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[ PLEASE STAND BY ]

>> HI, HONORABLE COUNCIL.

I'M KATHLEEN TERRY, MANHATTAN BEACH, AND I JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU TONIGHT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BEACH CITY HEALTH DISTRICT WHERE AYE BEEN A VOLUNTEER FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 YEARS.

AND DURING THAT TIME I'VE EXPERIENCED A NUMBER OF WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOCUSING ON INCREASING WELLNESS AMONG OUR YOUTH, ADULTS AND SENIORS.

EACH HOLIDAY SEASON SINCE 1988 BEACH CITY HEALTH DISTRICT HAS LED THE HOLIDAY GIFT BAG PROJECT.

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS COMMUNITY'S MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS, THEY HAVE PROVIDED GIFT BAGS TO ABOUT 265 BEACH CITY SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT.

MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE HOME BOUND OR IN ISOLATION AND THE HOLIDAYS HAVE A DIFFICULT AND LONELY TIME.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE DELIVERED BAGS FOR MORE THAN A DECADE TO THESE MANHATTAN BEACH CLIENTS.

SO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO EXPLORE BETTER HEALTH, WHETHER IT'S EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL, CAN FIND SOME ACTIVITY THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN AT THE BEACH CITY HEALTH DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMS ARE ALL FREE.

THEY HAVE A PHENOMENAL WEBSITE THAT'S EASY TO MANEUVER AND I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO CHECK OUT THE ACTIVITIES THEY HAVE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO BCHD.ORG AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SHARE THIS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANKS.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I'M JOSH MURRAY HERE ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.

CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 12 ARE INVITED TO MAKE MEMORY FRAMES.

THINK ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM THE PAST YEAR AND DECORATE A SPECIAL FRAME TO HOLD A PHOTOGRAPHED DRAWING OR PAINTING OF YOUR MEMORY TO REMEMBER IT ALL YEAR LONG OR GIVE IT TO A FAMILY OR FRIEND.

THIS PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> AT 4 P.M.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

VISIT LACOUNTY.ORG/EVENTS.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS STERN AND HADLEY FOR THEIR SERVICE AND WISH THE INCOMING COUNCILMEMBERS THE BEST OF LUCK.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, JOSH.

ANY OTHERS?

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

>> HELLO, CITY COUNCIL.

THIS IS JILL LAMPKIN FROM THE DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

I HAD TO COME TONIGHT TO SAY THANK YOU TO BOTH SUZANNE AND HILDY FOR THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE SERVED.

ONE OF THE FIRST THING I DID AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS HOLD THE CAN DATE FORUM, MODERATE THE CAN DATE FORUM WHEN YOU GUYS WERE BOTH RUNNING.

AND IF ANY OF US COULD HAVE LOOKED BACK TO THINK WHAT THOSE FOUR YEARS OR THREE YEARS AND A HALF, WHATEVER IT'S BEEN, IT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY.

BOTH OF YOU HAVE COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND LISTENED TO THE STRIFE AND JUST THE PASSION THAT EVERYONE HAD.

YOU GUYS HANDLED US AND THE PANDEMIC WITH GRACE AND I REALLY, FOR EVERYONE ON THE DDPI, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE ADDED TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR BUSINESSES HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

HAPPY HANUKKAH, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE REST OF YOU AS WELL AND BEST OF LUCK AS TO WHAT YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE IS GOING TO BE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, JILL.

OTHER SPEAKERS?

>> GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS STEVE DEBATES AND I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE SINCE 2013 AND I'M THE CURRENT CHAIR. AND FOR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE, THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKS WITH THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF SENIORS.

AND I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER TO REPLACE THE CURRENT SCOUT HOUSE.

WHEN SUZANNE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL SHE CALLED ME AND ASKED ME IF WE COULD MEET.

AND HER QUESTION TO ME WAS, WHAT COULD SHE AND THE CITY DO TO IMPROVE PROGRAMMING FOR THE SENIORS.

