERS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK, PINK SLIPS HAD BEEN ISSUED. WE HAD CLASSES ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK AND IT WAS A REALLY SAD THING AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER. THESE ARE TEACHERS THAT WE KNEW. WE WERE SAD. IT WAS HARD ON OUR CHILDREN. OUR CHILDREN WERE SAD. THEY HAVE EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENTS TO THEIR TEACHERS. SO I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CHILDREN, OUR TEACHERS, AND THIS MEASURE A IS A WAY THAT WE CAN DO THIS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, IT'S MONEY. NOBODY LIKES TO SPEND MONEY, INCLUDING ME. BUT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING \$225 FOR OUR EXISTING PARCEL TAX WHICH IS GOING AWAY. SO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT REALLY IS A MARGINAL COST OF ABOUT A \$1,000 A YEAR AND THAT'S A 3% INFLATION. LESS IN THE BEGINNING, MORE IN THE END, BUT YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING AT \$1,000 A YEAR TO MAINTAIN OUR TEACHERS, TO HAVE ART, TO HAVE MUSIC TO HAVE STEM PROGRAMS AND SCIENCE BUT ALSO TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR TEACHERS THAT FOUNDATION OF STABILITY WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ARE THEY GOING TO BE HERE NEXT YEAR? WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT YEAR? MY DAUGHTER IS GRADUATING NEXT YEAR, SO SHE WON'T BE HERE, BUT I AM HAPPY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS TO THE COMMUNITY, TO THE CHILDREN GOING FORWARD. IT'S A \$1,000 OUT OF MY POCKET FOR TWELVE YEARS AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT USE OF MONEY AND I'M HAPPY TO DO IT. THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE IT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, BRENDA, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS KAREN COMMONTINSKI AND AFTER THAT IT WILL BE SUSIE WEIR.
>> IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW A COSTA STUDENT, ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE.
GOOD EVENING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF.
NICE TO SEE MANY OF YOU.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.
AS MANY OF YOU KNOW I'M A RETIRED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WHERE I SERVED TEN YEARS FOR OUR CITY.
FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU TO STAFF AND SPECIFICALLY MR. BAR ROWS TEAM AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE LEG WORK THAT'S GONE INTO THIS M.O.U. AGREEMENT.

THE CITIZENS-LED COMMITTEE APPRECIATES THE CLARITY, DEFINITIONS, AND OUTLINES OF THE PROCESSES RANGING FOR OUR 65 AND OLDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE ORGANIZATION, SELECTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ALONG WITH THE CLARIFICATION ON THE C.P.I. AND WE HOPE THAT TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION PROVIDES THE DEPTH AND DETAIL THAT THE COMMUNITY IS REALLY SEEKING.

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION FINANCE IS FLAWED.

IT'S COMPLICATED.

IT'S CONFUSING.

AND THE PROCESS AS MANY OF YOU KNOW THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT MBSD CONTINUES TO BE UNDERFUNDED.

THIS IS REALLY NOTHING NEW IN OUR TOWN.

AS THIS TOPIC BRINGS ABOUT A LOT OF DEBATE AND QUESTIONS AND HONESTLY WITH LESS THAN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK TONIGHT, LET ME JUST SIMPLIFY IT DOWN TO ONE POINT.

MEASURE A IS ALL ABOUT LOCAL CONTROL.

THE PASSING OF THIS BALLOT MEASURE WOULD ENABLE MANHATTAN BEACH TO KEEP MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HERE AND OUT OF SACRAMENTO'S POCKETS.

THE MONEYS ARE TIED TO OUR PROPERTY VALUES THAT WE SHOULD ALL HAVE SOME LEVEL OF BENEFIT FROM.

HAVING THE ABILITY TO DETERMINE.

LOCAL CONTROL IS IMPERATIVE FOR OUR SCHOOLS.

THANK YOU TONIGHT TO THE CITY STAFF FOR WORKING ON THE M.O.U..

THANK YOU TO THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOLS.

THEIR MISSION AND OUR STUDENTS PRESENT AND FUTURE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

GOOD EVENING.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, KAREN FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MY NAME IS SUSIE WEIRY AND I'M A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND I HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS.

I'M ALSO A FORMER AND CURRENT PARENT VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY EVEN AFTER MY KIDS HAVE SINCE GRADUATED FROM MBSD.

I AM IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE A FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND ONE OF THEM IS I'M A TRUE BELIEVER OF PAYING IT FORWARD.

TONIGHT, I ASK THAT YOU APPROVE THE M.O.U. IN ORDER TO KEEP TRANSPARENCY AND CLARITY TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AT THE VOTING POLLSES.

BY YOU VOTING FOR THE M.O.U. DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU AS A COUNCIL ARE ENDORSING THE MEASURE, BUT IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE CLARITY TO OUR COMMUNITY.

AND I ASK WHY WOULDN'T YOU DO THAT?

SO I THANK YOU TONIGHT FOR YOUR TIME, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL DO THE RIGHT THING.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, SUSIE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS?

>> CLERK: YES, WE HAVE ANOTHER PERSON THROUGH ZOOM.

LEE PHILLIPS.

>> HELLO.

GOOD AFTERNOON CITY COUNCIL.

FACT, WE ALREADY HAVE A MEASURE PROPERTY TAX WHICH RUNS FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS. MEASURE M.B. IS \$225 A YEAR AND APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2018.

IF MEASURE A PASSES, WE WILL BE PAYING TWO PARCEL TAXES UNTIL 2024 MEASURE M.B. AND MEASURE A.

IT'S DOUBLE DIPPING.

FACT, MEASURE A PARCEL TAX WILL BE \$1,095 A YEAR BUT IS INDEXED TO INFLATION WITHOUT LIMIT.

INFLATION IS CURRENTLY RUNNING AT 8.5%.

DO YOU NOTICE HOW GAS AND FOOD PRICES HAVE SKYROCKETED?

IMAGINE HOW SKYROCKETED PROPERTY TAXES ARE GOING TO IMPACT YOU.

THINK PROP 13 WHEN PEOPLE WERE LOSING THEIR HOMES.

THIS TAX WILL FORCE MANY TO LEAVE THE AREA.

MANY MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS ARE HOUSE RICH, BUT CASH POOR.

I WALK THROUGH THE CITY EVERY DAY AND SPEAK TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE SCARED, MANY WIDOWS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HUSBANDS WHO HAVE LIVED HERE FOR DECADES AND WORRIED ABOUT BEING ABLE TO STAY IN THE CITY.

FACT, MBUSD HAS LOST 1,096 STUDENTS, 17% SINCE 2014, YET THE BOARD'S SPENDING US UP BY DOUBLE DIGITS.

WHY ARE STUDENTS LEAVING THE DISTRICT?

CAN YOU IMAGINE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR LOSING 17% OF YOUR CUSTOMERS AND NOT KNOWING WHY OR TRYING TO RETAIN THEM AND THEN ASKING FOR A LARGER BUDGET? ENROLLMENT IS DOWN, COSTS ARE UP.

WHY REWARD THE DISTRICT WITH MORE MONEY?

SHOW US WHERE MBUSD HAS MADE BUDGET CUTS.

BELIEVE ME, THIS MEASURE A WILL CAUSE MANY RESIDENTS TO MAKE BUDGET CUTS.

IF WE MAKE BUDGET CUTS, SO SHOULD MBUSD.

GET THE FACTS FOR YOURSELF.

READ THE BALLOT.

I URGE EVERYONE TO READ THE INITIATIVE AS WRITTEN IN THE BALLOT YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS MAY IN THE MAIL.

IT CLEARLY STATES THE TAX IS \$1,095 AND INDEXED TO INFLATION WITH NO CAPS.

DO NOT SIGN A BLANK CHECK.

VOTE "NO" ON JUNE 17TH, A "NO" ON MEASURE A.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, LEE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS LUCIA LEROSA AIMS.

>> HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HI.

I'M A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

MBUSD COVID FUNDING.

\$144 MILLION IN PROJECTED TAX REVENUES TO HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL.

IS THE CURRENT SYSTEM REALLY SUSTAINABLE AND IT WILL INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES.

THESE ARE ALL THE ARGUMENTS MADE BY THE SUPPORTERS OF MEASURE A.

WELL, IT'S NOT THE INTENT SURELY DEFECT OF THIS MEASURE WILL NOT BE ENSURING BETTER SCHOOLS, BUT KEEP THEM EXCLUSIONARY AS OUR COMMUNITY IS EXCLUSIONARY AND MAKING OUR COMMUNITY AND OWNING A HOME HERE EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE AND UNAFFORDABLE ESPECIALLY FOR MIDDLE CLASS YOUNG FAMILIES, THE ONES WHO WANT PUBLIC EDUCATION.

THE TWO EXEMPTIONS ARE FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS THAT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS TODAY AND SENIORS A PERSON THAT OWNS, 250% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL WHICH IN CALIFORNIA MEANS THAT HE EARNED \$22,000.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN LIVE IN MANHATTAN BEACH IF THEY EARN \$22,000 AND SO IN REALITY, THE ONES THAT WILL PAY THE PRICE OF THIS TAX ARE THE MIDDLE CLASS, YOUNG FAMILIES.

SO WE HAVE A PROBLEM OF NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING NEW.

IT EXISTED BEFORE COVID AND HAVE MANY MEETINGS AND HAD THEM STOP ABOUT IT.

AND EVERYONE HAS A REASON WHY.

I DON'T CARE WHAT IS THE REASON.

THE FACT IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STUDENTS AND THIS IS A TREND THAT IS A NATIONAL TREND, IT'S A CALIFORNIA TREND, BUT IN REALITY, NOT MANY KIDS COME TO MANHATTAN BEACH BECAUSE IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE FOR MIDDLE CLASS YOUNG FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY THAT COMES HERE, IF THEY CAN BUY A \$10 MILLION HOUSE, THEY DO NOT SEND KIDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL.

SO THE RESULT, WE CANNOT TAX OUR WAY OUT OF THIS PROBLEM.

WE ARE JUST BUILDING A VIRTUAL WALL OF TAXES AROUND THE CITY SO THAT WE CAN DECLARE WE ARE FOR INCLUSION DIVERSITY AND EQUITY MATTERS.

WE CAN EVEN SAY WE ARE DOING THAT FOR THE CHILDREN, BUT WE ARE NOT.

THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TEACHERS.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, LUCIA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

NEXT COMMENT.

>> CLERK: NEXT IS PAMELA DAVIDSON.

>> HI.

GOOD EVENING.

PAMELA DAVIDSON HERE.

I JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY MENTION REASONS WHY I'M OPPOSED TO MEASURE A PARCEL TAX.

FIRST OF ALL, MANY OF US RECALL THAT THERE WAS A PARCEL TAX SURVEY THAT WAS FUNDED BY THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BACK IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2021, AND OVERALL THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY AND 600 RESIDENTS SHOWS

THAT EVEN AT \$225 OR MORE THAN \$500, MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS WEREN'T IN THE MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE PARCEL TAX.

SO ALREADY WE'VE SEEN IN THE SURVEY THAT THERE WASN'T WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SECONDLY, ONCE THE RESIDENTS REALIZED THE TRUE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF MEASURE A THAT LUCIA WAS SHARING WITH US AND ALSO DR. PHILLIPS BEFORE, MEASURE A WILL SHOCK RESIDENTS DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN FUNDING AND IMPORTANTLY, THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES IN MEASURE A.

THIRDLY, AND THIS IS VERY SAD, BUT A GROUP OF US PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP VERY CLOSELY FOR ALMOST THE LAST 15, 18 MONTHS.

AND WE FIND THAT THE CURRENT SCHOOL BOARD LACKS FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND HAS DEMONSTRATED RECKLESS OVERSPENDING PRACTICES AND WE'VE DOCUMENTED THAT AND WE ARE SHARING THAT WITH MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY.

FOURTHLY, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE DECLINING ENROLLMENTS.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THE DECLINING ENROLLMENTS, BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF INCREASING SPENDING BY OUR SCHOOL BOARD, WE SHOULD NOT AS DR. PHILLIPS SAID, WE SHOULD NOT BE AWARDING THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR WITH MORE FUNDING.

WHAT WE NEED IS FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY PARTICULARLY NOW IN THIS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN WHAT MANY BUSINESS EXPERTS PREDICT WILL BE A RECESSION THIS YEAR.

SO IT'S NOT THE TIME TO IMPOSE A HUGE, YOU KNOW, FOUR OR FIVE INCREASE IN TAXES ON OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR TAXPAYERS.

AND, FINALLY, THIS WHOLE DECEPTIVE PRACTICE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A SIMPLE 50% MAJORITY PLUS ONE VOTE TO GET THIS PASSED, IN THE PAST, IT HAD TO BE A TWO-THIRD VOTE FOR TAX -- TO AGREE FOR TAXPAYERS TO AGREE TO INCREASE TAXES.

SO THAT THRESHOLD RIGHT THERE IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE.

SO I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MEASURE A WAS ILL-CONCEIVED PROBABLY FROM GOOD-INTENTIONED PEOPLE FOR ALL THE REASONS.

IT WAS ILL-CONCEIVED AND IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO SAY TO THE BOARD, TO THE CITY COUNCIL, VOTE NO TO THE M.O.U., IT CAN'T BE REPAIRED AND VOTE NO TO MEASURE A.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, PAMELA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.
AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> CLERK: THERE'S NO FURTHER REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: MAYOR, TWO QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THE POTENTIAL DEDICATION ON JUNE 19TH.

SINCE THEN, LOOKING AT OUR TIME LINES FOR THE DESIGN, LANDSCAPE, INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT DATE IS NOT POSSIBLE.

SO WE'VE PUT THAT ON OUR WEBSITE.

WE'LL HAVE TO TERM WHAT THAT DATE WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.

BUT IF ANYBODY IS PLANNING AROUND THAT DATE, DON'T.

IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN THAT QUICKLY.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN STARTED,

I'D LIKE TO ASK ERIC LEE TO TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN WAS REFERRING TO.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC RECOGNITION WEEK, I THOUGHT THIS WAS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT GIVEN THE GREAT WORK THAT OUR STAFF DOES.

THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING IT, COUNCILMEMBER.

BUT THESE GUYS DON'T OFTEN -- PEOPLE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY DO.

IT OFTEN GETS OVERLOOKED, BUT IF THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY DID, EVERYBODY WOULD OVERSEE IT BUT THIS WAS JUST A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE EVERY THE.

IT'S JUST MARVELOUS.

SO ERIC, IF YOU WOULD.

>> GOOD EVENING, MADAM MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

AS YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD AN INTRO TO, WE HAD AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT A COUPLE WEEKSES AGO AT A SEWER STATION WE HAD AT THE CORNER OF MEADOWS AND 9TH.

IT ALLOWS US TO PUMP THE SEWAGE UPHILL UNTIL WE CAN GET TO A COUNTY LINE THAT FLOWS BY GRAVITY DOWNHILL TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WE USE IN CARSON.

AND SO THE KEY THING HERE IS IF THAT PUMP PLANT DOESN'T WORK, THE SEWAGE BACKS UP. THE OTHER BACKGROUND FACT HERE IS THAT THE CITY MAINTAINS A PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OF FOUR STAND-BY EMPLOYEES 24/7, 365.

WE HAVE EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT IS HAPPEN AT NIGHT, ON THE WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS, THAT SORT OF THING.

ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, 1:00 IN THE MORNING, WE HAD A COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM THAT GAVE US AN ALERT WE HAD SEWAGE BACKING UP AT THIS LOCATION.

SO IMMEDIATELY OUR STAND-BY EMPLOYEE IN OUR SEWER MAINTENANCE DIVISION HEADED OVER TO MEADOWS AND 9TH AND FOUND THAT EDISON POWER HAD FAILED THROUGHOUT THE CITY INCLUDING OUR LIFT STATION AND THE GENERATOR WAS WORKING, BUT FAILED TO TRANSFER THE POWER AS IT'S SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE EQUIPMENT RUNNING.

AND SO, HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE SUPERVISOR AND CALLED THE CALVARY FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

HE ALSO WENT BACK TO OUR YARD AND PICKED UP OUR BACKGROUND TRUCK.

THIS IS A GIANT TRUCK.

YOU CAN'T PICK IT UP.

HE GOT IT AND HEADED BACK OVER TO MEADOWS AND 9TH.

THIS IS THE SAME TRUCK THAT'S ON ITS LAST LEG AND THE COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED US TO PURCHASE A NEW ONE FOR ABOUT A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

AND IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WE'RE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO GET THE REPLACEMENT ON IT.

OUR WASTE WATER SUPERVISOR RUDY HAPADO ARRIVED ON THE SITUATION AND DETERMINED HE HAD THE ELECTRICAL SKILLS TO SWITCH THIS TRANSFER SWITCH ISSUE.

HAD TO GO BACK TO THE YARD TO GET THE EQUIPMENT.

THANKFULLY, WE HAD IT IN STOCK.

HE GOT BACK TO THE YARD, GOT A CALL, GENERATOR FAILED.

THIS IS A GENERATOR WE JUST INSPECTED THE DAY PRIOR AND WAS WORKING JUST FINE.

AND, SO, OUR CREW HAD THE PRESENCE OF MIND TO CALL REDONDO BEACH RIGHT AWAY AND GET THEM COMING OVER.

AND SO THEY HAD TWO STAFF MEMBERS IN THEIR CREW CAME UP WITH THEIR VACON TRUCK RUNNING IN SEQUENCE WITH OURS.
HAD WE NOT HAD REDONDO BEACH, BY THE TIME WE DUMPED IT OVER HERE TO A MANHOLE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BACKING UP.
SO, WITH THE FAILURE OF THE GENERATOR AT THIS POINT, EDISON POWER STILL OUT, OUR SUPERVISOR REALIZED THAT WE NEEDED TO DO AN EMERGENCY BYPASS OF THE SEWER LIFT STATION.
AND SO GOT THE PORTAL PUMP SET UP, THE HOSES SET UP, ALL THE DELINEATORS OUT, THE LIGHTING SET UP AND WITH ALL OF OUR STAFF THERE WERE NARROWLY AVOIDED A SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW RIGHT ON EARTH DAY.
AND THE PROBLEM IS THERE'S A CACHE BASIN RIGHT NEXT TO THE SEWAGE STATION, HAD THAT OVERFLOWED, IT WOULD HAVE GONE RIGHT INTO OUR OCEAN.
SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR TEAM FOR THEIR EXCELLENT TEAM WORK, THEIR DEDICATION TO THIS COMMUNITY 24 HOURS A DAY 365 DAYS A YEAR AND THE EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP WE RECEIVED FROM OUR WASTE WATER SUPERVISOR.
HE'S A FANTASTIC LEADER.
HE'S BEEN TRAINING AND DOING DRILLS WITH OUR CREWS FOR THESE EXACT TYPES OF INCIDENTS BECAUSE HE KNOWS THEY'RE GOING TO HAPPEN AND HE RAN THE SYSTEM AND IT WORKED.
LASTLY, WE GOT GREAT MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM IS INVALUABLE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO RETURN THE FAVOR TO THEM.
THANKS FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THIS TONIGHT.
>> MAYOR STERN: WOW.
THAT'S GREAT.

[APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, ERIC, FOR SHARING THAT.
THANK YOU FOR LEADING SUCH AN INCREDIBLY PROFESSIONAL AND CAPABLE DEPARTMENT.
RUDY, IF YOU'RE LISTENING, WE REALLY APPLAUD YOU AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK AND ALL OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF THE MANY WHO CAME OUT TO HELP IN THIS REGARD AND TO REDONDO BEACH.
WE HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORING CITIES AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE THEIR HELP AS WELL.
SO THANK YOU, ERIC, FOR THAT.
OKAY.
DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?
>> NOTHING FURTHER.
THANK YOU.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.
LOTS OF GOOD NEWS TODAY.
SO, WE WILL MOVE ON THEN TO ITEM I. WHICH IS OUR COVID-19 REPORT AND I'M GOING TO ASK OUR CITY MANAGER BRUCE MOE FOR THAT.
>> CITY MANAGER MOE: SURE.

JUST STATISTICALLY SPEAKING WE'VE HAD 131 ADDITIONAL CASES SINCE OUR LAST REPORT TWO WEEKS AGO.

>> THANK YOU, STEVE.

>> YEAH.

IT WAS 130+ STEVE.

>> CITY MANAGER MOE: IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT REPORT.

WE DID HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL DEATH UNFORTUNATELY IN MANHATTAN BEACH BRINGING OUR TOTAL TO 27 TO DATE.

WE ARE AVERAGING ABOUT 10 CASES A DAY THAT'S UP FROM SEVENTY-TWO WEEKS AGO. BUT THE COUNTY TEST POSITIVITY RATE IS DOWN 1.9%.

IT WAS 2.8% TWO WEEKS AGO.

INTERNALLY HERE OUR EMPLOYEE CASES, WE'VE HAD 41 CASES.

33 IN JANUARY, 5 IN FEBRUARY, NOTHING IN MARCH, BUT 3 IN APRIL.

SO WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE BEST PRACTICES AND EFFORTS TO AVOID SPREADING THE VIRUS OBVIOUSLY.

FINALLY, AS WE DO AT EVERY COUNCIL MEETING, WE'D LIKE DIRECTION ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS IN TERMS OF FORMAT WHETHER VIRTUAL, HYBRID, OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

WE HAVE MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY THIS MONTH.

WE HAVE TONIGHT, NEXT TUESDAY IS A BUDGET STUDY SESSION.

THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY IS A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

AND THE NEXT IS THE SECOND COUNCIL STUDY.

AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MANAGER MOE?

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'LL JUST MAKE THE MOTION TO KEEP IT HYBRID.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

HYBRID FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: I'LL SECOND THAT.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

DO WE NEED A ROLL CALL VOTE?

>> NO.

IT'S JUST SCHEDULING THE MEETING.

SO THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BE HYBRID.

YOU CAN COME IN PERSON OR JOIN US BY ZOOM.

AND, WITH THAT, IF THAT IS THE END OF THE COVID-19 REPORT, I WILL MOVE ON.

THANK YOU.

NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND I'M GOING TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5-13.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 5-13 AND PULL NUMBER 12 REGARDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY BY APPROVING ADDITIONAL WORK CONTRACTORS.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 12.
DO I HAVE A SECOND?

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: I'LL SECOND THAT, YOUR HONOR.

STERN AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

CAN I HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THAT, PLEASE?

>> CLERK:

[ROLL CALL] MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE ITEM THAT IS ARE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
THIS IS ITEM K.

AND ITEM 12 WAS PULLED.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

JUST TO HAVE DIRECTOR LEE FILL US IN ON THE COMMENTS YOU HEARD EARLIER.

THE NEED FOR THIS AND HOW IT AFFECTS DOWNTOWN AND THE DINING DECK'S THE NEXT
PART.

>> YES, AS IT RELATES TO THIS ITEM, THERE WAS CONTINUING TO SEE THERE WAS BUILT IN TO
THE CONTRACT AWARD AUTHORITY THAT THE CITY MANAGER WAS GIVEN OF \$134,000.

AND AFTER WE BID THE PROJECT AND AS REWARDED COUNCIL WITH MENTION WITH THE
ATTENTION OF THE DINING DECKS, WE WERE GOING TO OCCUR A CHANGE ORDER RIGHT OUT
THE GATE OF ABOUT \$50,000.

ADDITIONALLY AS WE'RE DOING THE WORK, THERE ARE OTHER NEEDS IN OUR ROADWAYS
THAT ARE BEING IDENTIFIED AND THE CONTINGENCY THAT IS REMAINING IN THE E EXISTING
AUTHORIZATION IS NOT GOING TO BE THE WORK WE'VE ALREADY PLANNED AND THE WORK
WE'VE ANTICIPATE ENCOUNTERING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AS WELL AS THE RAINBOW
CROSSWALK WORK THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO COMPLETE NOW WITH THE FINE ARTS TRUST
FUNDS THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AT THE LAST MEETING.

UNDER STATE LAW, WE CAN ADD ANOTHER 5% TO THE ADDITIONAL WORK AUTHORIZATION
THAT THE CITY MANAGER CAN AUTHORIZE AND THIS IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO GET ALL THAT
WORK DONE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: ONE FOLLOWUP QUESTION.

HOW MUCH OF THAT NUMBER \$134,000 OR \$50,000 DIRECTLY TO THE DINING DECK EXTRA
WORK WE HAVE TO DO?

>> IT'S ABOUT \$50,000.

SO JUST TO REMIND THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS ONCE
OUR STORY PROJECT IS DONE, AT THE END OF TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING, WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE A LOT OF AREAS THAT DIDN'T GET SEALED AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COME
BACK UNDER ANOTHER CONTRACT AND HAVE THAT WORK COMPLETED.

SO THE ADDITIONAL WORK THAT WE'RE PAYING RIGHT NOW TO HAVE OUR CONTRACTOR
WORK AROUND IT AND PAY MORE TO HAVE IT FILLED IN.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> MAYOR STERN: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR DIRECTOR LEE?

AND DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

>> CLERK: THERE'S NO REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> MAYOR STERN: IF THERE'S NO DISCUSSION, THEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'LL MAKE THE MOTION TO ADOPT.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

DO I HAVE A SECOND?

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: I'LL SECOND IT.

>> MAYOR STERN: SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

CAN I HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE.

>> CLERK:

[ROLL CALL] MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

WE ARE MOVING ON TO OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK BEFORE THAT?

>> MAYOR STERN: SURE.

WE CAN TAKE A BREAK.

I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A 5-MINUTE BREAK BECAUSE WE HAVE A LONG MEETING AND A LOT GOING ON.

WE'LL SEE YOU BACK AT 8:25.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: A LOT OF BREAKS DON'T.

>> CLERK: WE ARE LIVE, MADAM MAYOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE.

WE ARE MOVING ON TO OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM L. ON OUR AGENDA.

ITEM 14, THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING.

AND I'M GOING TO TURN TO DIRECTOR TAI.

>> I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER DANA MURRAY.

THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

I'M HERE TO GO OVER THE PERMIT TO UPDATE THE CITY'S LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM ALSO KNOWN AS AN L.C.P. TO ADDRESS COASTAL HAZARDS AND SEALABLE RIGHTS.

THIS MEETING SERVES AS THE CITY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE L.C.P. AMENDMENT.

SO DURING TODAY'S PRESENTATION OR TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION, I'LL BE GOING OVER A LITTLE BACKGROUND, THE CONTENT OF THE L.C.P. COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER PROVIDING A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CITY'S OUTREACH AND ENDING WITH OUR NEXT STEPS.

WE EMBARKED ON THIS WORK TO BETTER PREPARE FOR AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO GET OUR CITY INTO COMPLIANCE OF STATE MANDATES AND GUIDANCE.

WITH CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT, THE CITY APPLIED FOR AND WAS AWARDED THE \$225,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION TO UPDATE OUR L.C.P. AND POLICIES. IN 2017, THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION INFORMED THE CITY OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO

COMPLETE THE SEA LEVEL RISE ASSESSMENT TO COMPLY WITH STATE MANDATES OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 379 INCLUDING FLOOD RISK MEASURES TO ADDRESS VULNERABILITIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGIES IN THE CITY'S HAZARDS LOCAL MITIGATION PROGRAM.

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE ARE NOW REQUIRED.

LASTLY, ASSEMBLY BILL 2140 INCENTIVIZES CITIES TO INCLUDE HAZARD AND RISK COMPLEMENTARY WITH THE LOCAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

AFTER TONIGHT, ONCE WE'VE UPDATED OUR L.C.P., WE WILL UPDATING OTHER LANGUAGE IN THE CITY'S LANGUAGE PLAN TO REFERENCE THESE UPDATED COASTAL HAZARDS, ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AND POLICIES.

AS A REFRESHER ON THE L.C.P., IT APPLIES TO THE COASTAL ZONE AND REGULATES PRIVATE AND PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT.

THROUGHOUT THIS L.C.P. UPDATE, WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE COASTAL ACT AND USED GUIDANCE TO GUIDE DECISIONS, MINIMIZED COASTAL HAZARDS THROUGH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, MAXIMIZED PROTECTION OF COASTAL RESOURCES AND MAXIMIZED AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

ON FEBRUARY 23RD OF THIS YEAR, THE PLANNING COMMISSION HOSTED A STUDIES SESSION ON THIS TOPIC TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OPEN DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE AMENDMENT EFFORT.

AND THEN ON MARCH 23RD, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S EXISTING L.C.P., THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE L.C.P.. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING, PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTED A UNANIMOUS WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION FOR L.C.P. AMENDMENT ADOPTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH BRINGS US TO TONIGHT.

IN 2018, THE CITY INITIATED AN UPDATE TO THE L.C.P. TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL HAZARDS CALLED CLIMATE READY MANHATTAN BEACH.

AWARDED THE GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION TO FUND THIS UPDATE. THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT WAS COMPLETED AS THE FIRST PHASE OF WORK IN THE CLIMATE READY M.B. PROGRAM AND HIGHLIGHTS EXISTING CONDITIONS AND FUTURE VULNERABILITY OF THIS CITY TO PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE, BEACH EROSION AND COASTAL FLOODING.

IN ADDITION TO IMPACTS TO STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUND WATER. THE FINDINGS OF THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROVIDES A VARIETY OF ADAPTATION STRATEGIES TO HELP MANHATTAN BEACH PLAN FOR COASTAL HAZARDS AS WELL AS AN ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTATION PLAN IN 2021, STAFF THEN INITIATED A WORK EFFORT TO INITIATE THE CITY'S L.C.P. TO INCORPORATE FINDINGS AND STRATEGIES OF THE L.C.P. NOW, THIS DIAGRAM IS LIKELY FAMILIAR TO YOU AS I PRESENTED IT TO CITY COUNCIL IN 2020 AND 2021.

YOU CAN SEE WE'RE NOW DISCUSSING ONE OF THE CULMINATING PRODUCTS OF THIS PROJECT.

THE LOCAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN TO UPDATED COASTAL HAZARDS.

THE NEW L.C.P. COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER HAS THREE MAIN SECTIONS AND DOCUMENTS. THE FIRST IS COASTAL HAZARDS PRESENT WHICH IS THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT.

THE SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES CURRENTLY IN PLACE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.¹ ADAPTATION STRATEGIES WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE ADAPTATION PLAN, AND ADAPTATION POLICIES TO MITIGATE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM COASTAL HAZARDS. UNDER THE SETTINGS SECTION, WE DOCUMENTED COASTAL HAZARDS PRESENT IN THE CITY AND THE TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT EXISTS. AS YOU GUYS KNOW, OUR COASTLINE IS LARGELY URBANIZED DEVELOPED BY COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. THE COAST IS CHARACTERIZED BY SANDY BEACH AND THE COASTAL ZONE WITHIN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH SLOPES UP FROM THE BEACH WITH ELEVATIONS QUICKLY RISING OUT OF THE FLOOD ZONE BEHIND THE BEACH. WITH FUTURE CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE, THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH'S CURRENT VULNERABILITIES PROJECT FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION IN FEBRUARY. AND I'LL BRIEFLY GO OVER IT TONIGHT. AS THE FIRST STEP IN THE CITY'S L.C.P. UPDATE, WE'VE CREATED THE SEA LEVEL RISE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT. AND THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO USE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND CUTTING EDGE SEA LEVEL RISE MODELS TO ASSESS THE VULNERABILITIES AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE. THE CITY SEA LEVEL RISE VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS WAS COMPLETED AND POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE IN JUNE 2021 AND IS AVAILABLE AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR THE PUBLIC AND CITY COUNCIL. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE LIVED HERE AWHILE NOW, MANHATTAN BEACH HAS EXPERIENCED NUMEROUS COASTAL STORM EVENTS OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES THAT CAUSE FLOODING AND EROSION DAMAGE. OF IT'S THIS CONTEXT THAT ESTABLISHES THE NEED FOR POLICIES THAT ADDRESS THE SAFETY OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF NATURAL AND MAN-MADE HAZARDS AND POLICIES TO GUIDE THE MAINTENANCE, REBUILDING OR INSTALLING OF NEW SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES. FUTURE SEA LEVEL RISE IS EXPECTED TO CREATE A PERMANENT RISE IN OCEAN WATER LEVELS THAT WILL SHIFT THE WATER'S EDGE LANDWARD. HIGHER WATER LEVELS WILL INCREASE THE EROSION OF BEACHES AND RESULT IN A NARROWER BEACH IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN. THE COMBINATION OF HIGHER WATER LEVELS AND BEACH EROSION WOULD MEAN THAT COASTAL STORMS WOULD POTENTIALLY CAUSE GREATER FLOODING AND DAMAGE BECAUSE REDUCED BEACH WIDTH IS LESS EFFECTIVE IN PRODUCING WAVE ENERGY AND WAVES PRODUCED AT A HIGHER ELEVATION ALLOW FOR REDUCE IN BEACH LANDWARD. ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS FROM SEA LEVEL RISE COMBINED WITH A 100-YEAR STORM WHICH IS THE WORST STORM IN A CENTURY SHOW THAT EVEN UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS, MOST OF THE FLOOD IMPACTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH ARE LIMITED TO THE SANDY BEACH AREA. THAT'S GREAT NEWS FOR US. SOME IMPACTS TO THE BEACH BIKE PATH AND ADJACENT INFRASTRUCTURE COULD OCCUR IN STORM EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A SMALL STORM EVENT UNDER TODAY'S SEA LEVELS MIGHT NOT CAUSE ANY DAMAGE ON OUR COAST.

THE SAME EVENT COULD HAVE A MUCH LARGER IMPACT ESPECIALLY DURING HIGH TIDES LIKE KING TIDES.

HIGHER WATER LEVELS AT THE COAST ALSO CAN IMPACT THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM DURING RAINFALL EVENTS, BY BACKING UP WATER INTO THE SYSTEM OR DELAYING DRAINAGE INTO LOW TIDE.

E.S.A. AND U.C. IRVINE CREATED A STORM WATER CONFLUENCE SYSTEM TO ASSESS CHANGES. SEA LEVEL RISE COMBINED WITH A 100-YEAR STORM WOULD CAUSE WATER TO BACK UP INTO THE STORM WATER SYSTEM.

FUTURE PRECIPITATION EXTREMES ARE EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER THAN CURRENT PRECIPITATION INDICATING A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF FLOODING IN THE FUTURE.

SEA LEVEL RISE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT ILLUSTRATES THAT THE TOTAL BEACH WIDTH IS EXPECTED TO BE 200' WIDE RESULTING IN A 47% LOSS FOR OUR CITY.

HIGHER WATER LEVELS WILL INCREASE EROSION OF BEACHES AND RESULT IN A NARROW BEACH IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN.

WHAT WE'RE LIKELY LOOKING AT IN THE FUTURE IS LOSING ABOUT HALF OUR BEACH IN THE FUTURE.

WE ALSO WORKED WITH SCIENTISTS.

RISING SEA LEVELS CAN IMPACT COASTAL GROUND WATER LEVELS AND BY THE INTRUSION OF SALT WATER INTO COASTAL AQUAFERS.

BASEMENTS, BUILDING FOUNDATIONS AND GAS LINES.

ADDITIONALLY, THE INTRUSION OF SALT WATER CAN IMPACT DRINKING SUPPLIES.

SO THE FINDINGS OF THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REVIEWS TO DEVELOP THE SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN WHICH HELPS MANHATTAN BEACH PLAN FOR COASTAL HAZARDS.

IN THIS ADAPTATION PLAN PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR THE CITY TO MONITOR THE EFFECTS OF COASTAL EROSION AND FLOODING WITH SEA LEVEL RISE AND PREPARE FOR IDENTIFIED VULNERABILITIES BY CHOOSING FROM A TOOL BOX OF ADAPTATION MEASURES.

AS A GUIDANCE ADOPTION, THE ADAPTATION PLAN PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR THE CITY AS SPECIFIED THRESHOLDS FOR ACTION AND REACHED.

THE CITY'S SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN WAS COMPLETED AND POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE IN NOVEMBER 2021 AND IS AVAILABLE AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR THE PUBLIC AND CITY COUNCIL.

NOW, THE STATE REQUIRES THAT WE CONSIDER ADAPTATION STRATEGIES IN THREE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, PROTECT, ACCOMMODATE, AND RETREAT.

PROTECTION CAN BE ENGINEERED LIKE A SEA WALL OR NATURAL LIKE BEACH STANDS.

STRATEGIES THAT ACCOMMODATE HAZARDS CAN INCLUDE RAISING STRUCTURES OR FLOOD PROOFING THEM.

THE STATE ALSO REQUIRES YOU CONSIDER OPTIONS TO RETREAT WHICH MEANS REMOVING BATHROOMS ON THE BEACH TO BE FARTHER BACK OR THE FOOD STANDS.

WE DON'T EXPECT TO NEED TO USE RETREAT STRATEGIES IN THE NEAR TERM.

THROUGH MONITORING COASTAL HAZARDS AND SEA LEVEL RISE, OUR CITY WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN UP OUR ADAPTATION TOOL BOX TO ADDRESS COASTAL HAZARDS.

THE THIRD PART OF THE L.C.P. COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER DOCUMENTS COASTAL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND PROPOSE A SET OF POLICIES ADDRESSED TO SAFETY MEASURES.

IN ADDITION, IT DISCUSSES THE TYPES OF SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES CURRENTLY IN PLACE WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONES AND POLICIES FOR MAINTAINING, REBUILDING, OR INSTALLING NEW DEVICES.

I'LL BE GIVING A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF EACH POLICY SUBSECTION WITH A CHAPTER THAT RESPONDS INCLUDING A POLICY SAMPLE FOR EACH SECTION.

SO THE NATURAL MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL HAZARDS POLICIES CALLS FOR NON STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION STRATEGIES SUCH AS A BEACH RESTORATION PROGRAM, WINTER SAND BERMS OR ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFSHORE EEL BEDS.

OR ACCEPTING A NARROW BEACH.

THE POLICIES ADDRESS MAXIMIZING NATURAL SHORELINE VALUES AND PROCESSES AND MINIMIZING SHORELINE ARMORY.

ANY NOURISHMENT PROJECT WILL PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND MITIGATE POTENTIAL BIOLOGICAL AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS.

SUPPORTING GIANT KELP REFORESTATION PROJECTS.

THE PROJECT IN NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH WOULD COMPLY WITH THESE POLICIES.

BEACH DAY RESTORATION IS RECOGNIZED AS A WAY OF MAINTAINING A WIDER BEACH BY CREATING AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF SAND AT THE BACK OF THE BEACH WHILE INCREASING LOCAL SAND RETENTION.

DUNES PROVIDE A COST EFFECTIVE BUFFER OF PROTECTION FROM SEA LEVEL RISE AND STORM EROSION.

THERE'S OTHER ADAPTATION STRATEGIES USED BY OTHER ADJACENT JURISDICTIONS SUCH AS BUILDING SEASONAL SAND BERMS, BEACH NOURISHMENT AND WETLANDS RESTORATION.

THE SHORELINE PROTECTION DEVICES POLICIES RELATE TO ENGINEERED STRUCTURAL PROTECTIVE DEVICES SUCH AS SEA WALLS OR ROCKS.

SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES AND REQUIRE THEY BE DESIGNED TO VISUALLY BLEND IN WITH THE NATURAL SHORELINE.

PROVIDE PUBLIC AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS AND COASTAL RESOURCES.

EXAMPLES OF THESE EXISTING SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES INCLUDE THE SEA WALLS AT THE EL PORTO BEACH LINE.

ROCK AS THE END OF EL PORTO BEACH.

AND SEAWALLS.

WHILE SEEWALLS PREVENT THESE CAN ACCELERATE BEACH LOSS.

THE SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES ADDRESS REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ALONG THE COAST AND NEW COASTAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE POLICIES ARE INTENDED TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES HAZARD RISK WHILE ADAPTING TO FUTURE SHORELINE RISKS WITHOUT NEEDED PROTECTION.

AN EXAMPLE FROM THESE POLICIES INCLUDES MONITORING THE FREQUENCY OF MAINTENANCE REQUIRED, STORM DRAINS, ADAPTATION ACTIONS SUCH AS SHORTENING THE OUTFALLS ARE NEEDED DUE TO VULNERABILITIES FROM BEACH EROSION AND SAND BLOCKAGE FROM SEA LEVEL RISE.

THIS SECTION AIMS TO PROTECT PUBLIC ACCESS, RECREATION, AND SENSITIVE COASTAL RESOURCES IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE AS NECESSARY CONSIDERATIONS AND PLANS ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.

POLICIES CALL FOR AVOIDING IMPACTS TO HABITATS WHEN DESIGNING AND CITING

RECREATION AREAS.

AND DEVELOPING AND SIGNING ACCESS FACILITIES TO BE ADAPTABLE LIMITING THE IMPACTS TO COASTAL RESOURCES AND AVOIDING HAZARD AREAS.

AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE MAINTAINING DEDICATED PUBLIC PATHWAYS BETWEEN BEACH TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ACCESS WHILE PROTECTING COASTAL RESOURCES.

AND POLICIES INCLUDE OPTIONS TO RETRO FIT OR RELOCATE VISITING FACILITIES TO AVOID SEA LEVEL IMPACTS AND MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COASTAL ACCESS AND RECREATION. I'M ALMOST DONE.

THE LAST SECTION'S POLICIES RELATE TO DECISION-MAKING, COORDINATION, AND PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING FOR SEA LEVEL RISE IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE AS KEY PRINCIPLES FOR ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.

POLICIES CALL FOR USING BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE TO DETERMINE LOCALLY RELEVANT AND CONTEXT-SPECIFIC SEA LEVEL RISE PROJECTIONS FOR ALL STAGES OF PLANNING, DESIGN, AND REVIEWS, MAXIMIZING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND CREATING A SHORELINE MONITORING PROGRAM.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY COLLABORATING WITH EXPERTS FROM LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES AS WELL AS UTILIZE STATE AGENCY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS TO DEVELOP THE SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN.

SWITCHING GEARS.

I'M AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION.

I'M GOING TO GO OVER THE PUBLIC OUTREACH.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE OF LAST YEAR, AS PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS WE CONDUCTED NINE MEETINGS ON COASTAL HAZARDS, SEA LEVEL RISE, THE DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT, AND CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES. WE HAD OVER 200 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE PROVIDING OVER 380 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON THESE TOPICS.

ALL THE RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND I'LL SHARE A COUPLE RESULTS FROM FEEDBACK.

IN THIS CHART, THE RESULTS SHOW THAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY VALUING THE BEACH, THE OCEAN, AND NATURAL HABITAT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT COASTAL ASSETS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE.

WE ALSO ASKED FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC ON PROPOSED ADAPTATION STRATEGIES. 91% OF RESPONDENTS FOCUSED ON BEACH SAND NOURISHMENT AND RESTORATION.

SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC OUTREACH IN ADVANCE OF THE TWO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS, STAFF SHARED INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE L.C.P. AND THE PUBLIC HEARING VIA NEWSPAPER ADS, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, AND WE MAILS TO STAKEHOLDERS.

ALSO, PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THIS HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE BEACH REPORT ON APRIL 21ST POSTED AT CITY HALL AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING, STAFF RECEIVED ONE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM A RESIDENT SUPPORTING BEACH SAND NOURISHMENT WHICH IS NOW INCORPORATED IN THE L.C.P. COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER AND ADAPTATION PLANT.

TODAY IS THE CITY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S L.C.P. PENDING CITY COUNCIL'S ADOPTION, THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE COASTAL COMMISSION.

IF THEY APPROVE, THE L.C.P. WILL BE CERTIFIED.

THE AMENDMENT WILL RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION.

ONCE ADOPTED, THE AMENDMENT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CITY'S L.C.P. SO CITY STAFF HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY AND COLLABORATIVE WITH EXPERTS AND THE COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF TO INCLUDE A NEW COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER THAT ADDRESSES THE STATE'S 2018 POLICY GUIDANCE WHILE PREPARING A PLAN THAT BEST PROTECTS OUR COMMUNITY, OUR BEACH AND OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FROM COASTAL HAZARDS.

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE L.C.P. TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.

LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE DOZENS OF EXPERTS FROM THESE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELPED OUR CITY PREPARE THESE ANALYSIS AND L.C.P. UPDATE.

WITH THEIR HELP, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO USE OUR PLANNING TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY, OUR BEACH, AND OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FROM COASTAL HAZARDS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> MAYOR STERN: WOW, DANA.

THANK YOU.

THIS WAS SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION AND A STUDY AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT.

I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS FOR DANA AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: THANK YOU.

GREAT JOB, DANA, AND I REALLY ENJOYED READING THAT.

I JUST WANTED TO GO OVER WITH THE PUBLIC WHAT I WENT OVER WITH CITY MANAGER TODAY.

CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THIS GRANT -- THAT THIS L.C.P. AMENDMENT WAS GRANT FUNDED OR WAS IT FUNDED BY THE CITY?

>> THE MAJORITY OF IT WAS FUNDED BY THE GRANT FROM THE COASTAL COMMISSION.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: OKAY.

AND THAT INCLUDES THE COST OF THE CONSULTANT; CORRECT?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: SUPER.

SO I THINK THAT'S GREAT.

AGAIN, LIKE THE SUPULVIDA BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT LIKE MY COLLEAGUE, MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO'S FAVORITE PROJECT, IT MAY NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN THIS CITY WITHOUT THE GRANT FUNDING.

SO I JUST WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT WHETHER YOU VOTE FOR THIS STATEWIDE OR NOT THIS WAS STATE MONEY AND WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT.

AND WOULD YOU CALL THIS THE BEGINNING, THE MIDDLE, OR THE END OF THIS L.C.P., THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AMENDMENT?

LIKE ARE WE DONE WITH THIS AND WE'VE DISMISSED THE CONSULTANT OR IS THERE MORE WORK TO BE DONE?

>> END OF THE BEGINNING.

>> SO SHOULD YOU GUYS ADOPT IT TONIGHT, WE WOULD THEN SUBMIT IT TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.

AND, IF THEY ACCEPT IT, THEN WE'RE DONE WITH THIS L.C.P. UPDATE.

HOWEVER, IF CITY COUNCIL OR THE COASTAL COMMISSION WANTS CHANGES TO BE MADE, THEN THAT WOULD PUSH US BACK A LITTLE BIT IN THE CYCLE.

SO IT WOULDN'T QUITE BE DONE.

WE'D BRING IT BACK TO YOU WITH CHANGES.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE COMPLETING THE REST OF OUR CONTRACT WITH E.S.A. THIS SUMMER WITH OUR CLIMATE ACTION ADAPTATION PLAN.

SO WE'RE NOT DISMISSING THEM RIGHT OFF.

THEY'RE FINISHING UP, BUT WE'RE ALMOST DONE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: IS THAT THE CONSULTANT?

>> IT'S WITH THEM, YES.

E.S.A.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: GREAT.

AND THAT ALSO IS GRANT-FUNDED?

>> NO.

THERE'S NO FUNDING FOR CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING DOCUMENTS.

IT'S USUALLY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES AND PROJECTS IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, BUT THE WAY WE WERE ABLE TO LEVERAGE THIS BEST FOR OUR CITY IS BY COMBINING THE OUTREACH.

SO BY UTILIZING E.S.A. AS THE SAME CONSULTANT, UTILIZING GRANT FUNDING TO FUND THE SEA LEVEL RISE WORK, WE'RE ABLE TO CAPITALIZE ON HAVING OUR PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND PUTTING BOTH TOPICS AT THE SAME TIME.

SO WE'RE ABLE TO CAPTURE MORE OF THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST BECAUSE WE DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT HAZARDS, BUT WE'D ALSO TALK ABOUT SOLUTIONS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: GREAT.

I'M ASSUMING THAT OTHER PROJECT COMES UP IN THE C.I.P. OR SOME OTHER TIME.

SO, YEAH, WE DON'T WANT TO FOCUS TOO MUCH ON THAT.

HOW DO SEA WALLS CONTRIBUTE TO SHORELINE EROSION?

>> SO WHAT HAPPENS.

YOU CAN SEE THIS ON THE CALIFORNIA COASTLINE IN OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. NOT SO MUCH IN OUR PORTION.

ONCE YOU PUT A HARDENED STRUCTURE ON THE BEACH TO KIND OF THWART THE OCEAN AND WAVES TO PREDICT SOMETHING BEHIND THEM, YOU GET WHAT'S CALLED SCOURING.

SO IT MAKE THE EROSION WORSE IN THAT AREA AND THERE'S MANY PLACES ALONG THE COAST, LIKE I SAID, NOT IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN THEY'VE CONVERTED SEA WALLS TO MAKE IT INTO BEACH DUNES OR WETLANDS, THEN IT CREATES MORE OF LIKE A BUFFER AND YOU CAN E CRETE SAND RATHER THAN PUTTING A WALL IN FRONT OF IT.

I CAN HAVE E.S.A. EXPLAIN MORE IF YOU WANT A BETTER EXPLANATION.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: GREAT.

NO.

THAT'S FINE.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU SAW THE LETTER FROM JULIE FROM THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS THAT WAS SENT TO FULL COUNCIL TODAY AND THEY WERE JUST ASKING THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS BE PROTECTED.

AT THE END, THEY SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT THE POLICY BELOW WOULD LEAD TO THE FOREST REMOVAL OF EXISTING SHORELINE PROTECTIVE DEVICES AND MIGHT RESULT IN SUBSEQUENT DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

SO THEY'RE SUGGESTING THAT WE ADD AN EXPLICIT CLARIFICATION THAT THIS IS NOT THE INTENT NOR PERMISSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE POLICY.

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT LETTER?

>> I SAW IT RIGHT BEFORE THIS MEETING.

WHAT I WILL SAY IS WE ARE FORTUNATE IN THIS CITY WITH OUR WIDE SANDY BEACH THAT OUR ANALYSES SHOW WE WON'T HAVE PROPERTY AFFECTED.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S MORE LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED IS -- WELL, THE FOOD STAND, THE BATHROOMS ON THE BEACH, AND OUR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.

THOSE ARE THE MOST LIKELY INFRASTRUCTURE.

SO WHAT THE -- WHAT THEY WERE CALLING FOR IS NOT AS RELEVANT I THINK BASED ON WHAT OUR PARTICULAR CITY'S VULNERABILITIES AND ANALYSES INDICATE.

DO YOU WANT TO CLARIFY ANYTHING MORE ON THAT?

>> DANA, THANK YOU.

NO.

I THINK THE ANALYSIS DOES SHOW THAT THE SEA LEVEL RISE WILL NOT BE AFFECTING PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND, FURTHERMORE, THERE CURRENTLY IS NO PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY THAT HAS AN INDIVIDUAL SEA WALL PER SE LIKE SOMETHING YOU WOULD SEE OUT IN NAPLES AND LONG BEACH OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

SO WE DON'T HAVE A SITUATION THAT IS REPRESENTED BY THE EXAMPLE DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: INCLUDING THE EL PORTO FOOD STAND?

IS THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY OR IS THAT SITTING ON --

>> I THINK THAT'S COUNTY VENDORS.

>> THAT'S A COUNTY RENTAL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY: OKAY.

THAT'S GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, DANA.

THANK YOU, CAREY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

GREAT JOB, DANA.

QUESTION, WHAT IS THE LIKELINESS PURE CONJECTURE YOU'RE ASKING FOR IN A HALF RHETORICAL SO ENJOY THIS QUESTION BUT WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD AT ALL OF COAST COMMISSION JUST ACCEPTING THIS AS IS?

ARE THEY GOING TO TACK ON 50 OTHER ISSUES LIKE SHORT-TERM RENTALS?

>> THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR YEARS NOW.
I COMMUNICATE A LOT AND I'VE BEEN IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF THE ENTIRE TIME.
SO AS SOON AS WE GOT THE GRANT, WE WERE IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION.
THEY SAW DRAFTS OF THE VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS, SENT US COMMENTS.
DRAFTS OF THE ADAPTATION PLAN, GAVE US COMMENTS.
SAME THING WITH THE L.C.P. CHAPTER, AND THERE WAS SOME AREAS WHERE WE INSISTED ON OUR PARTS AND PUSHED BACK, AND MAYBE WHEN IT GOES FOR THEIR CERTIFICATION, I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE ARE GOING TO GET PUSHED BACK, I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I KNOW IN GOOD FAITH WE HAVE BEEN A GOOD PARTNER WITH THEM.
WE'VE COMPLETED THIS PROCESS IN GOOD TIME COMPARED TO SOME OTHER JURISDICTIONS.
WE'VE FOLLOWED BEST SCIENCE AND GUIDANCE.
SO I'M PRETTY OPTIMISTIC.
OF I DON'T WANT TO OVERSTATE IT.

>> IF I COULD JUST ADD ONTO THAT.
YOU KNOW, YES, THERE HAVE BEEN EXAMPLES IN THE PAST OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION ASKING FOR PERIPHERAL ITEMS AS PART OF A CITY'S SUBMITTAL FOR AN L.C.P. AMENDMENT.
HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, THE ADDITION OF A COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER IS A DISCRETE ENOUGH REQUEST THAT THE ISSUES OF LAND USE AND LAND USE REGULATIONS ARE NOT PERIPHERY.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE -- IT'S TOO FAR APART.
SO MY SENSE IS LIKE DANA'S THAT BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEM AND THIS IS A GRANT, THIS IS THEIR GRANT-FUNDED DELIVERABLE THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY DELIVERING.

I THINK THE PROBABILITY OF THEM ATTACKING ON LAND USE ISSUES IS VERY SLIM IF SLIM TO NONE.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO: I'LL LEAVE IT THERE.
THANKS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN: IF I CAN JUST BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 6, THE STAFF REPORT AT THE VERY TOP AND HELP ME MAKE SENSE OF THIS.
IT SAYS, IN GENERAL, HISTORIC EROSION RATES IN MANHATTAN BEACH SHOWED NET ACCRETION OVER TIME THAT IS WIDENING DUE TO BEACH NOURISHMENT IN SANTA MONICA BAY AND THE RETENTION OF SAND STRUCTURES DOWN IN COASTAL CITIES.
THE SEA LEVEL RISE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT ANTICIPATES THE TOTAL BEACH WIDTH BY 2,100 IS EXPECTED TO BE AT 200' RESULTING IN A 47% LOSS.
SO I LOOKED UP THE WORD "ACCRETION" IT'S A GROWTH.
SO IF YOU'VE GOT BEACH GROWTH OCCURRING BECAUSE OF SANTA MONICA BAY NOURISHMENT, HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET -- HOW ARE WE GOING TO LOSE BEACH?

>> THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION.
IT'S MORE LOOKING AT HISTORICALLY VERSUS WHAT'S GOING ON NOW AND WHAT'S CHANGING.

HISTORICALLY, WHEN THEY DREDGED THE AREA NORTH OF US TO MAKE MARINA DEL RAY, THEY PUT THAT SENTIMENT IN CERTAIN PLACES.
ALTHOUGH IT WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BE PERMITTED IN CALIFORNIA NOW.
THEY PUT A LOT OF THOSE BREAK WATERS AND GROINS IN, AND DEPENDING ON WHERE THOSE ARE PLACED, YOU OFTEN GET SAND LOSS OR SAND ACCRETION ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF IT.
AND THE WAY OUR CITY IS POSITIONED BETWEEN SOME OF THE FORMER SAND NOURISHMENT FROM OTHER PROJECTS AND ALSO THE WAY SOME OF THE COASTAL ENGINEERING WAS PREDOMINANTLY IN OTHER CITIES OUR CITY GOT LUCKY AND BENEFITED FROM ESSENTIALLY ENGINEERED DEPOSITION OF SAND.
WAS PREDOMINANTLY IN OTHER CITIES.
OUR CITY GOT LUCKY AND BENEFITTED FROM ESSENTIALLY ENGINEERED SAND.
HOWEVER, THAT WAS BEFORE WE HAD CLIMATE CHANGE.
MID SEA LEVEL RISE.
WE SEE THIS IN A LOT OF PLACES IN THE WORLD THAT ARE HAVING A TOUGHER TIME THAN WE WILL.
OUR KIND OF WORSE-CASE SCENARIO RIGHT NOW IS LOOKING LIKE WE LOSE HALF OF OUR SAND BUT WE AREN'T GETTING FLOODING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS.
DOES THAT ANSWER IT?
I CAN BUMP TO OUR SCIENTISTS ON THE CALL.
>> J. FRANKLIN: NO, THAT'S FINE.
WE'RE GOOD.
THANK YOU.
>> S. HADLEY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
NO.
WE ARE GOOD.
I WILL OPEN THIS UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
DO WE HAVE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> YES, WE HAVE CRAIG CADWALLADER.
>> GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL.
MY NAME IS CRAIG CADWALLADER, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, AS QUICKLY AS I CAN, WE HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ISSUES OF COASTAL EROSION, COASTAL ARMORING, ACTUALLY, THE BEACH WIDTH AND MANHATTAN BEACH AND HERMOSA BEACH ARE WIDER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE SAND WAS TAKEN WHEN RIPARIAN. IT KEEPS SAND FROM GOING INTO THE REDONDO CANYON.
BOTH MANHATTAN AND HERMOSA HAVE BEEN THE LUCKY RECIPIENTS OF MUCH WIDER THAN NORMAL BEACHES.
I LIVED ON THE STRAND IN HERMOSA DURING THE '82-'83 EL NINO STORMS AND I HAD SEA WATER ACROSS THE BEACH, ACROSS THE STRAND AND UNDER THE DOOR INTO MY KITCHEN. I HAD TO SANDBAG THAT.
HALF THE BEACH ERODED.
I REMEMBER IN MANHATTAN IT LOOKED LIKE SOMEBODY TOOK A BIG CLEAVER AND CHOPPED IT OFF.
IT WAS ABOUT A THREE-FOOT DROP.

IT WAS VERY DRAMATIC.

AND WHEN FOLKS WERE TAKING SAND FROM MANHATTAN BEACH, THEY PUT IN A ROCK, SCoured THE BEACH AWAY AND THEY HAVE ALMOST NO BEACH LEFT.

SURFRIDER ALSO HAD AN ARTIFICIAL REEF IN EL SEGUNDO THAT DIDN'T WORK AND WE TOOK IT OUT AT GREAT EXPENSE.

THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST LCP I HAVE SEEN.

GREAT JOB, I HAVE MORE INFORMATION IF PEOPLE WANT MORE.

I STRONGLY URGE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK, GREG, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU.

SO I WILL OPEN THIS UP TO A DISCUSSION OR ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

>> I WILL MAKE THE MOTION, YOUR HONOR.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-0062 AND 22-0063.

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'LL SECOND IT.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> MAYOR STERN?

>> S. HADLEY: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY?

>> R. MONTGOMERY: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> YES.

THANK YOU, THIS IS A HUGE EFFORT AND COMPREHENSIVE STUDY.

I WANT TO THANK THE PARTNERS, THE EXPERTS, THE ORGANIZATIONS, THE COMMUNITY.

THERE'S SO MUCH WORK THAT GOES INTO THIS, GOOD LUCK SUBMITTING IT TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THEY ACCEPT THIS INCREDIBLY PROFESSIONAL AMENDMENT TO OUR L.C.P. AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THIS WORK.

ON BEHALF OF OUR CITY AND SAFETY AND RESIDENTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> WE ARE MOVING ONTO ITEM M WHICH IS GENERAL BUSINESS.

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

AND I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY STAYING ON AND LISTENING.

AND I HOPE THAT WE HAVE OUR POTENTIAL COMMISSIONERS LISTENING IN ON OUR ZOOM CALL.

AND I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO CITY CLERK TAMURA, IT LOOKS LIKE PATTY.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THIS IS YOUR BOARDS AND COMMISSION ANNUAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTERVIEWS HELD ON APRIL 26TH.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO DEPUTY CITY CLERK PATTY MADSEN, SHE DID A PHENOMENAL JOB KEEPING TRACK OF ALL THE APPLICANTS AND POSITIONS THEY ARE INTERESTED IN AND PROVIDED YOU WITH THE VOTING SHEETS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU.

PATTY WILL BE THE ONE GUIDING YOU THROUGH THE VOTING PROCESS.

WITH THAT, TAKE IT AWAY.

>> OKAY, GREAT.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

SO TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

WITH YOUR VOTING SHEETS IN FRONT OF YOU, IF YOU COULD PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG AND PROVIDE YOUR NOMINATIONS OR CHOICES IN THE ORDER LISTED ON THOSE VOTING SHEETS.

SO WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH PARKS AND RECREATION MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT #1, CURRENTLY HELD BY SUZANNE KARGER, SHE IS TERMED OUT.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FIRST NOMINATION.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

THIS IS MY 13TH YEAR, I'M PRETTY GOOD AT IT BY NOW.

I WILL START WITH RUSS ALLEN.

HE IS MY NOMINATION.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SADIE NEWELL.

>> NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> SORRY?

WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

>> WINTERSEND.

>> AND I'M GOING TO NOMINATE DAVID SCAR.

>> FROM THERE YOU CAN NOMINATE ONE OR TWO FROM THE NOMINATIONS YOU JUST MADE.

STARTING WITH COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY, ONE OR TWO?

TWO.

OKAY, THEN SADIE NEWELL AND RUSS ALLEN.

>> MY TWO ARE RUSS ALLEN AND SADIE NEWELL.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: WINTERSEND AND SCAR.

>> AND I'M GOING TO NOMINATE AGAIN, SCAR AND RUSS ALLEN.

>> I WILL DO RUSS ALLEN AND DAVID SCAR.
>> OKAY, SO MOVING FORWARD WE HAVE RUSS ALLEN, SADIE NEWELL AND DAVID SCAR.
KIM WINTERSON IS NO LONGER ON THE LIST.
>> RUSS ALLEN IS MY NOMINATION FOR ROUND 2, OR MY VOTE FOR ROUND 2.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SCAR.
>> DAVID SCAR.
>> J. FRANKLIN: RUSS ALLEN.
RUSS ALLEN.
>> OKAY AND WITH THOSE THREE VOTES RUSS ALLEN IS APPOINTED TO MEMBER AT LARGE
SEAT #1.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: I'LL JOIN THE MAJORITY.
>> I'LL JOIN THE MAJORITY.
>> NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION SEAT AT LARGE.
KEEP IN MIND SINCE RUSS ALLEN WAS JUST APPOINTED, YOU CAN SCRATCH HIM OFF OF THIS
PORTION.
SO WE WILL BEGIN WITH MAYOR STERN.
>> MAYOR STERN: I WILL NOMINATE DAVID SCAR.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: I'LL NOMINATE TRACEY WINDES.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'LL NOMINATE SADIE NEWELL.
>> NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: TRACEY WINDES, DAVID SCAR.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY, SO IT CAN ONLY BE ANYBODY FROM THE FIRST LINE, RIGHT?
>> CORRECT.
>> J. FRANKLIN: SO SADIE NEWELL, ONLY.
>> S. HADLEY: I AM TRACEY WINDES AND SADIE NEWELL.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: TRACEY WINDES.
>> MAYOR STERN: I WILL ALSO NOMINATE TRACEY WINDES AND DAVID SCAR.
>> OKAY, SO ALL THREE MOVE FORWARD.
>> MAYOR STERN: YOU NEED TWO VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD?
>> YES.
>> J. FRANKLIN: SO I WILL DO TRACEY WINDES.
>> TRACEY WINDES.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: TRACEY WINDES.
>> S. HADLEY: TRACEY WINDES AS WELL.
>> J. FRANKLIN: TRACEY WINDES AS WELL.
>> GREAT, TRACEY WINDES IS APPOINTED TO SEAT #6 ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION.
NEXT WE HAVE PARKS AND RECREATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SEAT #7 CURRENTLY HELD
BY SKYLAR GRAMPP, HE IS TERMED OUT, AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH COUNCILMEMBER
NAPOLITANO.
>> POINT OF CLARIFICATION, MAYOR, ARE ALL THE STUDENT REP SPOTS ONE YEAR TERMS?
>> YES.
>> ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL, OR NO?
>> ON A DIFFERENT COMMISSION THEY COULD.