AND MY RESPONSE WAS -- I MENTIONED TO HER THE CHALLENGES OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER.

SUZANNE'S RESPONSE WAS TO NOT ONLY CREATE BUT ALSO IMPLEMENT A CAMPAIGN PROGRAM TO MEET THE FUND-RAISING GOALS FOR 2021.

AND NOT ONLY TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE FUND-RAISING BUT ALSO TO SOLICIT MORE PUBLIC AND CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE PROGRAM.

AND I WANTED TO THANK SUZANNE PUBLICLY FOR ALL OF HER WORK.

IT'S BEEN A REAL HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU.

I'M SO HONORED TO HAVE SPENT THE TIME WORKING TOGETHER AND THE CHARACTER THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN THROUGHOUT YOUR CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION.

SO THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, STEVE.

ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

>> HI.

MY NAME IS TIFFANY BARBARA AND I'VE BEEN A 20-YEAR RESIDENT HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

CONGRATULATION TO DAVID AND AMY ON WINNING THE ELECTION AND JOINING OUR CITY COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN.

I ALSO WANTED TO THANK HILDY STERN AS WELL AS SUZANNE HADLEY FOR THEIR

INCREDIBLE SERVICE.

I WANTED TO SAY A LITTLE MORE ABOUT SUZANNE AND HER SERVICE TO THE CITY.

WE'VE BUILT A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH SUZANNE OVER THE YEARS AND SHE'S REALLY SELFLESSLY FOUGHT FOR A LOT OF WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

SHE' FOUGHT FOR PARENTS' ROLE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

SHE'S FOUGHT FOR KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN THE CLASSROOM.

SHE ALSO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE RICHARD MONTGOMERY TO HELP US OPEN CLASSROOMS WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

SHE HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING STRONG PUBLIC SAFETY.

I REALLY HOPE THAT CONTINUES.

I THINK IT WILL.

CONTINUED OUTDOOR DINING IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR CITIZENS AND RESTAURANT OWNERS AND A ROBUST SUPPORT OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES.

MANY OF WHOM I MET LAST NIGHT.

IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR THEM THINK ABOUT AND TALK ABOUT YOU IN SUCH A POSITIVE WAY AND SUCH AN IMPACT THAT YOU'VE HAD ON THEIR BUSINESSES.

I LOVE THAT YOU ALL HAVE WANTED TO PRESERVE OUR SMALL-TOWN FEEL AND

I REALLY HOPE THAT CONTINUES.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN MY FOCUS, IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND I APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DID TO KEEP CITY HALL FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE.

SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE TO L.A. DA GEORGE GASCON WHO CONTINUE TO ENDANGER OR PUBLIC SAFETY.

I HOPE WE CONTINUE THE NEW SOLUTIONS GOING FORWARD.

AND YOUR CONTINUED WORK TO MOVE THE UNHOUSED OFF OF THE STREETS AND INTO SHELTERS, GIVING THEM THE SERVICES THEY NEED.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR THE CHILDREN, THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE LEGACY THAT YOU'VE BEGUN AND FOSTERING A VERY WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY NOT ONLY FOR OUR CITIZENS BUT OUR VISITORS.

THANK YOU, SUZANNE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LOOKS LIKE A BOTTLE TO ME.

>> Councilmember Hadley: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AS LONG AS IT'S NOT OPENED YET.

THANK YOU, TIFFANY.

ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

>> HI, GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS DIANA SCAR.

I'M A MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT AND A PARENT.

I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCILMEMBER HILDY STERN FOR YOUR SERVICE TO MANHATTAN BEACH.

YOU LED WITH A COMPASSION THAT MADE MANY RESIDENTS LIKE MYSELF PROUD TO HAVE YOU REPRESENT OUR TOWN.

I'M PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE SIDEWALK CHALK CAMPAIGN AGAINST HATE AND HOW YOU TRANSLATED THAT MOMENTUM INTO THE OFFICIAL RESOLUTION BY THE CITY TO STAND UP AGAINST HATE.