>> THANK YOU.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: I WILL NOMINATE RAY SUNOMA AND TAYLOR --
>> YOU JUST GET ONE.
>> ONE FOR THE FIRST.
>> HE ISN'T FEELING WELL FOR HIS 13TH YEAR.
>> HE IS SEEING DOUBLE.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: RAY.
>> MAYOR STERN?
>> MAYOR STERN: I NOMINATE GWENDOLYN.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: RAY FOR ME.
>> J. FRANKLIN: AGAIN DO LIN FOR ME.
GWENDOLYN.
>> I WILL NOMINATE ASHNA PATEL.
>> MAYOR STERN?
>> MAYOR STERN: FOR ROUND TWO, I WILL NOMINATE RAIS.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: I WILL ALSO NOMINATE RAIS.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M GOING TO NOMINATE GWENDOLYN AND ASHLEY PATEL.
>> S. HADLEY: I AM GOING TO DO PATEL AND ROTH [INDISCERNIBLE]
>> OKAY, ALL THREE MOVE FORWARD.
>> ROUND 2, MONTGOMERY.
>> RAY SERROTA.
GWENDOLYN.
>> S. HADLEY: DID THEY ALL ADVANCE?
>> THEY DID.
>> S. HADLEY: OKAY.
PATEL.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SERROTA.
>> I'M GOING TO NOMINATE RAIS AS WELL.
>> S. HADLEY: MAKE IT UNANIMOUS, FOR ME.
>> OKAY, RAY SERROTA.
MAYOR STERN?
>> MOVING ON WE HAVE LIBRARY COMMISSION AT LARGE SEAT #1, HELD BY STEFANIE BOND
AND SHE IS SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT.
I WILL BEGIN WITH COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.
>> S. HADLEY: ABSENT HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS I'M ALL ABOUT REAPPOINTMENT.
THIS IS STEFANIE BOND, YES, THIS IS MY NOMINATION.
>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: NO FURTHER.
>> OKAY.
>> BOND AS WELL.
>> NO FURTHER.
>> OKAY.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY, MAYOR STERN, YOU SAID WHAT?
>> MAYOR STERN: I SAID STEFANIE BOND.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'LL GO WITH BOND.
>> OKAY, STEFANIE BOND IS REAPPOINTED TO HER SEAT #1.
NEXT WE HAVE LIBRARY COMMISSION AT LARGE SEAT #2, HELD BY TRACEY WINDES AND SHE
HAS TERMED OUT OF THAT SEAT.
STARTING WITH COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.
>> J. FRANKLIN: YES, MARILYN HOLCOMB.
>> S. HADLEY: LEE PHILLIPS.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SADIE NEWELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: DIANE LEVITT.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: NO FURTHER.
>> LEE PHILLIPS AND SADIE NEWELL.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SADIE NEWELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: SADIE AND DIANE.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: DIANE LEVITT.
>> J. FRANKLIN: LET'S SEE, SADIE NEWELL AND DIANE LEVITY.
E LEVITT.
>> OKAY, SO SADIE NEWELL AND DIANE LEVITT MOVE FORWARD.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SADIE NEWELL.
>> S. HADLEY: DIANE.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: DIANE LOVETT.
>> J. FRANKLIN: DIANE LEVITT.
>> S. HADLEY: DIANE LEVITT.
>> OKAY, DIANE LEVITT IS APPOINTED TO SEAT #2.
NEXT WE HAVE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT #3.
THAT SEAT IS CURRENTLY VACANT.
AND IT WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY BOB SEAMACK.
STARTING WITH COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: KERRY TALOM.
>> S. HADLEY: KERRY TALOM.
>> J. FRANKLIN: LEE PHILLIPS.
>> S. HADLEY: SADIE NEWELL.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SADIE NEWELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: ANDREA CUSTER.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?
>> J. FRANKLIN: YEAH, SORRY.
I WILL DO LEE PHILLIPS AND -- YEAH.
JUST THAT.
JUST LEE.
>> OKAY.
>> S. HADLEY: I'M GOING TO DO SADIE NEWELL AND LEE PHILLIPS.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: CUSTER AND NEWELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: CUSTER AND NEWELL.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: KERRY TALON.
>> S. HADLEY: NEWELL.

>> MOVING FORWARD WE HAVE SADIE NEWELL AND ANDREA CUSTER AND LEE PHILLIPS.
SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, YOU SAID SADIE NEWELL?
>> S. HADLEY: SADIE NEWELL.
>> THANK YOU.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: WHERE ARE WE?
>> ROUND TWO.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: OKAY.
SADIE NEWELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: CUSTER.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: CUSTER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: LOOK AT THAT.
SADIE NEWELL.
>> S. HADLEY: I'LL MAKE THAT UNANIMOUS.
>> OKAY, SO SADIE NEWELL.
NEXT WE HAVE LIBRARY COMMISSION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SEAT #6, THAT SEAT IS
CURRENTLY HELD BY ALEENA PARIKH AND SHE WILL BE TERMED OUT.
>> MAYOR STERN: JACK RUPERT.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: NO FURTHER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: EMMA DARROW.
>> S. HADLEY: TATUM HUBER.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: RYAN [INDISCERNIBLE]
>> R. MONTGOMERY: JACK.
>> S. HADLEY: RUPERT.
>> JACK RUPERT, THAT'S IT.
>> SORRY, RUPERT.
>> J. FRANKLIN: EMMA DARROW.
>> S. HADLEY: IS THAT IT?
>> J. FRANKLIN: AND TATUM HUBERT.
>> HUBER AND DARROW.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: RYA SINGH.
>> S. HADLEY: SOUNDED LIKE "I'M THE SAME".
>> MAYOR STERN: JACK RUPERT AND TATUM HUBER.
>> MOVING FORWARD WE HAVE JACK RUPERT, EMMA DARROW AND TATUM HUBER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: TATUM HUBER.
>> S. HADLEY: SECOND ROUND.
I'M GOING TO GO WITH EMMA DARROW.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: EMMA DARROW.
>> MAYOR STERN: I'LL GO WITH TATUM.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: SHE WANTS SOMETHING ELSE.
I WILL GO -- IS JACK RUPERT STILL UP FOR NOMINATION.
JACK RUPERT.
>> S. HADLEY: EMMA DARROW.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: DARROW.
>> I'M SORRY, I WAS MISSING IT.

>> S. HADLEY: DARROW.
>> J. FRANKLIN: DARROW.
DARROW AND DARROW.
THE A LAW FIRM.
YEAH.
>> MAYOR STERN: TATUM HUBER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: DARROW.
>> UNANIMOUS.
>> DARROW IS APPOINTED TO SEAT #6 ON THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.
NEXT CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEMBER AT LARGE #2 HELD BY FRED, HE IS TERMED OUT.
STARTING WITH MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: ADAM KARGER.
>> S. HADLEY: I'LL DO THE SAME, KARGER.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: NO FURTHER FROM ME.
>> J. FRANKLIN: FORGIVE ME, THI DOH.
>> S. HADLEY: GENE STEINMETZ.
>> MAYOR STERN: SUZANNE KARGER.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: SUZANNE KARGER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: THI DOH AND GENE STEINMETZ.
>> S. HADLEY: I'LL DO DOH AND STEINMETZ.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: KARGER.
>> OKAY, ALL THREE MOVE FORWARD.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: KARGER FOR ME.
>> J. FRANKLIN: KARGER.
>> S. HADLEY: KARGER.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: KARGER.
>> MAYOR STERN: SAME.
>> ALL RIGHTY.
SUZANNE KARGER IS APPOINTED TO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION SEAT #2.
AND THEN NEXT WE HAVE THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SEAT
#6, CURRENTLY VACANT AND PREVIOUSLY HELD BY LOREN RYAN.
BEGINNING WITH COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.
>> S. HADLEY: RIA ATONG.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: KIM.
>> MAYOR STERN: QUEVEDO.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: TATUM HUBER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: AND JULIE WILMOTH.
>> S. HADLEY: WOW, FIVE.
>> J. FRANKLIN: IT'S SO HARD.
SO TALENTED.
>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: KIM.
I WILL STICK WITH CHLOE QUEVEDO.
>> MAYOR STERN: I'M GOING TO GO WITH RIA AND CHLOE QUEVEDO.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: I WILL STICK WITH TATHAM HUBER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M GOING TO STAY WITH JULIE WILMARTH AND ADD TATHAM HUBER.
>> S. HADLEY: I'M GOING WITH ATONG AND QUEVADO.
>> OKAY.
>> J. FRANKLIN: WAS THAT QUEVADO.
>> OKAY, SO CHLOE QUEVADO, ATONG AND HUBER MOVE FORWARD.
RIA.
>> R. MONTGOMERY: TATHAM HUBER.
>> J. FRANKLIN: BOY, THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGH.
TATHAM HUBER.
>> S. HADLEY: RIA ATONG.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: ATONG.
>> CARE TO MAKE THAT UNANIMOUS.
[MISPRONOUNCED -- ALL LAUGHING]
>> DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THAT ONE UNANIMOUS?
RIA.
DO YOU WANT TO JUST MAKE IT 5-0?
FOR RIA?
>> J. FRANKLIN: YEAH, UH-HUH.
>> PERFECT.
RIA IS APPOINTED.
SO NEXT WE HAVE THE L.A. COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT.
CURRENTLY VACANT AND PREVIOUSLY HELD BY --
>> WAS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?
>> WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT.
>> THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.
>> YOU HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING ON EVERY ITEM ON
THE AGENDA.
>> SO SORRY, MOVING ON WE HAVE THE L.A. COUNTY PREVIOUSLY HELD BY JOHN A.
WILL COMPLETE THE END OF THE TERM AND THEN PROCEED INTO THEIR OWN TWO-YEAR
TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST, 2023.
THERE'S ONE APPLICANT FOR THIS POSITION, IF NO OBJECTIONS, JAKE DUPREE WILL BE
APPOINTED TO THIS SEAT.
>> ANY OBJECTIONS?
>> S. HADLEY: IT'S FINE WITH ME.
I'M HAPPY WE HAVE AN APPLICANT.
>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY, STEVE?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: WHAT?
>> ANY OBJECTIONS?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: NO.
I WISH WE HAD MORE APPLICANTS BUT THIS IS A PAID SPOT.
YOU GET REIMBURSED A NOMINAL AMOUNT BUT IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION,
ACTUALLY.
I WILL CHECK IN WITH MR. DUPREE MAKING SURE HE IS TAKING THIS AS SERIOUS AS IT IS.

>> PERFECT.

>> GOOD TO KNOW.

THANK YOU.

>> SO HE WILL FINISH OUT JOHN'S TERM AND START HIS OWN TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST.

THEN LASTLY, THERE WAS THE PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION BUSINESS COMMUNITY SEAT #4.

THAT SEAT IS CURRENTLY HELD BY STEVE MARIO BUT HE IS NOT SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT.

WE DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THIS SEAT.

SO STAFF IS RECOMMENDING TO EXTEND UNTIL JUNE 30TH AND APPOINT AT YOUR JUNE 31ST CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

IT WILL HAVE THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON OUR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WEB PAGE BEGINNING MAY 5TH.

>> S. HADLEY: DO WE NEED A MOTION?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YOUR HONOR, IF I WILL EXPRESS MY DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AFTER HAVING RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE SUPPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN NORTH END, THEY HAVEN'T SEARCHED HIGH AND WIDE TO GET SOMEONE, SO THAT'S TO THEIR DETRIMENT AND THEY SHOULD REALLY CONSIDER RECONSIDER ADVERTISING THIS TO GIVE US MORE APPLICANTS TO CHOOSE FROM.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: NOW THAT THEY HAVE HEARD THAT RECOMMENDATION.

>> S. HADLEY: I AGREE, YOUR HONOR.

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WE HOPE YOU WILL STICK WITH US.

LOOK FOR LEADERSHIP MANHATTAN BEACH, COME BACK NEXT YEAR AND REAPPLY BY JUNE 9TH AND WE REALLY THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR INTEREST IN SERVING OUR CITY.

>> AND YOUR HONOR, IF YOU ARE A YOUNGER STUDENT AS WELL, YOU HAVE MULTIPLE TIMES TO APPLY.

SO IF YOU ARE A CURRENT 9TH GRADER YOU CAN APPLY IN 9TH OR 10TH.

SO DON'T COUNT YOURSELF OUT IF YOU ARE 9TH OR 10TH GRADE.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW COMMISSIONERS. WE ARE MOVING ONTO ITEM 1.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO CITY MANAGER MOE FOR THE STAFF REPORT.

>> CITY MANAGER B. MOE: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.

ACTUALLY, ASSISTANT TO GABRIEL WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

>> HELLO, HONORABLE MAYOR STERN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS GEORGE GABRIEL ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER.

THIS IS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

MEASURE A.

I DID HAVE SOME REMARKS ON BACKGROUND OF THIS, BUT IN RECOGNITION OF THE HOUR, I'M GOING TO SKIP THE BACKGROUND BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW.

IN THE ESSENCE AS A CITIZEN-DRIVEN INITIATIVE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES ARE PLACED ON THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE ARISING FROM MEASURE-A.

IF VOTERS APPROVE MEASURE A JUNE 7, 2022, THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND SCHOOL DISTRICT DRAFTED AN M.O.U. FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THIS M.O.U. DOESN'T SERVE AS AN ENDORSEMENT FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE-A.

INSTEAD IT SEEKS TO PROVIDE A FORMAL REMEDY TO MAKE SURE MEASURE-A IS PROPERLY ADMINISTERED.

I WILL GO THROUGH SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE M.O.U. ON THE CITY END AS WELL AS PROVISIONS.

TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE, ON THE CITY END, WHAT THE CITY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, PROVIDING OVERSIGHT OF MEASURE-A, SPENDING INCLUDING AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT WHICH SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS COLLECTED AND EXPENDED, ADMINISTERING AND MANAGING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR AND MANAGING CONSULTANTS AND COSTS TO ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE SURE THE PROCEEDS ARE SPENT FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED BY THE VOTERS.

ALTERNATIVELY, THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO ADMINISTER THE EXEMPTION PROCESS, STATE LAWS INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ONCE A TAXPAYER RECEIVED AN EXEMPTION SUCH TAXPAYER DOESN'T HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR THAT EXEMPTION UNLESS THEY BECOME INELIGIBLE, AND PROVIDE A DISTRICT LIAISON TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO PROVIDE REPORTS TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE INCLUDED PROVISIONS WITHIN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH INCLUDE ADJUSTMENTS.

CALCULATE USING A STANDARD INDEX, I BELIEVE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, INFLATION CAP OF 5% ANNUALLY.

ALSO, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE CITY, NOT EXCEEDING HALF OF 1% OF ANNUAL COLLECTED REVENUE FOR MEASURE-A.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COMMENCING IN JUNE 2023, SO ONE YEAR FROM NOW.

AND THEN THE DISTRICT AGREEING TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNE 7, 2022 ELECTION.

IN CONCLUSION, STAFF RECOMMENDS THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION #22-0024.

THIS WILL ONLY COME INTO EFFECT IF THE INITIATIVE IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS CITY ATTORNEY QUINN BARROW AND STEVE CHARELIAN.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, GEORGE.

DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?

>> NO.

>> MAYOR STERN: COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU, GEORGE.

THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE LATE HOUR.

SO WHO DRAFTED THIS M.O.U.

AND IS THERE A LAWYER WORKING ON THE CITIZEN'S PARCEL TAX INITIATIVE?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES, AND THERE'S MORE THAN ONE ATTORNEY.

THE ATTORNEY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOT FOR THE PROPONENTS, TOOK AN M.O.U.

THAT WAS USED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THEIR PARCEL TAX.

AND MODIFIED IT TO CONFORM TO WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> S. HADLEY: AND THAT ATTORNEY IS NOT HERE THOUGH, CORRECT?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: HE IS NOT IN THESE CHAMBERS.

>> S. HADLEY: OR ON ZOOM?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: HE COULD BE ON ZOOM.

YES, I CAN SEE HIS NAME.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY.

I'LL KEEP GOING THEN.

THE BALLOT MEASURE IS SHORT.

AND THE BALLOT MEASURE DOESN'T HAVE THE CAP IN IT.

SO I GUESS I'M WONDERING WHERE THE 5% CAP CAME FROM.

IF THAT CAME FROM THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CITIZENS INITIATIVE, OR IF IT CAME FROM OUR CITY?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I CAN ANSWER THAT THE PROPONENT, WHO IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY WAS PRESENT, AND EARLIER TESTIFIED THAT HE SUPPORTED THE 5%.

AND THAT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE INITIATIVE.

IN TERMS OF DRAFTING, MAYBE I'LL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

I'M NOT SURE IF THE ATTORNEY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN COMMENT.

HE MAY ANSWER SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS AS WELL.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY.

SO WHO PICKED THE 5%?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I'M NOT SURE.

IT WAS IN SOME DISCUSSIONS.

THERE WAS SOME RECOGNITION BY THE SCHOOL BOARD THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THAT, APPARENTLY IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA.

>> S. HADLEY: CONCERN ABOUT WHAT?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: ABOUT INFLATION, THE INFLATION FACTOR.

I THINK THIS DISCUSSION, WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT.

OUR STAFF DID LOOK AT THE HISTORICAL TRENDS ON INTEREST.

TYPICALLY, THE CAPS HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN ABOUT 3%.

RECENTLY, IN CONTRACTS IT'S GONE UP TO 5% BECAUSE OF RECENT TRENDS.

I DON'T KNOW IF STEVE IS STILL AVAILABLE.

BUT HE CAN TELL YOU WHAT HIS HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE TRENDS, IF THAT'S OF INTEREST TO YOU.

>> S. HADLEY: THAT WOULD BE GREAT, STEVE.
MY PRIMARY QUESTION IS WHO CAME UP WITH THE 5% BECAUSE THE BALLOT IS SILENT ON THAT AND THE 4,000 RESIDENTS VOTED FOR A BALLOT MEASURE WITH NO CAP.
SO WITHOUT A COUNTERPARTY LIKE THE CITIZENS INITIATIVE ATTORNEY TO ASK, THEN I'M LEFT ONLY ASKING CITY STAFF.

>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
WE LOOKED BACK 25 YEARS OF C.P.I. AND IT WAS ROUGHLY 2.4%.
SO THE 5%, I THINK, IS A CAP IN THE SENSE OF NOT TO EXCEED 5%.
SO OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, RIGHT NOW INFLATION IS HIGH, EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT IT, EVERYTHING IS HIGH.
BUT IF YOU LOOK AT HISTORICALLY, THE C.P.I. IS A LONG-TERM CALCULATION.
SO IT AVERAGES OUT, LIKE I SAID, OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS, TO BE AROUND 2.4%.

>> S. HADLEY: I GET THAT.
SORRY TO BE DENSE, BUT WHY IS THE CITY PICKING THE CAP?
>> I DON'T KNOW IF THE CITY IS PICKING THE CAP.
>> S. HADLEY: WELL THE BALLOT MEASURE CAME TO US WITH NO CAP.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: IT'S ACTUALLY THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE SELECTING THAT CAP.
SO IT'S YOUR CHOICE.
THAT'S A NUMBER BASED ON HISTORICAL TRENDS BUT IT'S YOUR OBLIGATION, I MEAN, NOT YOUR OBLIGATION, I SHOULDN'T SAY THAT.
IT'S YOUR CHOICE, AS TO WHETHER THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE CAP OR NOT.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, CAN YOU TELL IS WHAT SECTION A, THIS MEASURE IS AN EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND SHOULD BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHEN DOES IT COME IN TO PLAY?
FOR LITIGATION OR FOR VOTERS.

>> MAYOR STERN: CAN YOU REITERATE WHAT SECTION YOU ARE LOOKING AT?
>> S. HADLEY: SECTION 8 OF THE BALLOT MEASURE.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE BALLOT MEASURE.
>> S. HADLEY: LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.
WHEN DOES THAT COME INTO PLAY?
IS THAT IN FRONT OF A JUDGE?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: WHAT I CAN STATE, BASED ON CHALLENGES TO OTHER INITIATIVES, JUDGES TYPICALLY RULE IN FAVOR OF THE VOTERS.
THEY DON'T WANT TO THWART THE WILL OF THE VOTERS.
SO ANY AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE GETS DECIDED, TYPICALLY, IN FAVOR OF THE ACTUAL VOTERS.
THE JUDGE -- TYPICALLY IF THERE'S ELECTION CONTESTS AND THERE'S ONES BEFORE THE ELECTION, THAT'S THE TYPICAL SITUATION.
THERE'S A VERY LIMITED PERIOD TO CHALLENGE THE INITIATIVE THAT'S BEEN DONE.
IT'S A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
AFTER IT'S BEEN ELECTED, I MEAN, AFTER THE VOTERS VOTE ON IT, AT THAT TIME THERE COULD BE CHALLENGES.

TYPICALLY, IT'S ON CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS.

TYPICALLY THE JUDGES RULE IN FAVOR OF THE VOTERS, TYPICALLY.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, SO YEAH.

THAT'S IT FOR MY QUESTIONS.

I GUESS MY CONCERN FOR COUNCIL IS THAT THE WILL OF THE VOTERS WAS SILENT ON A CAP. SO THIS COUNCIL, AS WE HAVE ALL DISCUSSED IS PICKING THE CAP, WHICH I WOULD SUBMIT RAISES A LIABILITY FOR THE CITY BECAUSE SOMEONE CAN SAY, HEY, I DIDN'T WANT A CAP. I WANT TO GIVE OUR TEACHERS 10% RAISES EVERY YEAR, AND YOU ARE CAPPING THE MONEY AT 5%.

THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH MONEY RAISED BY THIS FOR WHAT I WANT TO DO IN THE DISTRICT.

I DO THINK IT'S A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR COUNCIL TO BE DECIDING THESE THINGS.

I'M OKAY WITH THE SENIOR EXEMPTION.

I WILL SAVE MY COMMENTS UNTIL LATER.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> R. MONTGOMERY: CLARIFICATION QUESTION, YOUR HONOR.

I WILL ASK ASSISTANT MANAGER GEORGE TO VERIFY, THE M.O.U. DISCUSSION IS STRICTLY ON THE M.O.U., NOT ON MEASURE-A.

THE M.O.U., THE WAY I READ IT, I DON'T HAVE QUINN'S BACKGROUND, IT'S ANNUAL C.P.I. OR 5%, WHATEVER IS LESS, NOT GREATER.

BUT LESS.

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES, IS THAT CORRECT?

M.O.U. LANGUAGE, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

>> M.O.U. INDICATES IT'S A CAP OF 5%.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: OR C.P.I., WHATEVER IS LESS?

>> YES.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW.

NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I HAVE A QUESTION.

I JUST WANT TO VERIFY THAT OVER THE LIFETIME OF THIS 12 YEARS, THIS COULD GENERATE, ASSUMING THERE'S A MODICUM OF INFLATION, \$150 MILLION TO \$200 MILLION.

>> MAYOR STERN: ARE YOU ASKING A QUESTION ABOUT THE M.O.U. OR MEASURE-A?

>> J. FRANKLIN: MEASURE-A.

>> MAYOR STERN: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE M.O.U. TONIGHT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: THOSE FUNDS COME INTO THE CITY WHICH IS ALL PART OF THE M.O.U., RIGHT?

>> MAYOR STERN: WHO DID YOU WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION?

>> J. FRANKLIN: SO, I WANT TO ASK AND SAY, IN TERMS OF DIRECTION OF OVERSIGHT, WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE MEASURE-A LANGUAGE IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.

IT APPEARS THERE'S ONLY LIKE LESS THAN, THERE'S ONLY LIKE EIGHT BULLET POINTS AS TO WHAT THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE SPENT ON.

SO I'M JUST TRYING TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND THE FACT THERE'S ALL THIS MONEY THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING IN.

THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING AND OVERSEEING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THERE'S ONLY THESE EIGHT KIND OF NON-DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS ON WHAT THE MONEY COULD BE SPENT ON.

I JUST WANT TO VERIFY THAT.

IT'S JUST, FOR \$150-\$200 MILLION, YOU GOT LESS THAN A PAGE OF INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO LOOK FOR, ON WHAT TO REPORT ON.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: DO YOU WANT TO ASK DIRECTOR CHARELIAN?

HE IS THE FINANCE GUY.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

>> DIRECTOR CHARELIAN: YES, GOOD EVENING.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THOSE FUNDS ON TWO TRANCHES IN THE YEAR.

WHICH WILL BE IN DECEMBER AND APRIL.

AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING THAT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE WILL BE SETTING UP AN ADVISORY BOARD AND WE WILL BE MONITORING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR EXPENDITURES FALL INTO THOSE CATEGORIES THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT.

THOUGH THEY MAY BE BROAD, WE WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE AN OUTSIDE AUDITOR COME IN AND PROVIDE AN AUDIT USING THOSE PARAMETERS TO BE ABLE TO GUIDE US AND MAKE SURE THOSE FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT THE WAY THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO.

>> J. FRANKLIN: SO IT'S UP TO US TO DETERMINE, YOU KNOW, I'LL JUST SAY, TO MAINTAIN MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZES.

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IT SAYS TO MAINTAIN, SHALL BE USED TO MAINTAIN MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHAT'S A MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZE?

>> I MEAN THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED.

THEY ARE BROAD BULLET POINTS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

IT COULD BE INFRASTRUCTURE, ADDITIONAL, TO MAKE LARGER CLASS SIZES, THERE'S MANY DIFFERENT THINGS YOU CAN DO.

WITH THE FUNDS.

>> J. FRANKLIN: BUT THE VOTERS SHOULD BE VOTING ON THAT.

AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE DETAIL IS THERE.

TO GUIDE A VOTER MAKING A DECISION ABOUT WHAT A MANAGEABLE, THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE.

A MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZE.

TO ME A MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZE IS 15.

BECAUSE I WANT MY CHILD TO GET THE MOST ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE.

TO OTHERS, AND THAT MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE, IT COULD BE 25.

SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOCATE THE MONEY BASED UPON A DEFINITION OF MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZES WHEN IT'S NOT DEFINED?

>> WE WOULD BE COLLECTING THE FUNDS AND TURNING IT OVER TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

AND THEN AT A LATER TIME, BE LOOKING AT THE EXPENDITURES THAT WERE SPENT AND MAKE SURE THEY FALL INTO THOSE CHARACTERISTICS. WITHIN THOSE BULLET POINTS. WITHIN THE MEASURE.

>> J. FRANKLIN: SO THAT'S UNANSWERED TO MY QUESTION. THE OTHER THING IS GOING BACK TO THE SENIOR OR OLDER ADULT. HERE IT'S CALLED SENIOR EXEMPTION. THE MEASURE LANGUAGE, GIVE ME A SECOND HERE, PLEASE. THE SENIOR EXEMPTION IN ITEM-F.

I JUST WANT IT CLARIFIED THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF SECTION F, IT SAYS ANY APPLICATION FOR SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR. SO THE TAX COLLECTOR, IN THIS CASE, IS WHO, AND PURSUANT TO ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY. BEFORE THAT, IT TALKED ABOUT THE APPLICATION BY THE SENIOR CITIZEN 65 YEARS OR OLDER.

DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE THE SENIOR CITIZEN 65 YEARS AND OLDER WHO IS APPLYING FOR THIS HAS TO -- IT SAYS MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

MUST THEY DO THE ANNUAL RENEWAL?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: BOTH THESE QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE ACTUAL INITIATIVE. AND THE ATTORNEY OF THE PROPONENT IS HERE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: AND ALSO, PERHAPS -- OKAY, HE HAS RAISED HIS HAND. OKAY.

SO, YEAH, THOSE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS AND YOU SHOULD BE ASKING THE PROPONENT AND THEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD.

>> S. HADLEY: AND WHO IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I BELIEVE HIS NAME IS SETH EPSTEIN.

>> YES, GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

>> J. FRANKLIN: IS HE M.B.U.S.D. STAFF ATTORNEY?

>> NOT A STAFF ATTORNEY.

I'M AN ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I WORK FOR THE FIRM FIG AND FREEMAN FROST.

WE ARE NOT COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS, WE ARE COUNSEL FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'M SORRY, IS THAT MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT?

>> CORRECT.

MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

AND DID YOU HEAR MY QUESTION?

SHOULD I REPEAT IT?

>> IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PARTS TO THAT, I'M HAPPY TO ADDRESS THEM.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY, SO IN SECTION-F, SECTION 8.40.4030 IMPOSITION, LETTER F, IT'S TALKING ABOUT THE SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION.

SO AN OPTIONAL EXEMPTION HERE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION FROM THE PARCEL TAX WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY TO EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE CITY WHO IS 65 YEARS OF AGE PRIOR TO JULY 1 OF THE TAX YEAR, AND USES THE PARCEL AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

WE ARE TALK ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL APPLIES TO THE CITY DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF TAX AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.

ANY APPLICATION FOR SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR. PURSUANT TO ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

SO MY QUESTION IS -- WHICH INTERPRETATION.

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION.

MUST RENEW THAT ANNUALLY.

>> CORRECT.

SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS, SENIOR CITIZEN APPLIED FOR THAT APPLICATION, OR FOR THAT EXEMPTION, WILL SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION.

THE RECIPIENT, THE AGENT HANDLING THE APPLICATION PROCESS UNDER THE M.O.U. WOULD BE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WOULD BE SUBMITTING THAT APPLICATION EVERY YEAR ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT.

WHEN THEY FILL OUT THAT INITIAL APPLICATION THEY WILL AUTHORIZE WHOEVER IS MANAGING THAT PROCESS TO FILE IT ANNUALLY.

SO IT WOULD NOT BE THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING TO FILE THAT EVERY YEAR, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE, IT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EXEMPTION PROCESS WHO IS REFILEING THAT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE LANGUAGE HERE THAT SAID IT MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY BY THE --

>> ADMINISTRATOR.

>> J. FRANKLIN: THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

SO IF THAT'S AN AUTOMATIC PROCESS, SAY SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THAT SENIOR CITIZEN, HOW IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOING TO KNOW THAT?

SAY THE SENIOR CITIZEN SELLS THE HOME.

SAY THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENTS OUT THE HOME AND THE NOT THEIR PRINCIPLE BUSINESS, LET'S SAY THE SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES AWAY.

HOW IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO KNOW THAT?

>> SO THE WORDING WAS DRAFTED TO MODEL AFTER GOVERNMENT CODE 50079.

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAXES, THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS, IT IS ACCEPTED AS IN PLACE, THE EXEMPTION IS IN PLACE UNTIL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE. IN THIS CASE IT WOULD FOLLOW ALONG THE SAME LINES.

>> J. FRANKLIN: SO THIS COULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN, LIKE I MENTIONED AGAIN, RENTING OUT THE HOUSE, LIVING IN ANOTHER HOME THEY MAY OWN ANYWHERE ELSE, BUT STILL GETTING THE EXEMPTION.

>> WELL, WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNS UP FOR THE APPLICATION, THEY ARE, THEY WILL SIGN UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURE THAT THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND THEY ARE

RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THEY ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE EXEMPTIONS.

>> J. FRANKLIN: SO, THEY HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT, IF THEY DECIDE TO MOVE OR RENT IT OUT AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THIS IS BASED ON THE OWNERSHIP OF THE HOME, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY RENT OR LIVE IN THE HOME.

>> S. HADLEY: IT HAS TO BE A PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

>> MAYOR STERN: BUT IF THEY ARE RENTING OUT THEIR HOME THEY CAN STILL DO THAT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: NO, IT HAS TO BE THEIR PRIMARY.

>> S. HADLEY: IF THEY MOVE OUT THEY SHOULD LOSE THE EXEMPTION.

>> J. FRANKLIN: USES THE PARCEL AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

SO IT'S INCUMBENT ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN TO NOTIFY WHO, THEY ARE RENTING OUT THE HOUSE.

>> THEY WOULD BE NOTIFYING THE -- IN THIS CASE UNDER THE M.O.U., THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION PROCESS.

THEY WOULD BE NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEY WILL BE HOSTING A WEB PAGE CURRENTLY WHAT IT DOES FOR MEASURE-MB WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR THEM TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

AND IT DOESN'T SAY IN HERE THOUGH, THAT IT'S THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT'S ADMINISTERING IT.

IS THAT ASSUMED, OR AM I MISSING WHERE IT SAYS THAT?

>> I BELIEVE IT'S INDICATED IN THE M.O.U. WE PUT TOGETHER AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD BE ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION PROCESS.

>> S. HADLEY: IT'S ON PAGE 3 OF THE M.O.U.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

EXEMPTION.

ALL RIGHT, GREAT.

SO AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU HERE, I'M JUST VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETAIL OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO BE SPENT AND HOW THAT'S OPEN TO INTERPRETATION.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD MY QUESTION BEFORE.

MOVING TO SECTION 840.040 LEVY COLLECTION AND PURPOSE.

AND IN SECTION C IS THE ONLY INDICATION OF WHERE THE MONIES TO BE SPENT, AND SO, I JUST PICKED ITEM #2, SO C.-2 TO MAINTAIN MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

HOW, WHO DETERMINES WHAT'S A MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZE?

>> SURE.

SO FIRST THING I WOULD START BY SAYING, AS FAR AS PARCEL OR TAX RESOLUTIONS GO, THIS IS AN EXTENSIVE ONE IN TERMS OF THE DIFFERENT PURPOSES THAT A THE FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR, AS YOU NOTED THEY IDENTIFY EIGHT DIFFERENT ONES IN YOUR TYPICAL PARCEL TAX MAYBE THEY HAVE A COUPLE.

THIS IS EXPANSIVE IN ITS ABILITY TO BE USED IN SERVICE OF STUDENTS.

IN THIS SITUATION THE FUND WOULD BE REMITTED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD BE USING THE FUNDS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE PROVISIONS THAT YOU NOTED.

AND THEN THERE WOULD BE AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THAT WOULD BE MONITORING TO ENSURE THE FUNDS ARE USED CONSISTENT WITH THE PARCEL TAX.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SEPARATE AUDITOR WHO WOULD BE ALSO ENSURING, YOU KNOW, THE CORRECT USE OF THOSE FUNDS.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY, DOES THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HAVE ANY I DON'T WANT TO SAY POLICING POWER, BUT IF THEY SEE SOMETHING WRONG COULD THEY EFFECT A CHANGE? ARE THESE FUNDS CO-MINGLED WITH THEIR GENERAL FUNDS OR KEPT SEPARATELY?

>> THEY WILL BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT.

THE EXPENDITURES WOULD NEED TO BE CONSISTENT IF THERE'S AN AUDIT FINDING TO THE CONTRARY THOSE WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED WITH THE DISTRICT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

I MEAN, I MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT DENSE ABOUT THIS BUT WHO DETERMINES THE MANAGEABLE CLASS SIZES?

AS A PARENT I WANT 15 STUDENTS, AS AN ADMINISTRATOR, I MAY WANT 25.

IS THAT WRITTEN DOWN SOMEWHERE THAT IS GOING TO BE THE SPECIFICATION THAT THOSE FUNDS ARE SPENT FOR?

>> GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHEN IT COMES TO THAT GRANULAR LEVEL, THAT IS THE LEFT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD WHAT CONSTITUTES A REASONABLE CLASS SIZE.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR BYLAWS TO ADDRESS DIFFERENT PROCESSES WITH THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

BUT IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFIC USE OF THOSE FUNDS, PROVIDED THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE DEFINITIONS, THAT'S TYPICALLY, YOU KNOW, THE DISCRETION IS GIVEN TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY, SO THE SCHOOL BOARD GETS TO DETERMINE THAT.

SO THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS TOTAL CONTROL OF SPENDING OF THE MONEY.

AS LONG AS IT'S IN THIS GUIDELINE.

>> SO AGAIN THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD BE OVERSEEING THE PROPER EXPENDITURE.

BUT IN TERMS OF THE DECISION-MAKING AROUND HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE SPENT, IT WOULD BE COMING FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD, WHICH IS AGAINST THE STANDARD APPROACH FOR A PARCEL TAX FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX.

>> OKAY, AND THEN THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OR THE CITY HAS TO PRODUCE AT LEAST AN ANNUAL REPORT?

>> AN ANNUAL REPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

WITH THE -- AND AGAIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE LIAISON TO ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION GATHERING THAT WE ALL SHARE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A LOT -- IN THIS MATTER IN TERMS OF HOW IT MANAGES MEASURE-MB.

THE INTENT WOULD BE TO CONTINUE THAT ASSISTANCE AND CARRY OVER THAT EXPERTISE SO THAT YOU KNOW, IT IS ARIZONA EASY AND MANAGEABLE FOR THE CITY AS POSSIBLE.

>> J. FRANKLIN: THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

>> S. HADLEY: YOUR HONOR, NOW THAT WE HAVE MR. EPSTEIN, I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

>> MAYOR STERN: YES, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE CALL, I APPRECIATE IT.
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH?

>> I AM NOT.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, WHERE IS YOUR LAW FIRM LOCATED?

>> WELL, LAW FIRM DOES HAVE AN OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, OAKLAND AND SACRAMENTO AND FRESNO.

>> S. HADLEY: WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

>> I'M LOCATED IN THE OAKLAND OFFICE.

>> S. HADLEY: OAKLAND OFFICE, OKAY.
AND WHO IS PAYING YOUR RETAINER IN CONSULTING WITH THE CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE IN THE M.O.U.

I'M SORRY, THE M.O.U., NOT THE CITIZENS INITIATIVE.

>> AGAIN, I REPRESENT MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
SO THEY ARE MY CLIENT.
TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, THEY DEAL WITH THOSE.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, AND HOW MANY PARCEL TAXES HAVE YOU ADVISED IN THE LAST 5-10 YEARS FOR ALL YOUR CLIENTS, FOR YOUR FIRM?
I MEAN, THREE OR TWENTY, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EXACT.

>> YEAH, SURE.
I WOULD SAY PROBABLY AROUND HALF A DOZEN.

>> S. HADLEY: ABOUT SIX IN THE LAST TEN YEARS?

>> CORRECT.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY.
AND HOW MANY CITIZENS INITIATIVES HAVE YOU NEGOTIATED AN M.O.U. FOR?

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR ME.
BUT OBVIOUSLY, SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THE SORT OF, THE WATERSHED CASE IN THIS MATTER.
THAT'S A FAIRLY RECENT SITUATION.
THE CONCEPT OF A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE PARCEL TAX, I WILL BE CANDID IS A VERY NEW AND NOVEL APPROACH.

>> S. HADLEY: GOTCHA.
TWO FINAL QUESTIONS.
I GUESS I'M CONFUSED, AND IF YOU CAN HELP ME OUT, IF THIS IS A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE, AND I ASKED AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR MEETING BEFORE YOU KINDLY JOINED US, AND I DO APPRECIATE IT, WHY ARE YOU PAID BY THE SCHOOL BOARD -- I'M SORRY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHEN THIS IS A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE?

>> SO I DO NOT REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS IN THIS MATTER.
BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS AN IMPACT ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

AND SO, I HAVE BEEN RETAINED TO ADVISE IN THE FACILITATION, FRANKLY, IF THIS HAPPENS, IF THIS PARCEL TAX IS PASSED, WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS TO MAKE THIS AS FLUID AND MANAGEABLE AS A PROCESS FOR BOTH THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SO I'VE BEEN RETAINED FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN THIS, CARRYING OUT AN M.O.U. THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT REACHES, I THINK THE INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES.

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU.

AND WHAT IS THE HIGHEST PARCEL TAX VALUE THAT YOU HAVE WORKED ON IN THE PARCEL TAXES YOU HAVE ADVISED ON?

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.

UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY.

YEAH, I GUESS, THE RESIDENTS AND THE VOTERS HAVE BEEN TELLING THIS IS A CITIZEN'S PARCEL TAX.

BUT TO FIND THAT THE M.O.U. HAS BEEN, YOU KNOW, WORKED OUT BY A COUNSEL FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A LITTLE SURPRISING AND A LITTLE CONCERNING AND WE HERE ON THE DAIS HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY.

SO I THINK WE ALL KNOW THE PAPER TRAIL HERE AND IT'S JUST HELPFUL TO HAVE YOU HERE TO EXPLAIN THAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. EPSTEIN FOR JOINING US.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE OPEN THIS TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I JUST HAVE A QUESTION JUST TO CLARIFY, PLEASE.

MR. ECKSTEIN, I MAY HAVE MISWROTE THIS, BUT I WROTE YOUR NAME AND ONE OF THE FIRST COMMENTS I THOUGHT YOU SAID, AT LEAST I WROTE DOWN WAS YOU WERE NOT COUNSEL FOR THE M.B.U.S.D.

>> I AM COUNSEL FOR MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I AM NOT COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS WHO FILED THE CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE PETITION. THAT'S WHAT I WAS CLARIFYING.

>> J. FRANKLIN: OKAY.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE OPEN THIS TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY, I WILL OPEN THIS TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT ALREADY MADE COMMENT ON THIS ITEM PREVIOUSLY.

>> SO THE ONLY ZOOM PARTICIPANT WANTING TO PROVIDE COMMENTS IS LEE PHILLIPS AND SHE PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING MEASURE-A EARLIER TONIGHT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

I'M SURE, LEIGH, UNDERSTANDING OUR PROCESS WE ONLY ACCEPT ONE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYONE ITEM.

SO THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME?

>> YES.

>> WE DO HAVE ONE.

>> [OFF MIC]

>> MAYOR STERN: PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE PODIUM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> [INDISCERNIBLE] RESIDENT SINCE 1972.

WE WENT THROUGH A SITUATION WHERE WE RAISED SOME BOND MONEY SOME TIME BACK.
I THINK IT HAD MORE PROTECTIONS THAN THIS HAS.

AND WE ENDED UP WITH HOW MANY BUILDINGS WAS IT, RICHARD?

HOW MANY BUILDINGS WERE WE NOT ABLE TO BUILD BECAUSE WE LEFT IT UP TO THE
SCHOOL BOARD AND THE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER THE MONEY.

AND IT WAS NOWHERE NEAR THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY.

AND NOW WE HAVE ALL THESE LITTLE LOOSE ENDS HERE.

EVERYBODY THINKS THIS IS GOING TO BE MANAGED BY SOMEBODY WHO IS GOING TO LOOK
FOR THE MONEY AND WE'VE HAD THE SITUATION, THIS IS DEJA VU, WE ARE SEEING THE SAME
THING AGAIN, A WHOLE BUNCH OF MONEY PUT IN WITH NO -- DO WE HAVE CHANGE
ORDERS?

REMEMBER THE CHANGE ORDERS?

NOBODY HAD CONTROL OVER CHANGE ORDERS, THIS IS AN OPEN PORK BARREL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE I CAN SAY.

THIS MUCH MONEY AND THE OVERSIGHT IS ALMOST NIL.

YOU HAD A COMMITTEE, THEY HAD A COMMITTEE THE LAST TIME.

AND WE ENDED UP WITH TWO BUILDINGS NOT BUILT.

I MEAN, DO WE LEARN ANYTHING FROM TIME, FROM EXPERIENCE?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE I CAN SAY OTHER THAN THIS NEEDS TO BE MADE AWARE TO THE
VOTERS.

OTHER PEOPLE WHO MADE COMMENTS, HOPEFULLY THEY ARE STILL ON HERE THEY HEARD
WHAT I HEARD AND I SEE NO OVERSIGHT BASICALLY HERE.

WE HAD THE SEAM THING BEFORE AND IT DIDN'T WORK.

AND THIS IS MUCH MORE MONEY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> YES, WE HAVE LIZ WEINSTEIN.

>> HELLO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT TONIGHT IS ABOUT SOLIDIFYING THE M.O.U.

AND THE M.O.U. IS ALL ABOUT PROVIDING CLARITY AROUND WHAT WILL ACTUALLY HAPPEN
AND HOW THE SENIOR EXEMPTION WILL WORK.

HOW THE INFLATION RATE WILL WORK.

AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS, TO THINK ABOUT IS THAT THE VOTERS HAVE THE
INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION.

TONIGHT IS NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU SUPPORT MEASURE A OR YOU DON'T SUPPORT
MEASURE A, TONIGHT IS ABOUT SUPPORTING CITIZENS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION THAT
THEY NEED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISION.

THE M.O.U. IS ALL ABOUT PROVIDING CLARITY AROUND THAT.

YOU HEARD FROM THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED TONIGHT THAT THIS, IT'S ONLY A ONE-
TIMEX EM SHUN, IT'S WHEN EVER IS LOWER, THE NORMAL RATE OF INFLATION OR A
MAXIMUM OF 5%.

I JUST WANT TO REMIND ALL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU SUPPORT MEASURE A OR YOU DON'T SUPPORT MEASURE A, FRANKLY THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AT ALL.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION FOR THE CITIZENS AND WHAT THE PROCESS WILL BE.

CITIZENS WANT INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION.

TONIGHT IS ABOUT PROVIDING THEM TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION.

BALLOTS DROP ON MONDAY.

THE CITIZENS WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IF THIS PASSES AND IF YOU PROVIDE THE, IF YOU PASS THIS TONIGHT, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED THAT INFORMATION.

IF YOU DON'T PASS THIS TONIGHT, YOU ARE CAUSING CONFUSION AND DISRUPTION.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS?

>> YES, WE HAVE TIFFANY WRIGHT.

>> HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

>> HI, I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL FOR TACKLING THIS.

I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONFUSION AROUND IT.

AND I WANTED TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION FOR THE VOTERS.

I CAN'T FIND THE M.O.U. FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE THAT WAS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY THAT THIS WAS MODELED AFTER.

I KNOW THERE IS THIS PARCEL TAX INITIATIVE WAS MODELED AFTER THAT, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN AN M.O.U. BETWEEN THE CITY AND SFUSD, YOU KNOW, CLARIFYING THEIR ISSUES.

AND DID THAT M.O.U. ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING AS MATERIAL AS A CAP ON THE INFLATION IN IT?