I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE THIS WORK VIA THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY COALITION THAT YOU COFOUNDED.

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE DON'T NEED TO BE COLOR BLIND TO BE INCLUSIVE AND THAT ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DIVERSITY IS HOW RESIDENTS FEEL SEEN, HEARD AND SUPPORTED.

SO THANK YOU.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, SUZANNE HADLEY, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WE'RE REALLY THANKFUL FOR THE TIME AND THE EFFORT THAT YOU PUT IN HERE.

IT SHOWS THAT YOU CARE A LOT.

AND OF COURSE CONGRATULATION TO AMY AND TO DAVID.

THE ELECTION RESULTS SHOW THAT PEOPLE OVERWHELMINGLY WANT LEADERS WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR CITY, EVEN IF WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH YOUR FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS.

AND WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP I HAVE A LOT OF HOPE THAT YOU WILL WORK WITH THE REST OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS TO FOCUS ON LOCAL MATTERS AND DO SO WITH CIVILITY AND INTEGRITY.

SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TERMS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS?

>> HI.

MY NAME IS JEN DONOR.

I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF OUR OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE.



TO HILDY, WHO I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SERVICE.

HILDY, YOU'VE BEEN A MODEL OF COMPASSION, EMPATHY, THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND MOST OF ALL KINDNESS.

YOU'VE STOOD FOR THESE IDEALS THROUGHOUT YOUR TERM, STEADFAST AND CONSISTENT LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE IN A STORM.

FOR THAT I'M ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

TO AMY HOWORTH AND DAVID LESSER, A HARDY CONGRATULATIONS.

IT IS WITH SINCERE RELIEF THAT I THANK YOU FOR RUNNING AND IN ADVANCE FOR THE COLLABORATIVE PERSPECTIVE I KNOW YOU WILL BOTH BRING TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

TO AMY WHO AYE KNOWN THE LONGEST, IT SPREADS A SMILE ACROSS MY SOUL TO REALIZE THAT A COUNCIL IS ONCE AGAIN IN THE PINK.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATION TO ALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

I'LL TURN TO ZOOM.

DO WE HAVE ANYONE ON ZOOM?

>> WE HAVE LUCIA.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

WE'LL TAKE LUCIA THEN.

>> HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> I'M SO SORRY I CANNOT BE THERE TODAY.

I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE AMY AND DAVID AND I WANT TO THANK HILDY AND ESPECIALLY SUZANNE FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THESE FOUR YEARS AND THE LEGACY YOU HAVE BUILT.

SUZANNE, HISTORY TEACHES US THAT WHEN WE IGNORE REALITY, IT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN CONFUSION AND MISERY.

AND THE PAST CAN BE REDEEMED, THE PRESENT CAN BE [INAUDIBLE].

IT'S SPOKEN OUT.

AND SUZANNE, I THANK YOU FOR BEING THE PERSON THAT HAS ALWAYS READY TO SPEAK OUT, EVEN WHEN IT HAS EXPOSED YOU TO UNREASONABLE CRITICISM. BECAUSE THE WORDS NOT SPOKEN HID SMALL MONSTERS, LIKE UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS ON BOOKS UNDER THE CARPET.

SO WE CAN KEEP PRETENDING THEY ARE NOT THERE.

AND IF YOU LET THAT HAPPEN, THOSE LITTLE MONSTERS WILL GROW AND DEVOUR US.

SO I THANK YOU FOR UNVEILING THEM BEFORE THEY COULD.

AND I ADMIRE YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR GRACE WITH WHICH YOU ENDURED THE BLAME THAT WAS CAST UNJUSTLY ON YOU FOR IT.

I HOPE THAT YOU STAY ENGAGED IN THE CIVIL DISCOURSE AND THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CIVILITY, FOR YOUR PATIENCE, FOR YOUR GRACE, FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND FOR ALL THE COURAGE THAT YOU HAVE WHILE ENDURING PERSONAL PROBLEMS TOO, PHYSICAL PROBLEMS TOO IN ALL OF THESE FOUR YEARS.

THANK YOU.

AND I'M SORRY I CANNOT BE THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, LUCIA.

ANYONE ELSE BY ZOOM?

OKAY.

>> GOOD EVENING.

THIS IS KIM BRANT-LUCICH.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE COUNCILMEMBERS ELECT AMY HOWORTH AND DAVID LESSER.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS FOR YOUR SERVICE OVER THE PAST TWO OR FOUR YEARS.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS SUZANNE HADLEY AND HILDY STERN FOR ALWAYS DOING WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS BEST FOR MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK HILDY STERN.

IT'S BEEN AN AWFUL CONTENTIOUS TWO YEARS AND YOU'VE CONSISTENTLY LED WITH GRACE AND POISE.

AS MAYOR YOU RECOGNIZED SO MANY RESIDENTS FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS AND CHARITY THROUGH YOUR KINDNESS INITIATIVE.

I'M SURE IT WAS MEANINGFUL TO THEM BUT IT GAVE THE REST OF US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW OUR KIND NEIGHBORS.

I ALSO THANK YOU FOR TIRELESSLY ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSIVITY AND MOST RECENTLY ORGANIZING THE SOUTH BAY COALITION AGAINST HATE BRINGING TOGETHER MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

I'M PROUD TO DISPLAY MY YARD SIGN THAT SAYS MB STANDS UNITED AGAINST HATE.

YOU BROUGHT A PEACE POLL TO MANHATTAN BEACH THAT WE CAN ENJOY ON VETERANS PARKWAY OR TALKING THE DOGS FOR A WALK.

I ALSO THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT COVID WHERE YOU ADVOCATED FOR SAFELY WEARING MASKS SO WE COULD PROTECT OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

YOU HAVE SUPPORTED RESIDENTS AS WELL AS BUSINESSES, MPBD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND YOU HAVE ALWAYS DEMONSTRATED TRUE LEADERSHIP BY ACTIVELY LISTENING TO ALL VOICES AND RESPONDING WITH TEMPERANCE WHETHER OR NOT THEY AGREED WITH YOU.

MOST RECENTLY HILDY AND PERSONALLY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR CO-ORGANIZING THE RECENT CELEBRATION OF PEACE THAT WAS HELD.

YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING TOGETHER CTJ WITH TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND MANHATTAN BEACH CHURCH AND BOOK AUTHORS TO DISCUSS THE MEANING OF PEACE.

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE MORE THAN A HUNDRED COMMUNITY MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO SHARE IN THIS MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE.

YOU ARE A TIRELESS ADVOCATE AND A TRUE LEADER.

AND WE WILL MISS YOU ON CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE BY ZOOM?

MR. PACKWOOD.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> HI.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

GO AHEAD.

HEY, STEVE, HOW ARE YOU.

MY NAME IS ROD STODDARD.

I HAVE BEEN IN MANHATTAN BEACH FOR 30 YEARS, YOU CAN IMAGINE AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT WITH THREE KIDS IN TOWN, I'M FORTUNATE TO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TOWN, INCLUDING MOST OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND ONCOMING COUNCILMEMBERS.

I WANT TO THANK HILDY STERN AND SUZANNE HADLEY FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE AND I WANT TO AMY AND DAVID TO COUNCIL.

PARTICULARLY I WANTED TO REACH OUT AND THANK SUZANNE.

I HADN'T MET SUZANNE BEFORE THE APPLICANT BUT I REACHED OUT TO SEVERAL COUNCILMEMBER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO ME UNFOLDING AT THE TIME.

MANY OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS TOOK THE TIME TO MEET WITH ME AND EXPLAIN THE ISSUES.

IN MY LINE OF WORK I MEET A LOT OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND I WAS INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED.