BECAUSE FROM WHAT I KNOW, M.O.U.'S ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING.

SO I THINK I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

SO MAYBE IF SOMEBODY CAN TALK TO THE M.O.U. THIS HAS BEEN MODELED AFTER.

AND HOW SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT IT IS, AND PERHAPS WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS ACTUALLY LEGALLY BINDING AND IF IT DOES PUT THE CITY AT RISK FOR NOT COLLECTING ENOUGH TAX.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE CLARIFICATION ON THIS.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, TIFFANY FOR YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

WE WILL GET TO SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

COULD WE HAVE THE NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> YES, NEXT IS DEBBIE VAN NESS.

>> HI, THANKS FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

ONE OF THE PREVIOUS COMMENTERS WISH SAID TODAY WAS ABOUT SOLIDIFYING THE M.O.U. SO EVERYBODY COULD HAVE CLARITY ON THIS SUBJECT.

WE STILL DON'T HAVE CLARITY.

JOE BROUGHT UP A LOT OF GOOD QUESTIONS I DON'T BELIEVE WERE ANSWERED BY THE COUNSEL FOR THE M.B.U.S.D. AND CERTAINLY CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

I PERSONALLY WASN'T AWARE OF THIS INITIATIVE UNTIL I SAW IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IT SEEMS I HAVE TO BE ON FACEBOOK OR NEXT DOOR TO GET INFORMATION ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER WE HAVE TO VOTE ON.

OF COURSE THERE'S ARGUMENTS BACK AND FORTH AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE HAVE GIVEN CONFLICTING INFORMATION THAN WHAT WE ARE HEARING ON THE COUNCIL FROM THE M.B.U.S.D. HERE.

FOR ONE THING, THEY SAID M.B.U.S.D. WAS NOT GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE FUND. IT WOULD BE WITH THIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, THAT'S NOT TRUE OR AT LEAST NOT CLEAR. JOE MAKES A GOOD POINT THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY AT STAKE HERE.

THERE'S PAGES OF VERY UNCLEAR AND VAGUE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE HANDLED AND WHO IS GOING TO HANDLE WHAT.

IN REGARD TO THE EXEMPTION, IT'S BEEN REPORTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY THE ADVOCATES THAT THE CITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.

EVEN THOUGH IT SAYS DOESN'T SAY THIS EXPLICITLY IN THE MEASURE YOU CAN ACTUALLY READ.

AND NOW IT SOUNDS LIKE THE COUNCIL FROM THE M.B.U.S.D. SAID, NO, IT'S THE M.B.U.S.D. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE EXEMPTIONS OCCURRING EVERY YEAR.

I JUST DON'T SEE THE CLARITY HERE ON THIS SUBJECT AT ALL.

YET WE ARE SEEING SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT, OR THE BALLOT IS GOING TO DROP IN A FEW DAYS AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE CLARITY.

I'M SORRY, THIS WAS VERY ILL-THOUGHT OUT AND VAGUE.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, DEBBIE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

OUR NEXT COMMENT?

>> SORRY, NEXT IS ZOOM PARTICIPANT MANHATTAN BEACH PARENT, IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO STATE THEIR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND THEY HAVE TWO MINUTES FOR THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> HELLO, THIS IS CHARLENE HARDING, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

>> I WANT TO AT LEAST THANK THE LAST CALLER, I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH WHAT SHE HAD SAID.

I WOULD ADD A COUPLE THINGS THAT, FIRST OF ALL, THESE EXEMPTIONS FOR THE FOLKS THAT ARE ABOUT 65 AND OLDER, I DON'T KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF DETAILS THAT NEED TO BE HASHED OUT THERE, BUT I THINK IF YOU WANT TO VOTE ON THIS HUGE PARCEL TAX AND THEN BE EXEMPTED, I SAY SHAME ON YOU, WHY WOULD YOU BE VOTING FOR SOMETHING AND FORCING THE OTHER RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THIS?

A LOT OF US RESIDENTS THAT ARE UNDER 65, THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH PARCEL TO PAY. THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS.

AND THEN THERE'S FOLKS MINCING WORDS ABOUT HOW MUCH THE C.P.I., THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS GOING TO BE.

EVEN IF THE BASE AMOUNTS STAYED THE SAME ALL DOZEN YEARS THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. BUT OBVIOUSLY, IT'S GOING TO BE GOING UP.

THERE'S JUST SO MANY QUESTIONS AND THEN WHEN I HEARD THIS M.B.U.S.D. COUNSEL IS TRYING TO DEFEND AN M.O.U. OR PARCEL, I'M LIKE WHO THE HECK IS PAYING FOR THIS COUNSEL?

I THOUGHT IT WAS A CITIZENS GROUP THAT INITIATED THIS, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, ONLY NEED 50%.

MAYBE WE NEED TO GO BACK UP TO THE 67% BECAUSE IT'S MORE THAN JUST A CITIZENS GROUP.

THOSE ARE JUST SOME THOUGHTS FLYING THROUGH MY HEAD.

THERE ARE JUST SO MANY QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS, OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> MADAM MAYOR WE HAVE LEIGH PHILLIPS AGAIN WITH A RAISED HAND.

HER COMMENTS ARE THESE PUBLIC COMMENTS SHE IS PROVIDING NOW ARE SPECIFIC TO THE M.O.U. AND NOT RELATED TO JUST MEASURE-A.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, WE WILL LET HER MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TONIGHT.

YOU KNOW, I WAS A LITTLE BIT HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD GET CLARITY.

BUT INSTEAD WE ARE CLOUDED.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE AS STATED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER.

IT APPEARS M.B.U.S.D. HAS A LAWYER HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THIS INITIATIVE.

TO ME, THAT MEANS THERE'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

TO HAVE M.B.U.S.D. INVOLVED WITH THEIR LAWYERS AND THIS INITIATIVE MEANS THERE'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

I WOULD LIKE CLARITY, I WOULD LIKE TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE INITIATIVE.

THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS IS TO VOTE NO ON THIS INITIATIVE UNTIL WE CAN GET CLARITY.

I DON'T HAVE CLARITY ON THE INTEREST CAPPED.

I DON'T HAVE CLARITY ON WHAT THIS M.O.U. MEANS.

IS IT PERMANENT?

CAN IT BE REVOKED?

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE M.B.U.S.D. NEEDS MONEY IN A FEW YEARS.

ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO REVOKE THIS M.O.U. AND INCREASE THE INTEREST RATE ON THE MEASURE A?

THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN MY LIFE IS IF YOU DON'T KNOW, VOTE NO.

YOU COULD ALWAYS CHANGE IT TO A YES LATER ON.

BUT IF YOU VOTE YES NOW, YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE IT TO A NO.

THE SAFE ANSWER IS TO VOTE NO ON MEASURE A.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, LEIGH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> NEXT IS CARRIE WECHT.

>> SORRY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT, THIS IS CARRIE WECHT.

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY PUT TOGETHER ALL OF THE THOUGHTS ABOUT ALL OF THE CRAZY
CONFUSION THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BRINGING UP AND INITIATING LIKE JOE AND SUZANNE.
CLEARLY MAKING QUESTIONS SOUND MUCH MORE CONFUSING THAN THEY NEED TO BE.
THIS IS VERY CLEAR.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO BE TRICKED WITH SOME UNUSUAL SITUATION.
THIS IS HOW OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES WORK.
THIS IS HOW BOND MEASURES WORK.
THE BOND OR THE MONEY IN THE MEASURE IS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.
THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND MAKES SURE THAT WHAT THEY DID
WAS CORRECT.
ALL OF THESE SITUATIONS, ALL THESE PARCEL TAX SITUATIONS THAT SO MANY OTHER CITIES
HAVE DONE HAVE IT SET UP THE SAME WAY.
AND JUST BECAUSE YOU COULD ASK A QUESTION CONFUSINGLY AND MAKE PEOPLE START
QUESTIONING, DOESN'T MEAN THE A LEGITIMATE QUESTION.
IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S A LEGITIMATE CONFUSION.
AND THE REALLY FRUSTRATING TO HEAR SO MANY PEOPLE SPEAKING UP JUST TO CREATE
UNDO AND UNWARRANTED CONFUSION IN THESE TYPES OF MATTERS THAT ARE SO
IMPORTANT TO OUR STUDENTS.
I'M A 50-YEAR RESIDENT, THIRD GENERATION.
MY SON IS A THIRD GENERATION M.B.U.S.D. STUDENT.
AND THIS IS THE BEST THIS DISTRICT HAS EVER BEEN.
I WILL TELL YOU THAT 100%.
THAT GOES FOR MY WHOLE FAMILY, AGREES WITH THAT.
MY FRIENDS AGREE WITH THAT.
THIS NEEDS TO PASS.
AND MEASURE A IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
YOUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?
>> ISABELLA KIM.
>> THE FACT OF THE MATTER, IS THEY ARE ASKING FOR A LOT MORE MONEY THAN WE ARE
CURRENTLY -- FOR.
WE ARE ABOUT \$3 MILLION DEFICIT AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SHRINKING, WHY DO WE
NEED \$12 MILLION?
THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE.
WHY IS THERE AN M.B.U.S.D. LAWYER ON HERE?
THIS PARCEL WAS RAISED BY SOME CITIZEN GROUP.
IT SMELLS LIKE IT COULD BE COLLUSION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZE AND THE DISTRICT.
CAN THE CITY ATTORNEY CLARIFY WHETHER THERE IS AN ISSUE OF PIERCING THE CORPORATE
VEIL BETWEEN THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE DISTRICT.
AT WHAT POINT CAN WE SAY THEY ARE NOT IN ON THE SAME.
THE M.O.U. DOES NOT PROVIDE CLARITY AND PUTS LIABILITY ON THE CITY THAT DOES NOT
REPRESENT THIS SCHOOL OR PETITIONER BUT ALL RESIDENTS.
DO NOT PASS THIS M.O.U. WITHOUT ANSWERING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

AN OPTIONAL OPTION AVAILABLE, FROM THE PARCEL TAX WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY TO EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE CITY WHO OBTAINS 65 YEARS OF AGE PRIOR TO JULY 1ST OF THE TAX YEAR AND WHO OWNS A BENEFICIAL INTEREST ON THE PARCEL AND USES THAT PARCEL AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND WHO APPLIES TO THE CITY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1ST OF EACH TAX YEAR OR DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TAX, DATE DETERMINED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.

ANY APPLICATION FOR SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED -- [BUZZER]

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, ISABELLA FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> NEXT IS HILARY MAHAN.

>> HI THERE, THANK YOU, COUNCIL FOR TAKING MY CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING.

I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE WORD CLARITY THAT IS BEING THROWN AROUND HERE IN PUBLIC COMMENTS.

RELATED TO THE M.O.U.

AND THE CITIZENS PARCEL TAX INITIATIVE CALLED MEASURE A.

I WILL TELL YOU THIS COMMUNITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HAS STOOD BEHIND IT'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR DECADES.

THROUGH THE SUPPORTIVE M.B.F., SUPPORTIVE P.T.A.'S THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERING AND GENEROSITY AND INITIATIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IT IS DISAPPOINTING TONIGHT TO HEAR THAT, IN FACT, OUR COMMUNITY IS NO LONGER LOOKING AT THIS AS A WAY IN WHICH TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO FULLY FUND OUR SCHOOLS.

THE M.O.U. THAT WAS PRESENTED BEFORE YOU IS NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT IS SIMPLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE TO EP ENSURE THE CLARITY AROUND THE INITIATIVE IS CLEAR FOR VOTERS.

LET ME POINT OUT THAT CLARITY DOES INTEND THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD ASSIST THE CITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION FOR THE PARCEL TAX ON A REGULAR BASIS SO THAT IT WOULD HELP EASE THE BURDEN ON THE CITY.

THIS IS NOT MEANT TO CONFLICT ANY CONVOLUTING OR PIERCING THE VEIL THROUGH ANY AGREEMENTS HERE OF THE BUSINESS WORLD.

THIS SIMPLY IS MEANT TO HELP ADMINISTER THE PROCESS.

THAT PROCESS WILL OCCUR ONLY ONCE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PARCEL TAX OF 12 YEARS.

FURTHERMORE, THE INDICATION OF THE CAP IS VERY CLEAR THAT IT WILL BE ONE OR THE OTHER, WHICH EVER IS LOWER.

THAT IS CLARITY HERE.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE FUNDING ITSELF, I THINK WE HAVE TO TRUST IN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ACTUAL EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE TRAINED IN THIS AREA [BUZZER] WE HAVE SEEN THIS FOR YEARS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEE THIS IF WE DO ALLOW THIS PARCEL TAX TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO PASS.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, HILARY, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

AND OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> WE HAVE A ZOOM PARTICIPANT BY THE NAME OF SPAIN.

>> HI THERE, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

THIS IS GARRETT NOSAY, I MADE A COMMENT ABOUT MEASURE A BUT NOT ADDRESSING THE M.O.U. EARLIER IN THE EVENING.

WHEN IT COMES TO PASSING THIS ADDITIONAL M.O.U. TO GIVE VOTERS CLARITY, THAT'S WHAT OUR DEMOCRACY NEEDS MOST NOW.

OUR DEMOCRACY IS UNDER THREAT FROM ALL DIFFERENT SIDES AND POLITICAL EXTREMES, NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE VOTERS THE CLARITY AND TRUTH THEY SO DESIRE.

IF SOME VOTERS STILL BELIEVE THIS ISN'T CLEAR ENOUGH IT'S UP TO THEIR DISCRETION TO MAKE A VOTING DECISION BUT WE MUST RESPECT THE FACT AN M.O.U. HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND ADDITIONAL CLARITY TO THE BALLOT IS DESIRED TO BE ADDED.

BY DOING THIS, WE CAN MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE QUESTIONS, WE CAN ALLEVIATE SOME OF THEM, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL SUSPICIOUS OR HAVE DICTIONAL PROBLEMS CAN USE THEIR CONSCIENCE TO SAY NO.

THIS WILL DO MORE TO PRESERVE, DEFEND AND STAND FOR OUR DEMOCRACY WHICH IS SO FRAGILE, LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PROVIDE MORE CLARITY AT THE BALLOT BOX AND MAKE SURE WE CAN HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO MAKE SURE THIS WILL BE WELL EXECUTED.

I'M ALL FOR DEFENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

I'M ALL FOR INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THIS DONE SO WE CAN PROVIDE VOTERS THE RIGHTS AND CLARITIES THEY NEED TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EDUCATED DECISION ON JUNE 7TH.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

BEFORE WE GO ONTO THE NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT IT'S 10:30 AND I NEED TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 11:00 BUT I WANT TO NOTE WE HAVE MANY MORE ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA.

IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, DO WE WANT TO POSTPONE OR MOVE THE BUDGET DISCUSSION WHICH WAS JUST A REPORT TO OUR BUDGET STUDY SESSION WHICH IS NEXT TUESDAY?

>> S. HADLEY: YEAH.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, SO LET'S TAKE THAT OFF THE AGENDA TONIGHT AND MOVE THAT TO OUR BUDGET STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY.

THAT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THAT REPORT AND TO DISCUSS MORE DEEPLY THE BUDGET AND ALSO WELCOME PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THAT TIME.

WE ALSO HAVE ITEM #19.

AN UPDATE ON THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, WE COULD MOVE THAT TO OUR MAY 17TH MEETING FOR THAT UPDATE.

THERE'S NO ACTION AT THIS TIME ON THAT.

>> CITY MANAGER MOE: ACTUALLY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE WE CAN JUST PUT THAT ON CONSENT FOR THE 17TH, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS IT COULD BE PULLED OFF.

THE 17TH IS ALREADY A PRETTY PACKED MEETING.

WE JUST ADDED THE TRUST ITEM BACK ONTO THAT.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: IS ITEM 17 REQUIRED TO BE HEARD TONIGHT?

>> MAYOR STERN: DIDN'T WE JUST HAVE 30 DAYS?

WE DO HAVE TO HEAR THAT ONE TONIGHT.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: I WILL REMOVE MY REQUEST.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, RICHARD.

LET'S TAKE THAT PAST THE MAY 17TH, SINCE MAY 17TH IS SO IMPACTED AS WELL.

>> SO IT WILL LIKELY BE THE SECOND MEETING IN JUNE AT THIS POINT.

>> MAYOR STERN: RIGHT.

>> NOT THE FIRST MEETING IN JUNE?

>> MAYOR STERN: FIRST MEETING IS MAYOR ROTATION.

>> WE HAD A FULL MEETING AT THE LAST MAYOR ROTATION.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: I WILL MAKE THE MOTION TO EXTEND UNTIL 11:30.

>> MAYOR STERN: I WILL SECOND THAT.

MAY I HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION MADE BY MONTGOMERY AND SECONDED BY HADLEY.

>> MAYOR STERN?

>> MAYOR STERN: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY?

>> R. MONTGOMERY: YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, SO NOW WE WILL CONTINUE WITH PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> WE HAVE TINA [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> HI, MY NAME IS TINA SHIPCOURIE.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT.

I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING VERY QUICK AND BRIEF.

I WANTED TO START BY THANKING THE AUTHORS OF THE M.O.U.

I THINK THAT WHAT THE GOAL WAS TO HELP CLARIFY THE QUESTIONS AND CONFUSION THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SWIRLING AROUND IN OUR COMMUNITY SO THAT'S THE GOAL, TO GET US ALL TOGETHER IN THE SAME ROOM TONIGHT.

THOSE THAT WERE CONCERNED OR HAVE QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT, YOU KNOW, TO BRING ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

I THINK THIS IS WHERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER AND HELP ANSWER THE QUESTIONS OUT THERE.

I THINK WE SHOULD APPLAUD THOSE AUTHORS AND THOSE BRINGING IT TO THE TABLE.

I KNOW I APPRECIATED IT, AND IT HELPS MY FAMILY UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE CONFUSION OR QUESTIONS OUR FAMILY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

I ALSO DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH HAVING A LAWYER INVOLVED.

WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS INVOLVED HERE.

WE HAVE CITIZENS, WE HAVE CITY COUNCIL AND WE HAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD.

SO ALL OF US SHOULD HAVE A COUNCIL TO REFER TO, A LAWYER TO REFER TO WHEN WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR WE WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING IN MOVING THINGS FORWARD.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING A PROFESSIONAL GUIDING THE DIFFERENT GROUPS THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

THAT'S HOW WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HEAD THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

I WILL END WITH THAT AND THANK YOU FOR THIS PROCESS.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, TINA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

NEXT?

>> NEXT IS ALITA RATMEIER.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

MY HUSBAND WHO WAS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FOR 25 YEARS AND MYSELF, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE QUESTION, HOW IS THE CURRENT PARCEL TAX BEING COLLECTED NOW?

CAN ANYBODY ANSWER THAT?

>> ALITA, WE WILL SEE IF WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT WHEN WE COMPLETE ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> ALL RIGHT, THEN I WILL HAVE A SECOND PART OF THAT.

THE CITY, THE COUNTY COLLECTS THE TAX FROM THE VOTERS.

AND THEY SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY.

OUR CITY COUNCIL HAS SO MUCH ON THEIR PLATES THAT WE ARE NOW GOING TO MAKE THIS A DISASTER.

WE ARE IN FAVOR OF SCHOOLS BUT NOT IN FAVOR OF HAVING A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOCUS ON THINGS THAT WE ARE NOT AN EXPERT IN.

AND THE COUNTY DISTRIBUTES THE MONEY.

SO WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS TONIGHT, NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

WE ALL NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.

SO JUST CONSIDER THAT, WHY IS IT BEING LAID ON THE CITY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, ALITA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

OUR NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

SO CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, CAN YOU JUST ANSWER A COUPLE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP REAL BRIEFLY.

IS THE M.O.U. LEGALLY BINDING?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES, IT IS.

IT'S LEGALLY BINDING.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

AND ALITA JUST ASKED A QUESTION.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: MAYBE FINANCE WOULD KNOW THAT ABOUT HOW IS IT BEING COLLECTED NOW.

THE PARCEL TAX BEING COLLECTED NOW?

>> CITY MANAGER B. MOE: AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ON AND CAN EXPLAIN IT FURTHER. BUT THE CITY IS NOT INVOLVED WITH THAT AT ALL.

THEY PUT THE PARCEL TAX ON THE TAX ROLLS THROUGH THE COUNTY SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE CITY.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

THAT'S THE ANSWER WE NEEDED FOR THAT.

THANK YOU.

SO I WILL NOW OPEN THIS UP TO DISCUSSION.

ALTHOUGH I DO WANT TO ASK A QUESTION.

BECAUSE THERE'S QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

AND WHAT I'M READING FROM THE INITIATIVE IS THE OVERSIGHT IS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

IT IS NOT WITH THE CITIZENS OR PROPONENTS OF THE MEASURE?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THAT'S CORRECT.

THE OVERSIGHT IS THE CITY.

AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL SUPPORT THE CITY AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE CITY. BUT THE CITY IS THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

THE COUNCIL WILL APPOINT THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

>> MAYOR STERN: AND NOT THE PROPONENTS?

>> R. MONTGOMERY: UNLESS THE CITY ATTORNEY CORRECTS ME, THE CITIZEN'S GROUP CANNOT DRAFT AN M.O.U. FOR THE CITY.

PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

WE COULD HAVE GIVEN 30 MINUTES AGO.

THE COSTS, PLAIN AND SIMPLE AGAIN.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OR 5%, WHICH EVER IS LESS.

THE M.O.U. IS ABOUT CLARIFICATION, TRANSPARENCY, INFORMATION TO THE VOTERS.

IF YOU WANT TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMATION, THIS IS THE M.O.U.

READ IT.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR IT, DON'T VOTE.

IF YOU DO, VOTE YES.

THREE SIMPLE THINGS.

SO MY MOTION, I'M MAKING, YOUR HONOR, IS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #22-0064.

LET THE VOTERS DECIDE.

THAT'S IT.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

THERE'S A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY.

I WILL SECOND THAT MOTION.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLY, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE MORE COMMENTS, IF YOU COULD JUST KEEP THEM TO THIS M.O.U.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I WILL MAKE MY COMMENTS, THANK YOU.

I WILL ANNOUNCE NOW I'M A "NO" FOR MEASURE-A.

I HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THIS M.O.U. AS WELL, WHICH IS ALSO PART OF MY DECISION.

I WILL COME BACK TO THAT SHORTLY.

I'VE BEEN A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ALL MY LIFE AND MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR FOR THE LAST THREE DECADES.

LIKE SO MANY OF YOU, MY WIFE NANCY AND I WORKED HARD TO PURCHASE A HOME HERE, THE GREAT SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN WERE ON THE TOP OF THE LISTS OF THE REASONS WHY.

I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE BEEN RAISED BY PARENTS WHO VALUED EDUCATION.

MY FATHER EARNED A COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP DURING THE DEPRESSION TO A SMALL EAST COAST COLLEGE AND WORKED AS A BUSBOY FOR FOOD AND LODGING.

HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME TOWN AND STARTED HIS CAREER AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER AND COACH, WORKING HIS WAY TO PRINCIPAL OF THE JUNIOR HIGH, HE AND MY MOM RAISED TEN CHILDREN.

NINE OF US WORKED OUR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE, EIGHT OF THEM BECAME TEACHERS.

WHEN OUR TWO CHILDREN STARTED PACIFIC SCHOOL, THE PRINCIPAL KRISTI IMMEDIATELY SENT ME TO WORK.

I VOLUNTEERED FOR PAINTER, LUNCH DUTY, ZONE DROP-OFF MANAGER.

ONE OF THE FIRST P.T.A., FIRST DAD P.T.A. MEMBERS, SCHOOL SIGHT COUNSEL, ROOM READER, SO MUCH MORE.

I VOLUNTEERED WHEN OUR KIDS WENT TO M.B.F. AND MIRA COSTA.

I HAPPILY HELPED ANYWAY I COULD.

TO PASS EVERY SCHOOL BOND MEASURE IN THE PAST 25 YEARS.

NANCY AND I DID NOT APPLY FOR THE SENIOR EXCLUSION FOR MEASURE MB IN 2018 BECAUSE WE FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS.

SO IT'S WITH A HEAVY HEART I OPPOSE MEASURE A.

THIS MEASURE HAS SEVERAL FLAWS AND IS BEING BROUGHT TO VOTERS ON A SHORT TIMELINE.

THE ASKING FOR A STAGGERING NEVER BEFORE SEEN AMOUNT OF MONEY.

INCREDIBLE \$150 MILLION TO POSSIBLY \$200 MILLION DOLLARS OVER ITS TWELVE YEARS.

THE ASKING FOR AN INFLATION KICKER, WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED AND WILL COST HOMEOWNERS DEARLY IN THE COMING YEARS.

AT A COMPARATIVELY MODEST 5% C.P.I., THE \$1,095 OF MEASURE A WILL GROW TO WHOPPING \$1,873 OVER TIME.

A TOTAL GROWTH OF 71%.

THE ASKING FOR A NEVER BEFORE SEEN SIMPLE MAJORITY OF 50% PLUS ONE TO PASS.

NOT ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS PARCEL TAXES OR SCHOOL BONDS IN OUR CITY'S HISTORY REQUIRED A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF 50% PLUS ONE.

THEY ALL REQUIRED A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO PASS.

THIS IS NOT FAIR.

IT'S ASKING TO LAST AN UNPRECEDENTED 12 YEARS.

TWICE THE LENGTH OF MEASURE MB AND WON'T EXPIRE UNTIL 2024.

THE TAX PER YEAR PER HOME AND ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, MEASURE A CALLS FOR ALMOST FIVE TIMES THE CURRENT MEASURE MB PARCEL TAX OF \$225, WHICH HAS NOT YET EXPIRED.

IF MEASURE A PASSES RESIDENTS WILL BE FORCED TO PAY TWO PARCEL TAXES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IT'S ASKING FOR A SENIOR EXEMPTION.

I'VE BEEN TOLD WITHOUT THIS SIMILAR EXEMPTION, WITH MEASURE MB IT WOULD NOT HAVE PASSED.

IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS MAY BE APPLIED FOR WITH MEASURE A BECAUSE OF MEASURE A'S DRAMATICALLY HIGHER COST, \$1,095 VERSUS \$225 PER YEAR.

THIS COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF UP TO A THIRD OF THE REVENUE OF MEASURE A PER YEAR. THAT'S \$4,100,000 OF ANNUAL LOST REVENUE OUT OF THE \$12 MILLION BEING ASKED FOR. THE MAGNITUDE OF THAT SHORTFALL ALONE COULD PROMPT THE CALL FOR YET ANOTHER PARCEL TAXES.

IT STATES FUNDS ARE ONLY SPENT FOR THE PURPOSES IN THE MEASURE.

THERE IS NO DETAILED BUDGET OR REPORT SHOWING HOW THIS VAST SUM OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE GOING TO BE SPENT.

INSTEAD WE HAVE A PALTRY EXPLANATION CONSISTING OF EIGHT BULLET POINTS ON LESS THAN A PAGE.

IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO WHAT DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS WILL THEY HAVE TO REPORT?

THERE AREN'T ANY.

AND THE SCHOOL BOARD IS NOT OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S DIRECTION.

OVER 11% OF THE STUDENT BODY LEFT M.B.U.S.D. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

PRIOR TO THE COVID, THE ENROLLMENT WOULD DROP ONLY ABOUT 1% PER YEAR.

IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME HOW MANY WILL RETURN.

THIS DROP IN ENROLLMENT REQUIRES A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, INTROSPECTION.

TO DETERMINE THE REASONS FOR SUCH A DRAMATIC DECLINE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

IT DOES NOT REQUIRE AN EJECTION OF UNPRECEDENTED FUNDING IN A RUSH MANNER.

NOT ALL OF THE QUESTIONS MEASURE A RAISES HAVE BEEN ANSWERED.

WE LEARNED ABOUT THE ATTORNEY RIGHT NOW.

MR. ECKSTEIN, LOOK UP HIS BIOGRAPHY.

HIS BIOGRAPHY IS IN LABOR LAW.

EVERYTHING EXCEPT SCHOOL MEASURES.

IT'S NOT EVEN MENTIONED IN HIS BIO ON HIS FIRM'S WEB PAGE.

SO LET'S TURN TO THE M.O.U.

I'M CONCERNED IT DOES NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LANGUAGE OF THE MEASURE IN TWO MAJOR AREAS.

THIS IS WHAT THE VOTERS SAW WHEN THEY SIGNED THE PETITIONS.

THEY DIDN'T SEE THE LANGUAGE IN THE M.O.U., SORRY, IN THE SCHOOL MEASURE.

THEY DID NOT SEE THE M.O.U.

THEY SIGNED THEIR SIGNATURES FOR WHAT THE SCHOOL MEASURE A WAS PRESENTED TO THEM.

WE GOT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

FIRST IS ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE RENEWAL FOR SENIOR EXEMPTIONS, IT CLEARLY STATES, AND I SAID IT BEFORE, ANY APPLICATION FOR SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

NOT CLEAR.

HOWEVER, THE M.O.U. STATES IN 5B UNDER EXEMPTION REPORTING, ALL EXEMPTIONS SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED.

THIS, IN MY OPINION, CONFLICTS WITH THE MEASURE'S LANGUAGE STATES AND IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

SECOND, ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.

THE MEASURE A LANGUAGE IN SECTION 8.40.030, THE IMPOSITION SIMPLY STATES, THE PARCEL TAX SHALL HERE BY BE ESTABLISHED AND LEVIED EACH YEAR.

>> MAYOR STERN: I WILL ASK FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

>> S. HADLEY: I HAVE SOME BRIEF COMMENTS.

>> MAYOR STERN: CAN YOU LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS TO THE M.O.U.

>> S. HADLEY: ABSOLUTELY.

IT'S NOT ON THE MEASURE A.

I TAKE MY JOB SERIOUSLY ON COUNCIL.

MY JOB ON COUNCIL IS TO LOOK OUT FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

I MOVED HERE FOR THE SCHOOLS.

I HAD FOUR KIDS ALL WENT TO GRANDVIEW, MBMS AND MIRA COSTA.

I LOVE THE SCHOOLS AND I LOVE OUR CITY.

AND WE HEARD TONIGHT THAT MEASURE MB, WHICH IS THE CURRENT PARCEL TAX FOR \$225 A YEAR NEVER COMES TO THE CITY.

SO THAT WAS A CHOICE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD HAVE PASSED A SCHOOL PARCEL TAX THAT WOULD NEVER AFFECT THE CITY.

BUT IT BUMS ME OUT WE HAVE HAD RESIDENTS CALL IN AND SAY JUST PASS THE M.O.U. AND THE CITY SHOULDN'T HAVE THIS MUCH TO DO WITH IT AND WHY ARE YOU ALL CONCERNED.

IT'S NOT A SCHOOL PARCEL TAX, THE A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE.

YOU ARE INVOLVING THE CITY AND ASKING FOR A LOOPHOLE OF 50% PLUS ONE.

THAT'S ON ME.

THAT'S ON MY COLLEAGUES.

THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE AND VOTED TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO 11:30.

IF THEY WENT THE MEASURE MB ROUTE, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE COME UP.

DON'T BLAME US FOR DOING OUR JOB AND ELECTED TO LOOK OUT FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, THIS IS THE MEASURE AND THIS IS THE M.O.U.

I THINK I COUNTED LIKE 12 PAGES FOR \$144 MILLION.

THIS IS THE CITY BUDGET FOR ONE YEAR FOR \$145 MILLION.

THE 400 PAGES.

THIS HAS EVERY DETAIL, I LOVE OUR CITY AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR DOES A GREAT JOB.

ANY QUESTION YOU HAVE OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE NAMES THAT DO NOT APPEAR IN HERE, THEY PRESENT A 400-PAGE DOCUMENT.

EVERY DEPARTMENT AND LINE ITEM.
I GET OUT MY HP 12 C AND TRY TO SEE THE EXCEL SHEETS THAT DON'T ADD UP AND I CAN'T FIND IT.
FOR \$144 MILLION WE HAVE 12 PAGES AND I'M BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON THINGS.
I THINK THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU COULD FIND A JUDGE WHO WOULD OVERRULE THE CAP IN A HIGH INFLATION PERIOD.
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S LEGALLY BINDING.
BUT WHEN IT'S LIBERALLY CONSTRUED, THE VOTERS DID NOT SEE A CAP ON INFLATION.
SO I COMPLETELY STIPULATE THAT.
SO THESE ARE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.
MEASURE A IS ABOUT LOCAL CONTROL.
I MEAN, THAT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE.
BUT YOU ARE COMING TO THE CITY NOW FOR LOCAL CONTROL.
YOU ARE PUTTING THIS BURDEN ON US, WE HAVE TO DEFEND IT AND PAY FOR IT, AND AT WHAT COST?
SOMEBODY SAID TRANSPARENCY AND CLARITY.
THIS IS VERY CLEAR.
WELL THE OBVIOUSLY NOT VERY CLEAR OR WE WOULDN'T BE HERE ALL NIGHT.
LASTLY, I WOULD JUST SAY \$144 MILLION.
AGAIN, YOU ARE ASKING ME, I'M GOING TO BE A NO ON THE M.O.U.
I'M NOT TAKING THAT POSITION ON MEASURE-A BUT I PUSHED FOR THE PUBLIC AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WITH WHOM, I PUSHED TO GET THIS M.O.U. IN THIS MEETING.
MADAM MAYOR I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THAT.
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO COME IN TWO MORE WEEKS.
I SAID THERE'S NO WAY THE COMMUNITY COULD HAVE BALLOTS DROP ON MAY 9TH AND THIS M.O.U. COME TO CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 17TH.
I DO THINK THE VOTERS NEED CLARITY.
I THINK THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE VOTING ON.
I PUSHED TO GET IT HERE BEFORE THE BALLOTS DROP.
I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO BUT THAT'S \$144 THE SCHOOLS WILL GET, THAT THE RESIDENTS DON'T GET, GOSH WE COULD BUILD A NEW AQUATIC CENTER OR REPURPOSE ALL OUR FIELDS.
MORE AT SAND DUNE PARK, WE CAN GO THROUGH THE C.I.P. AND FUND.
IF THE CITY WENT OUT AND TRIED TO BOND THIS, WE COULD FUND EVERYTHING IN HERE. AND WE'RE NOT.
I MEAN, I AM RESPECTFUL OF THE TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS.
I DON'T WANT TO GET UPSET BUT FOR PEOPLE TO SAY RUSH THIS THROUGH, IT'S \$1,000. IT'S NOT, IT'S \$144 MILLION OUT OF ALL THE RESIDENTS AND GOING TO A SCHOOL WHERE ENROLLMENT HAS DROPPED 12% IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.
THAT'S MY PROBLEM AND WHY I WAS ELECTED.
I'M A WATCHDOG FOR THE TAXPAYERS.
MY CONSCIOUS IS CLEAR, IN MARCH.
I SAID THIS IS RUSHED, YOU GUYS.
PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

NUMBER ONE, YOU WILL GET MORE RESIDENT INPUT BECAUSE THERE'S HIGHER TURN OUT FOR VOTERS.

AND WE ALL SAY WE WANT HIGHER TURN OUT, THAT'S WHY THIS COUNCIL MOVED THEIR ELECTIONS FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER.

WE WANT VOTER TURN OUT.

PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND BE GUTSY, GET THE RESIDENT INPUT, AND TAKE OUR TIME WITH THIS STUFF.

THESE ARE UNFORCED ERRORS BY THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE.

THEY NEEDED TO CALL IN AN M.B.U.S.D. ATTORNEY WHO ISN'T AN M.B. RESIDENT.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR \$144 MILLION ON 12 PAGES.

SO I'M A NO, I WILL STOP THERE, THE LATE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

>> MAYOR STERN: SO AGAIN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE M.O.U., WHICH IS TO CLARIFY SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

NOT MEASURE A.

>> S. HADLEY: CORRECT.

I'M A NO ON THE M.O.U.

>> MAYOR STERN: SO LET'S HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE M.O.U.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: NO.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY?

>> R. MONTGOMERY: YES.

>> MAYOR STERN?

>> MAYOR STERN: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: [LAUGHTER]

>> S. HADLEY: SINISTER.

>> MAYOR STERN: YEAH IT WAS A LITTLE SINISTER.

>> S. NAPOLITANO: WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY SAID, YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 3-2.

>> MAYOR STERN: GREAT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

WE ARE MOVING ONTO ITEM #17, CONSIDERATION OF THE -- YES.

TO REPEAL THE CITY'S EXISTING PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS ACTIVITY.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: MAYOR, CAN I STOP THERE AND MAKE A COMMENT?

UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS, I AM RECUSING MYSELF ON THIS ITEM AS I HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY.

SOME OF MY INVESTMENTS IN MY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ARE IN PART OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY.

THEREFORE I'M LEAVING AND WILL BE IN THE BACK.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> GOOD EVENING, I'M ALEXANDRIA LATRAGNA.

THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS CONSIDERATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9212 REPORT ON THE IMPACT TO CITY OF 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.

AS YOU KNOW, AT THE MEETING ON APRIL 5TH, CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES FOR THIS BALLOT MEASURE AND REQUEST STAFF RETURN WITHIN 30 DAYS REGARDING THE INITIATIVE'S EFFECT ON THE CITY.

SO THIS IS WHAT WE CALL A 9212 REPORT.

SECTION 9212 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE ALLOWS THE CITY COUNCIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A REPORT ON THE IMPACTS OF THE INITIATIVE AS THEY PERTAIN TO EIGHT SPECIFIC AREAS LISTED AND EXPANDED UPON IN YOUR REPORT.

AND I WILL NOT BORE YOU WITH GOING THROUGH ALL OF THOSE, BUT I'M GOING TO HIGHLIGHT JUST A COUPLE OF THEM FOR YOU TONIGHT.

THE GREATEST POTENTIAL IMPACT SEEN IN THE -- I'M SORRY, THE GREATEST POTENTIAL IMPACT IS SEEN IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE REPORT IDENTIFIES BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG TERM HEALTH IMPACTS SEEN IN ADOLESCENCE AND INCREASE IN EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS RELATED TO CANNABIS POISONING AMONG CHILDREN.

DATA SHOWS ACCESSIBILITY AND SOCIAL NORMS OF ACCEPTABILITY PLAY A LARGE RULE IN YOUTH USE.

IN ADDITION TO THIS 9212 REPORT THE CODE FURTHER INDICATES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO OPTIONS.

FIRST OPTION IS ADOPT THE INITIATIVE ORDINANCE WITHOUT CHANGE WITHIN TEN DAYS OF TONIGHT'S MEETING.

OR THE SECOND OPTION IS TO SUBMIT THE ORDINANCE TO VOTERS BY PLACING IT ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT ELECTION NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022.

IF COUNCIL CHOOSES THIS OPTION, RESOLUTION #220048 AND 220049 SHOULD BE ADOPTED. ADDITIONALLY CITY COUNCIL MAY WANT TO CONSIDER DIRECTING STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ALTERNATIVE BALLOT MEASURE FOR FUTURE COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

AT THIS TIME I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

DO MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: YOUR HONOR AND CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, IS THIS THE TIME WE MIGHT GET YOUR ANSWER ABOUT HOW HIGH WE CAN TAX THE POT SHOP BUSINESSES IF THE INITIATIVE PASSES.

YOU WERE GOING TO BRING THAT BACK?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES, WE HAVE DONE SOME RESEARCH ON THAT AND IF THE COUNCIL DOES DIRECT US, AS ALI JUST MENTIONED AT THE LAST SECOND, OR LAST PART OF HER REPORT, SHE DID SAY MEASURE, SINGULAR, BUT YOU COULD DIRECT US TO DRAFT A MEASURE THAT HAS A TAX PROPONENT TO IT, NUMBER ONE.

AND NUMBER TWO, AN ALTERNATIVE THAT PROHIBITS CANNABIS, BUT BASICALLY HAS THE VOTERS ADOPTING THE TWO ORDINANCES THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED TO PROHIBIT THE RETAIL SALE.

SO WE LOOKED AT OTHER CITIES AND I CAN TELL YOU, PRELIMINARY THAT 15-20% IS REASONABLE.

AND SEEMS TO BE VERY STANDARD.

>> S. HADLEY: THE TAXATION RATE ON THE POT SHOP OPERATION.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: RIGHT.

IF WE RECEIVE THAT DIRECTION I WILL DO FURTHER RESEARCH AND CONFIRM THAT.

>> S. HADLEY: OKAY, SO WE DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT DEFINITELY TONIGHT THEN?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: TONIGHT, YOU ONLY HAVE TWO OPTIONS.

>> S. HADLEY: EITHER ADOPT IT OR GO FORWARD.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: EXACTLY.

>> MAYOR STERN: AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON OUR NEXT STEPS.

>> S. HADLEY: THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: CAN I JUST ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT, ON PAGE 2, THERE'S ONE SENTENCE PARAGRAPH THAT SAYS IF THE INITIATIVE PASSES, THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WOULD BE COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANHATTAN BEACH ORDINANCE MUNICIPAL CODA LONG WITH SALES TAX.

AS I UNDERSTAND THERE'S NOT SALES TAX WITH THE INITIATIVE, AM I MISUNDERSTANDING THAT LAST PHRASE?

>> AND I BELIEVE OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR STEVE CHARELIAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT FOR YOU.

>> S. HADLEY: SERVICES HAVE SALES TAX.

>> EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR, THE QUESTION?

>> MAYOR STERN: YEAH, THE SENTENCE SAYS IF THE INITIATIVE PASSES, BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WOULD BE COLLECTED ALONG WITH SALES TAX.

I THOUGHT THIS INITIATIVE DOESN'T HAVE A TAX?

>> WE WOULD HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THAT.

IT WAS UNDER OUR UNDERSTANDING INITIALLY THERE WOULD BE BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THAT.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: IT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

THE INITIATIVE DOESN'T HAVE A TAX ON THAT.

I DON'T KNOW, THE SALE OF CANNABIS IF THERE'S A STATE TAX ON THAT.

BUT ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU DO THAT FURTHER DIRECTION WE COULD ANSWER THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S THE TYPE OF TAX THE COUNCIL COULD BE CONSIDERING IN AN ALTERNATIVE MEASURE.

I JUST HAVE NO IDEA IF THERE'S A STATE TAX IN CANNABIS LIKE THERE IS ON ALCOHOL.

>> DON'T LOOK AT ME!

[LAUGHTER]

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

OKAY, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

BEFORE WE MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

OKAY, WHY DON'T WE OPEN THIS UP THEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

HAS ANYONE REQUESTED TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> THERE'S -- WE HAVE ALI STEWART.

>> SORRY FOR HER, 11:05.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR STERN, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, ALI STEWART, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE SOME MATERIALS WE SHARED IN THE BRIEF WE PROVIDED ON CANNABIS.

LAST WEEK WE BROUGHT TOGETHER COMMUNITY COALITION, PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH, COMMUNITY WIDE EFFORT CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH SIGNED ON MANY YEARS AGO TO SUPPORT OUR WORK IN SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH -- GUIDING US ALONGSIDE OTHER COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL LEADERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

I JUST WANT TO REITERATE, WE SHARED A REPORT CARD ON VARIOUS POLICIES RELATED TO TOBACCO, MARIJUANA.

YOU ARE LEADING THE WAY NATIONALLY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ALL RESIDENTS. OUR BEACH CITIES BOARD HAS TAKEN A POLICY POSITION AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF DISPENSARIES FOR RECREATIONAL USE DUE TO IMPACTS ON YOUTH.

WE HEAR FROM OUR YOUTH ADVISORS, THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW MANHATTAN BEACH STUDENTS THAT ADVISE US ON HEALTH TOPICS.

WHEN THEY SEE A LOT OF ALCOHOL, VAPING AND MARIJUANA AROUND THEM AND IT'S PERCEIVED TO BE NORMAL AND ACCEPTABLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO USE AND WE SEE THAT IN DATA BOTH HERE LOCALLY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

SO ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSION FOR TONIGHT IS AROUND OPTIONS AHEAD FOR MANHATTAN BEACH, WHETHER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE INDUSTRY-BACKED BALLOT MEASURE THAT DOESN'T IMPOSE A TAX ON THE CANNABIS BUSINESS, WE RECOGNIZE IT'S REGIONAL AS OUR NEIGHBORING CITIES CONSIDER THE SIMILAR PROPOSALS.