SHE'S VERY WELL-BALANCED AND EXPLAINED BOTH SIDES OF THE POSITION AND ALWAYS WAS OPEN-MINDED AND LISTENED TO MY FEEDBACK AND WHEN WE

DISAGREED SHE TOOK MY FEEDBACK TO HEART AND GAVE IT SERIOUS THOUGHT AND OFTEN CAME BACK TO ME WITH CLEAR RESPONSE SHOWING THAT SHE LEARNED FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND INTEGRATED IT.

I THINK WE'RE LUCKY THAT IN OUR TOWN WE HAVE SO MANY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES THAT ARE WILLING TO DEDICATE THEIR TIME FOR THESE MARATHON, AND I MEAN MARATHON COUNCIL SESSIONS.

SUFFERING THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF WHAT HAS BECOME AN INCREASINGLY PARTISAN PROCESS.

ALL OF THIS FOR NO MONEY AND LITTLE THANKS.

ALL OF YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW, SHOULD BE CARRIED ON OUR SHOULDERS THROUGHOUT TOWN.

IT'S CRAZY WHAT YOU GUYS DO FOR US.

TONIGHT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO THANK YOU SUZANNE FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION YOU PUT INTO THE COUNCIL FOR US.

WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.

THANK YOU.

YOU'LL BE SORELY MISSED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

DID STEVE COME BACK ON?

IS HE READY?

>> HELLO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> HI, STEVE.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

BOTH PAULA AND I ARE ON THE EAST COAST, ABOUT READY TO GO TO BED.  
IT'S SNOWING NATURALLY.

BUT WE WANTED TO CALL IN AND THANK ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR  
HARD WORK THIS LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT ALSO, SUZANNE, TO YOU, WE  
KNOW THAT YOU HAVE WORKED VERY HARD OVER THE LAST YEARS.

YOU'VE REPRESENTED THE CITY WELL, YOU'VE REPRESENTED THE RESIDENTS  
WELL.

AND ALTHOUGH WE'VE DISAGREED ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES, I HAVE THE UTMOST  
RESPECT FOR YOU AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST IN THE FUTURE.

MAYBE YOU CAN JOIN US IN RETIREMENT NOW.

SO TAKE CARE.

WE MISS YOU.

AND TO ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HAVE A GOOD COUPLE OF YEARS TO FOLLOW.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, STEVE.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

WHAT'S THAT?

JIM BURTON.

MR. BURTON.

>> GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

LIKE MANY OF THE OTHER CALLERS, I UNFORTUNATELY AM OUT OF TOWN, NOT  
ABLE TO BE THERE IN PERSON.

BUT CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE BOTH HILDY AND SUZANNE ABSOLUTE  
DEDICATION.

I THINK IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC AND EVERYTHING CLOSED.  
AMONG OTHERS, LEADERSHIP AT COUNCIL, PUSHING TO GET RESTAURANTS OPEN  
WHEN INDOOR DINING WAS RESTRICTED, WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO MEET INDOORS  
AND WORKING WITH A HANDFUL OF RESIDENTS MOST IMPACTED BY THAT.  
COUNCILMEMBER STERN YOU HAVE WRITTEN VERY THOUGHTFUL E-MAILS ON A  
NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.  
I KEEP ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS.  
BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS TO BE THOUGHTFUL, TO TAKE  
MY CONCERNS INTO CONSIDERATION.  
AND THEN SUZANNE, THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT YOU HAVE MET WITH ME, WE'VE  
HAD COFFEE TOGETHER.  
AND LIKE THE OTHER CALLERS, VERY, VERY THOUGHTFUL.  
WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS AGREED.  
BUT YOU LISTENED TO MY CONCERNS, YOU'VE REACHED OUT TO MY FAMILY.  
YOU'VE MET MY KIDS.  
AND AGAIN, THE -- SOMEONE ELSE HAS SAID THIS BUT JUST WHY Y'ALL DO  
THIS I DON'T KNOW.  
IT HAS BECOME VERY PARTISAN AND DIVISIVE IN A LOT OF WAYS IN OUR SMALL  
TOWN.  
BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THIS PERSONAL AND  
YOU MADE IT PERSONAL.  
YOU'VE REACHED OUT TO ME ON A PERSONAL LEVEL.  
AND THEN MOVING FORWARD, CONGRATULATION TO AMY AND DAVID.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU BOTH AS WE MOVE OUT OF THE



PANDEMIC, AS THINGS BEGIN TO CHANGE.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WANTING TO MAINTAIN THE SMALL FEEL OF OUR TOWN.