I JUST WANT TO OFFER UP WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A RESOURCE ON BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS ON YOUNG PEOPLE IN WHATEVER DIRECTION YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH TONIGHT.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, ALI FOR STAYING UP WITH US.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I JUST CONFERRED WITH JOE, IT'S 7.25%.

I JUST LOOKED ON THE -- IT SAYS THE STATE SALES TAX SET AT 7.25 IN CALIFORNIA.

THERE COULD EVEN BE AN L.A. COUNTY TAX FOR ALL I KNOW.

>> S. HADLEY: SURE, ALL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS I WOULD BE SHOCKED IF THEY WERE EXEMPT FROM THE SALES TAX

>> J. FRANKLIN: THERE WAS A TAX, I COULDN'T REMEMBER.

>> NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> NEXT IS HEATHER.

>> FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, PLEASE LET'S JUST SAY NO TO POT SHOPS.

WE DON'T NEED POT SHOPS HERE.

I THINK THE WAY THE SIGNATURES WERE OBTAINED IT WAS SO DECEITFUL THAT SHOULD HAVE VOIDED OUT THIS THING IN THE FIRST PLACE, THIS BALLOT MEASURE.

THE DECEPTIVE PRACTICES WERE JUST REALLY HORRENDOUS, I ALMOST EVEN SIGNED THE PETITION INITIALLY.

I WAS TRYING TO GET RID OF ILLEGAL POT SHOPS IS WHAT THE SIGNATURE GATHERER TOLD ME.

AND WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GET RID OF ILLEGAL POT SHOPS, RIGHT?

NO.

WE ARE A FAMILY BEACH COMMUNITY HERE.

WE DON'T NEED POT SHOP HERE.

ANYBODY WHO NEEDS TO GET THEIR POT FOR MEDICAL OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES HAVE THEIR PLACE.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW, IF IT'S IN HAWTHORN OR LAWNDALE OR HOLLYWOOD.

WHERE EVER YOU HAVE YOUR PLACE WHERE YOU GO GET YOUR POT.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR PLACE, OKAY.

WE DON'T NEED WHAT THREE POT SHOPS HERE IN THIS TINY CITY.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN LETTING ME SELL MY TOBACCO, THE ON THE DECLINE ANYWAYS AND NOW YOU GUYS ARE ENTERTAINING THIS.

THE JUST SO RIDICULOUS.

I'M JUST GOING TO SAY IT OVER AND OVER, IT IS HYPOCRITICAL TO ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF HAVING POT SHOPS IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN YOU ARE BULLYING AND ATTACKING, THE OWNER OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH SMOKE SHOP, OKAY.

YOU GUYS GOT RID OF TOBACCO SELLING, LEGAL PRODUCTS BY THE WAY.

WE DON'T SELL TO MINORS.

IT'S NOT AN ISSUE, YOU TRY TO TURN IT AROUND WE ARE TRYING TO GET KIDS ON THE DARK SIDE SMOKING.

YOU GUYS ARE BASICALLY PUSHING POT.

THIS IS SO RIDICULOUS.

MY TOBACCO IDENTIFIES AS POT?

[LAUGHTER]

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU, HEATHER, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

I DO JUST WANT TO JUMP IN HERE AND SAY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE COMMENT THAT WE ARE PUSHING POT SHOPS.

I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE HEARD THAT FROM ANYBODY ON COUNCIL.

THAT'S AN INCORRECT ASSESSMENT OF HOW WE HAVE ALL COMMENTED ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE.

I'M GOING TO LET MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO MAKE HIS COMMENTS.

>> S. NAPOLITANO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

YEAH, THE COMMENT IS NONSENSE.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM.

IT WAS CORRECTED LAST TIME SHE SAID IT AND THE TIME BEFORE THAT, AND THE TIME BEFORE THAT.

THE CITY ISN'T PUSHING POT, THE CITY IS DEALING WITH OTHER PEOPLE TRYING TO PUSH POT. THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE.

OTHER PEOPLE TAKE IT AND PRESENT IT AND LIE TO VOTERS TO GET THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE BALLOT.

IN THIS CASE, I WOULD THINK THAT WE WANT TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COME UP WITH AN ORDINANCE, COMPETING BALLOT INITIATIVE FROM THE CITY THAT ADOPTS THE ORDINANCES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE.

AS A PROHIBITION.

AND THEN THE ALTERNATIVE, HAVING ANOTHER SECOND ORDER, I GUESS IT WOULD BE A THIRD.

INITIATIVE, IF IT DOES PASS TO TAX IT AND REGULATE IT AND PROMISE THE ORDINANCES WILL BE ADOPTED TO FURTHER REGULATE IT.

INCLUDING PENALTIES FOR ANYTHING ILLEGAL ON THE SITE.

WE HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM JONATHAN SVETCO WHAT THOSE WOULD BE THE CITY ATTORNEY COULD TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

>> S. HADLEY: IS THAT A MOTION, STEVE?

I'LL SECOND.

>> S. NAPOLITANO: I DON'T THINK I ARTICULATED IT TO BE A MOTION, BUT YOU GET THE GIST.

>> S. HADLEY: YEAH.

>> MAYOR STERN: LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE IN THAT.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: LET'S DEAL WITH THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE ELECTION FIRST.

AND THEN WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE DIRECTION.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, INITIALLY WE NEED A RESOLUTION, EITHER ADOPT THE ORDINANCE WITHOUT CHANGE OR CALL THE ELECTION AND PLACE IT ON THE NOVEMBER 8TH.

>> S. HADLEY: I MOVE WE CALL THE ELECTION AND PLACE THE INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT.

>> MAYOR STERN: WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THAT MOTION?

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'LL SECOND.

>> MAYOR STERN: SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: ADOPTION OF 22-0048.

>> MAYOR STERN: AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, WE ARE NOT CHOOSING THIS INITIATIVE, WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO ONE OF THOSE TWO THINGS.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

>> OKAY, COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY RECUSING, MAYOR STERN?

>> MAYOR STERN: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: YES.

AND BECAUSE OF THE LAST CALLER, THIS IS TO THWART THE PRO POT SHOP PEOPLE, SO I'M A YES ON CALLING THE ELECTION.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.
>> IT PASSES 4-0-1.
>> ALI POINTS OUT THERE'S THE SECOND ELECTION REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION.
AND THAT'S 22-0049.
>> MAYOR STERN: DO WE NEED ANOTHER MOTION FOR THAT?
>> YES.
>> S. HADLEY: I SO MOVE.
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.
A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, DO I HAVE A SECOND?
>> MAYOR STERN?
>> MAYOR STERN: I'LL BE A SECOND.
AND IS THAT NOW THE ROLL CALL?
YES.
>> MAYOR STERN?
>> MAYOR STERN: YES.
>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?
>> S. HADLEY: YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?
>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.
>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY RECUSING HIMSELF.
IT'S 4-0-1.
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, NOW A DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO CRAFT OUR NEXT MEASURES FOR THE BALLOT.
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO, YOU SUGGESTED WE ANNOUNCE THE PROHIBITION --
>> S. NAPOLITANO: THIS IS CONSIDERED BY -- [INDISCERNIBLE]
>> YES.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THE DIFFERENCE IS THE VOTERS VOTE ON THAT.
SO IT'S NOT THE COUNCIL, WELL THE COUNCIL ADOPTED IT 2-3 YEARS AGO, IF YOU HAVE THE VOTERS ADOPT IT, IT COULD ONLY BE CHANGED BY THE VOTERS.
IT WON'T BE CHANGED BY OTHER INITIATIVES.
>> S. NAPOLITANO: IT'S LIKE AN AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES.
YOU ARE HAVING THE VOTERS ADOPT IT.
SO THAT'S THE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE.
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.
SO SHOULD WE TAKE A MOTION ON JUST THAT AT THIS TIME AND THEN --
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: SURE.
>> MAYOR STERN: THEN CONSIDER THE NEXT INITIATIVE?
SO DO I HAVE A MOTION ON THAT?
>> S. NAPOLITANO: SO MOVED.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: IS THERE A SECOND?

>> MAYOR STERN: WE HAVE A MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO. SECOND?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THAT WOULD BE TO DRAFT A COUNTER INITIATIVE TO PRESENT TO THE VOTERS THE TWO ORDINANCES THAT WERE ALREADY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WHICH PROHIBITS THE RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS.

>> J. FRANKLIN: I'LL SECOND.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, AND CAN WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THAT?

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.

>> MAYOR STERN?

>> MAYOR STERN: I'LL VOTE ONCE, YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY RECUSING HIMSELF, IT'S 4-0-1.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: ANY OTHER DIRECTION?

>> MAYOR STERN: SO NOW A DISCUSSION ABOUT DIRECTION ON, IF AN INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS IF THIS PASSES, IF THE INITIATIVE PASSES, THE CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE, THEN HOW DO WE COUNTER THAT?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YOUR HONOR I WOULD MOVE WE TURN THIS TO THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AND RETURN AN INITIATIVE.

IF THE CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE DOES PASS IT WOULD SET A TAX RATE FOR IT AT 25% AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE -- IN THOSE REGULATIONS.

>> S. HADLEY: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT OR QUESTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY. IS THAT 25% BINDING.

WHAT IF THE CITY ATTORNEY COMES BACK AND SAID THERE'S CASE LAW.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP, BECAUSE IN MY QUICK RESEARCH, IT APPEARS L.A. COUNTY ADOPTED A MEASURE LAST NIGHT, OH IT'S A BALLOT MEASURE, IT'S NOT ADOPTED.

TO IMPOSE A 10% TAX ON THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY COUNTY-WIDE.

AND IF THAT'S --

>> S. NAPOLITANO: IS THAT UNINCORPORATED THOUGH?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I'M LOOKING FOR THAT.

I DON'T KNOW BY READING THIS LITTLE CLIP.

I WILL FIND OUT.

>> S. HADLEY: IS THAT A MAXIMUM TAX, YOU'RE SAYING?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: WE'VE GOT THE STATE TAX OF 7%, THE STATE TAX OF 10%. GIVE ME FLEXIBILITY ON SOMETHING UP TO 25% AND I'LL SEW WHAT I CAN RECOMMEND.

>> S. NAPOLITANO: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, I BELIEVE THAT COUNTY MEASURE IS FOR UNINCORPORATED.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES, WE WILL FIND THAT OUT.

>> MAYOR STERN: CAN I ASK, SO WE ALREADY HAVE A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE SALE OF SMOKING PRODUCTS.
HOW WOULD THAT APPLY TO THIS INITIATIVE OR DO WE INCLUDE IT IN THIS ALTERNATIVE?
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THE A GOOD QUESTION, I WILL CONFIRM THAT.
WE TOOK A QUICK LOOK AT THAT.
THE TOBACCO ORDINANCE IS TOTALLY SEPARATE.
IN OTHER WORDS IF THE CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE ON CANNABIS IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AND THE ONLY ONE, IT WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON OUR TOBACCO PROHIBITION.
>> MAYOR STERN: SO IF THE APPROVED WE COULD STILL ENFORCE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE SALE OF SMOKING PRODUCTS?
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES.
>> MAYOR STERN: SO WE DON'T NEED TO PUT THAT IN THIS?
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: NO, BUT I WILL CONFIRM AND DO SOME RESEARCH ON THAT.
>> MAYOR STERN: CAN I ALSO ASK, WHEN THE AWARENESS ABOUT THE USE OF VAPING PRODUCTS CAME UP, THERE WERE MANY MUNICIPALITIES THAT ADDRESSED PROHIBITING THE SALE OF PRODUCTS THAT WERE ENTICING TO YOUTH, RIGHT?
LIKE THE FLAVORED VAPING PRODUCTS.
COULD WE INCLUDE IN THIS A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE SALE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS THAT ARE MARKETED TO YOUTH?
LIKE CANDIES OR COOKIES OR GUMMIES OR WHATEVER.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: I THINK, WELL THE ALREADY PROHIBITED IN OUR CITY.
SO LET ME JUST CONFIRM THE SCOPE OF OUR CURRENT PROHIBITION.
BUT I'M PRETTY SURE EVERYTHING RELATED TO CANNABIS IS ALREADY PROHIBITED BY THE CITY.
>> MAYOR STERN: RIGHT, BUT IF THEIR INITIATIVE PASSES, THE SECOND INITIATIVE IS TO TRY TO LIMIT THEIR INITIATIVE.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THE THIRD, LET'S CALL IT THE SECOND COUNTER.
THE SECOND ONE IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL RESEARCH, IF WE NEED TO EXPAND UPON THOSE TWO ORDINANCES ADOPTED BACK IN 2017 TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.
BUT ALSO IN THE THIRD INITIATIVE, I UNDERSTAND THAT WAS STEVE'S POINT.
THE NOT JUST THE TAX ISSUE.
THE REGULATIONS.
>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YEAH, SO, WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE AND DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE SCOPE OF THOSE REGULATIONS AND I'M RUNNING OUT OF GUMMIES AND VAPING PRODUCTS AS WELL.
>> MAYOR STERN: WHAT ABOUT INCREASING THE DISTANCE?
THEY HAVE LIKE A 100-FEET FROM SENSITIVE AREAS.
COULD WE INCREASE THE DISTANCES?
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: YES, THESE ARE ALL LEGITIMATE THINGS YOU CAN PUT IN THE INITIATIVE.
>> J. FRANKLIN: COULD WE DO HOURS OF OPERATION TOO?
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: MAYBE.
>> MAYOR STERN: AND THE LAST THING IS THE DELIVERY ISSUE.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: WE HAVE BEEN PREEMPTED BY THAT BY THE STATE ON DELIVERY.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

THEIR INITIATIVE, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, HAS NOTHING TO DO, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMETHING ON DELIVERY FROM THE RETAIL STORES.

>> S. HADLEY: YEAH, THEY SAY ONLY DELIVERY FROM THE RETAIL STORES. THEY WANT IT ALL.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: THAT'S A GOOD THING TO EXPLORE.

>> PRETTY EASY TO BE COMPETITIVE, I WOULD SAY.

>> MAYOR STERN: IT'S JUST TO SUPPORT THE PROPONENTS.

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: WE CAN LOOK AT THAT IF IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN REGULATE IN THE COUNTER INITIATIVE.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY, AND THEN THERE WAS A COMMENT.

>> WOULD YOU TAKE A COMMENT, NOT PRO OR CON.

[OFF MIC]

>> MAYOR STERN: I'M GOING TO --

>> I APOLOGIZE [OFF MIC]

>> MAYOR STERN: YOU WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, AT THIS LATE HOUR, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT BUT WE WOULD ASK YOU TO WRITE TO US AND INCLUDE THAT AND WE WILL ABSOLUTELY CONSIDER IT, THANK YOU.

ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY CONCERNS THEY WANT TO PUT?

OKAY, SO WE HAVE A MOTION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE.

DO WE HAVE A MOTION?

>> S. HADLEY: WE JUST GAVE DIRECTION.

>> MAYOR STERN: CAN WE JUST DO DIRECTION?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: DO WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MOTION ON THAT?

WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND MAKE A MOTION ON THIS.

THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A SECOND INITIATIVE WITH REGULATIONS IN ADDRESSING THE TAX ISSUE.

>> MAYOR STERN: OKAY.

I'LL MOVE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DO JUST THAT.

DIRECTION ON THE SECOND INITIATIVE.

WITH REGULATIONS IN THE TAX ISSUE.

DO I HAVE A SECOND ON THAT?

>> S. HADLEY: SECOND.

>> MAYOR STERN: FIRST BY ME AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

COULD WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM NAPOLITANO?

>> S. NAPOLITANO: YES.

>> MAYOR STERN?

>> MAYOR STERN: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. FRANKLIN: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY?

>> S. HADLEY: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY RECUSED.

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>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: JUST TO CLARIFY, THERE'S OTHER TYPES OF TAXES ON CANNABIS.

I THINK THEY ARE CALLED EXCISE TAXES WHICH MAY BE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN THE SALES TAX.

WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION ON THAT AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.

>> MAYOR STERN: I KNOW WE ARE TIME SENSITIVE ON THAT ONE AS WELL.

WELCOME BACK.

>> R. MONTGOMERY: THANK YOU.

I'M STILL HERE.

>> S. HADLEY: I'M IMPRESSED YOU ARE STILL HERE.

>> MAYOR STERN: ALMOST DONE, WE MOVED ITEM 18 TO A STUDY SESSION, 19 TO CONSENT ON MAY 17TH.

SO WE ARE NOW AT ITEM N, CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 123 REPORT?

DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN AB 123 REPORT?

OKAY, I SEE NONE.

I'M MOVING ONTO #21.

WHICH WE POSTPONED TO THE SECOND MEETING IN JUNE.

SO I WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM O, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM THEY WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP?

AND I SEE NONE.

SO I WILL MOVE ONTO ITEM P, CITY MANAGER REPORT?

>> CITY MANAGER B. MOE: YES, JUST A QUICK REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE ON WATER RESTRICTIONS.

IT WILL JUST TAKE A MOMENT.

>> GOOD EVENING, AGAIN.

I JUST WANT TO KEEP THE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY UP TO SPEED WHAT'S HAPPENING STATE WIDE AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AS IT RELATES TO WATER CONSERVATION.

AS WE KNOW, THE GOVERNOR HAS ISSUED A SERIES OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS THE LAST YEAR, THE LATEST MARCH 28TH REMINDING CALIFORNIANS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE WATER USE BY 15% COMPARED TO 2020 LEVELS.

ALSO URGING CALIFORNIANS TO STRIVE TO LIMIT SUMMERTIME WATER USE.

ALSO DIRECTING STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO ADOPT NEW REGULATIONS BY MAY 25TH, AIMED AT GETTING CALIFORNIANS TO GO TO A SHORTAGE LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO A 20% REDUCTION AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

MAY 25TH IS A BIG DATE FOR US AS IT RELATES TO WATER CONSERVATION.

HIS LATEST ORDER IS TO VOLUNTEER 30% OF THE WATER USE COMING OUT OF THE REGULATIONS ANTICIPATED BY THE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

ON THE HEELS OF THAT, METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, WE RECEIVE VIA WEST BASIN, THEY ENACTED SOME ARE BEING HAILED AS UNPRECEDENTED MEASURES A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.

AND IT'S REALLY TARGETED AT AGENCIES WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN WATER SYSTEM TO GET THEIR WATER EITHER EXCLUSIVELY OR SOLELY FROM THE WATER PROJECT, MANHATTAN BEACH AND WEST BASIN DO NOT.

BUT JUST TO CLARIFY, ABOUT 30% OF ALL WATER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS COMING HISTORICALLY FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT.

THREE CONSECUTIVE DRY YEARS.

WE'RE DOWN TO A 5% ALLOCATION IN THE REGION FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT, SO THAT'S A BIG DOLE.

THE CUTS THAT METROPOLITAN HAS IMPOSED ON ITS SIX WATER DISTRICTS DO NOT INCLUDE WEST BASIN OR MANHATTAN BEACH, ESSENTIALLY IS TIED TO GET THESE COMMUNITIES TO GO TO A ONE-DAY A WEEK OUTDOOR WATERING AND TRYING TO GET HOUSEHOLDS TO GET DOWN TO 80 GALLONS PER PERSON PER DAY.

FOR SOME CONTEXT, IN 2020, MANHATTAN BEACH, OUR GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY WERE 124.

LAST JULY WE WERE AT 128.

IF SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS ULTIMATELY CAME TO MANHATTAN BEACH, THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WAY WE OPERATE AS A COMMUNITY.

NOT THAT WE ARE THERE YET BUT CERTAINLY IF THINGS DO NOT CHANGE THIS IS POTENTIALLY WHAT WE COULD BE LOOKING AT.

THE CURRENT REGS APPLY TO SIX METROPOLITAN AGENCIES WHICH REALLY MAKE UP DOZENS OF THE CITIES AND COUNTIES, L.A., VENTURA AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES.

ABOUT SIX MILLION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS GOING INTO THESE NEW REGULATIONS.

ACCORDING TO METROPOLITAN, IF THOSE AGENCIES DO NOT COMPLY WITH ENFORCING, THEY ARE GOING TO INSTITUTE FINANCIAL PENALTIES.

AND IF COMPLIANCE ISN'T REACHED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST, ALL OUTDOOR WATERING COULD BE BANNED IN THOSE COMMUNITIES.

THIS IS THE BIG STICK.

FOR THE SAKE OF TIME, I THINK I WILL END WITH THE CITY HAS IMPLEMENTED ITS WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY IN JANUARY, STAGE 1.

WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION WHAT'S COMING OUT OF THE WATER BOARD MAY 25TH AND PLAN TO COME BACK JUNE 21ST WITH POTENTIALLY WITH A RECOMMENDATION AT A PUBLIC HEARING TO GO TO STAGE 2.

MORE TO FOLLOW.

I'VE GOT, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, HOPEFULLY I'VE GOT SOME ANSWERS.

>> MAYOR STERN: THANK YOU.

SERIOUS ISSUES WE ARE FACING AND WE ALL SHOULD BE CONSERVING ANYWAY WE CAN, STARTING YESTERDAY.

>> YES.

>> MAYOR STERN: ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

>> MAYOR STERN: ANY OTHER CITY MANAGER REPORTS?

>> CITY MANAGER B. MOE: NOTHING FURTHER, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR STERN: ANY CITY ATTORNEY REPORT?

>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: NOTHING TONIGHT.
>> MAYOR STERN: WE HAVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS WITH THE AGENDA FORECAST.
WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOSED SESSION.
SO I WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING.
IT IS 11:30 TO OUR BUDGET STUDY SESSION ON MAY 10TH.
>> CITY ATTORNEY Q. BARROW: AT WHAT TIME?
>> MAYOR STERN: 6:00?
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR HANGING IN THERE.
>> S. HADLEY: GREAT JOB, STAFF.
>> MAYOR STERN: DO I HAVE TO DO THE GAVEL?
I HAD NEVER DONE IT.