BUT REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, JIM.

ANYONE ELSE?

[ SPEAKER OFF MIC ]

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

UNKNOWN CALLER.

SPAM?

[INAUDIBLE]

>> HI.

THIS IS LINDA.

CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> HI.

MY HUSBAND PAUL AND I HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH FOR DECADES.

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED THESE THREE YEARS TO SAY THAT WE LIVE IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES MIGHT BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

SO MANY HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL NOT NOTICING WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HUMANITY.

IN ALL OF THIS THE SHINING BEACON LIGHT WAS SUZANNE HADLEY, LEADING THE CHARGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

FEARLESS AND STEADFAST.

BUT COVID FEAR MONGERING LEADING TO MASKING, MASKING, MASKING,  
TESTING, TESTING, TESTING, SHUTTERING AND DESTRUCTION OF SMALL  
BUSINESS AMERICA, CLOSING THE SCHOOLS, DESTROYING THE CHILDREN.

ONE PERSON SAW THROUGH ALL OF THE DELIBERATE TAKING OF OUR FREEDOM  
AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN IS SUZANNE HADLEY.

FEARLESS AND STEAD FAST.

THE CORE NARRATIVE AND THE BEAT A HORSE TO DEATH, THE CONTINUATION  
OF THE CHILDREN BE TAUGHT TO HATE AMERICA, TO NEVER USE CRITICAL  
THINKING, TO LOSE ALL INDIVIDUALISM AND ALL THAT MAKES EACH OF US  
UNIQUE.

ONE PERSON WHO SAW THROUGH ALL OF THOSE LIES WAS SUZANNE HADLEY,  
FEARLESS AND STEADFAST.

FOR A THANKLESS UNRELENTING FIGHT, FOR THE REST OF US SHE WAS FACED  
WITH ENEMIES FROM WITHIN, FELLOW COUNCIL WOMEN BASHED HER WITH CON  
DESCENDING ATTITUDES, SETTING UP A POLITICAL HATE PAC TO COLLECT  
THOUSANDS.

HOMOPHOBIC AND BOOK BURNER WERE SOME OF THE NAMES.

I FOR ONE FIGURED EVENTUALLY THE BLIND WILL SEE, ESPECIALLY AFTER  
THE MOST RECENT RELEASE OF THE ANALYSIS OF OVER 600 PAGES AND THE  
RELEASE OF ALL OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES CORRESPONDENCE ON TWITTER.  
WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL HAD WEAPONIZED EVERY  
VENUE TO DESTROY HUMANITY DOWN TO WHAT USED TO BE OUR LITTLE SLEEPY  
TOWN.

THE ONE PERSON WHO NEVER WAVERED IN HER DETERMINATION TO STAND BY  
THE CHILDREN OF MANHATTAN BEACH, SUZANNE HADLEY.

FEARLESS AND STEADFAST.

ON BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND AND MY SIX CHILDREN AND THE REST OF MY EXTENDED  
FAMILY, WE OWE MANY, MANY DEBTS OF GRATITUDE TO SUZANNE HADLEY.

WE WILL MISS YOU AND WE WILL CONTINUE -- AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO  
BE AN INSPIRATION TO MANY YOUNG WOMEN.

THANK YOU, SUZANNE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, LINDA.

OKAY.

HEATHER.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS HEATHER KYM AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME  
TO THANK SUZANNE HADLEY ONCE AGAIN.

LAST WEEK I DID MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT -- I WASN'T QUITE SURE HOW WE  
FIRST MET AND NOW I REMEMBER.

BUT YOU REMEMBERED AND YOU TEXTED ME AND YOU SAID IT WAS BECAUSE -- IT  
WAS ABOUT THE TOBACCO BAN.

THAT WAS THE FIRST ISSUE THAT I SPOKE TO COUNCIL ABOUT.

AND YOU CAME AND YOU REALLY FOUGHT HARD FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES IN  
TOWN WHO WERE SELLING LEGAL PRODUCTS TO ADULTS AND YOU CAME UP TO  
ME AND YOU TOLD ME THAT, OH, SORRY, YOU KNOW, I TRIED EVERYTHING I  
COULD AND DIDN'T QUITE GO THE WAY WE WANTED IT TO.

I REALLY APPRECIATE HOW MUCH LOVE AND CARE THAT YOU HAVE FOR THE SMALL  
BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

YOU WERE SUCH AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN KIDS NEED CLASSROOMS.

I PROUDLY DISPLAY THOSE YARD SIGNS.

AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEARD FOR ALL OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE MANHATTAN BEACH A SAFER PLACE FOR THE RESIDENTS AND FOR THE BUSINESS OWNERS.

AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN -- I DON'T KNOW HOW ABOUT EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT WHEN I VOTE I KNOW I VOTE WITH MY HEART AND WITH MY HEAD BECAUSE I'M -- BUT I'M NOT VOTING BASED ON WHO HAS A PENIS OR A VAGINA OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NONE OF THAT STUFF MATTER TO ME.

IT'S ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE CANDIDATE.

THAT'S SOMETHING YOU REALLY HAVE.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WHEN I THINK OF SUZANNE HADLEY, I THINK OF THE WORD INTEGRITY.

EVEN WHEN IT COMES AT GREAT COST TO YOU PERSONALLY AND FINANCIALLY. IN EVERY WAY.

THE AMOUNT OF ATTACK YOU HAVE TAKEN DURING THIS CAMPAIGN SEASON HAS BEEN UNREAL AND EYE OPENING.

I HOPE THAT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WITH AMY HOWORTH AND DAVID LESSER -- I REALLY PRAY FOR THEIR SUCCESS BECAUSE THEIR SUCCESS MEANS A SUCCESSFUL MANHATTAN BEACH.

A PLACE THAT WE -- AND THE SUCCESS OF ALL THREE OF YOU GUYS HERE ON COUNCIL AS WELL.

BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO CREATE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK AND PLAY HERE.

AND SO I DON'T WANT THEM TO FAIL.

BUT THEY HAVE AWFULLY BIG SHOE TO FILL WITH SOMEONE LIKE SUZANNE.

AND SO I REALLY WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR NEXT ENDEAVORS AND I KNOW

IT WILL ALWAYS BE SOMETHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH HELPING MANHATTAN

BEACH TO BECOME GREATER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

THAT'S HOW LONG I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE WE MET HERE FOUR YEARS AGO.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO AMY AND DAVID.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, HEATHER.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

>> HI.

RITA CRABTREE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT.

TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HILDY STERN AND SUZANNE HADLEY FOR THEIR

SERVICE TO OUR CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL IS A DAUNTING PROCESS.

AT ONCE IT IS INVIGORATING AND INTIMIDATING.

I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU EACH TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE BECAUSE YOU

CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO OUR COMMUNITY.

HILDY, THANK YOU TO YOUR LOVE AND COMMITMENT THE FOUR-SQUARE MILE

COMMUNITY.

YOU BROUGHT A PASSION FOR KINDNESS AND CARING.

SUZANNE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU STOOD STRONG IN YOUR BELIEFS AND REMAIN STEADFAST IN YOUR

COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND WE HONORED YOUR LEADERSHIP.

YOU WERE DEVOTED TO SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU SUPPORTED A STRONG APPROACH TO PROTOCOLS AND COMPASSIONATE SOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MB SAFE FOR THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY AND THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING HARD AND TIRELESSLY.

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IS A PRIME OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTING AND FORGIVING.

THIS TIME OF YEAR IS A PRIME OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ADJUST AND TO CREATE TOLERANCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE A VAST POPULATION IN OUR SMALL AND SPECTACULAR TOWN.

PLEASE, HILDY, SUZANNE, STAY INVOLVED, IN-TUNED, ENGAGED AND I SPREAD THAT MESSAGE TO EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SERVICE, DEDICATION AND STEADFASTNESS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

AND I WELCOME AMY AND DAVID AND I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT YOUR NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL LOOK LIKE.

AND I KNOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE BEHIND YOU FULL STOP.

THANKS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY STAFF.

I'M KAREN.

THANK YOU TO OUR COUNCIL FOR THE CONTINUED SERVICE AS WE GO INTO THE

NEW YEAR.

SERVICE JOBS ARE HARD.

TOPICS ARE HARD TO WORK THROUGH AND ADDRESS.

SO THANK YOU TO SUZANNE AND TO HILDY FOR YOUR PATHWAY THAT YOU HAVE STARTED AND PUT THIS TEAM ON BOARD.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SAY THANK YOU SPECIFICALLY TO COUNCILMEMBER STERN.

HILDY, YOU CAME INTO THIS ROLE WITH A LITTLE BIT OF EXPERIENCE AND AN AWFUL LOT OF WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN, APPRECIATE TO LEARN, AN APPETITE TO LEARN, PASSION FOR THE CITY AND PEOPLE OF MANHATTAN BEACH. YOUR HUMILITY AND CARE SPOKE VOLUMES WHEN IT CAME TO ADDRESSING DIFFICULT TOPICS.

AND YOUR ABILITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK CAME TO THE SURFACE WHEN YOU HAD TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS.

YOU SHOWED VULNERABILITY WHEN IT CAME TO FORGING NEW PATHWAYS.

AND WITH GRACE AND DIGNITY YOU PUSHED THROUGH TO SOME LEVEL OF AGREEING TO DISAGREE.

YOUR KINDNESS AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT WAS SO APPRECIATED AND VALUED BY SO MANY, NOT JUST THOUGH WHO RAN INTO YOU ON PINE AVENUE OR MARINE WHEN YOU WERE WALKING THE DOG.

YOUR PASSION AND DRIVE HAS LEFT A MARK ON THE LOCAL ART INSTALLMENTS TO THE PEACE HALL.

THE TRUTH IS THE LIST OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WOULD TAKE ME BEYOND MY PUBLIC COMMUNITY TIME LIMIT.

THE TIMING IS WHAT IT IS, I AND SO MANY HERE TONIGHT HOPE YOU TAKE TONIGHT AND THE COMING WEEK TO REMIND YOURSELF THAT YOU DID GREAT. PLEASE BE PROUD OF ALL THAT YOU HAVE SAID, THAT YOU'VE TOUCHED, YOU VOTED FOR, YOU VOTED AGAINST AND SUPPORTED, ET CETERA.

BE MINDFUL AND THANKFUL FOR THE RELATIONSHIPS YOU'VE BUILT, CREATED AND FOSTER AND MAKE SURE TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON GROWING THEM BECAUSE MANY WILL BE FRIENDS FOR A LIFETIME.

CONTINUE TO SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ALL THAT OUR CITY HAS TO OFFER BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO LISTEN AND WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

AND LET OUT THAT LONG SIGH THAT YOUR WORK IS DONE.

AND YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

I HOPE THAT YOU FEEL ALL OF THAT TONIGHT AND IN THE COMING WEEKS. THANK YOU.

TO DAVID AND AMY, CONGRATULATION TO THE BOTH OF YOU AND FOR YOUR NEW AND RETURNED ROLE TO THE DAIS.

THANK YOU FOR BOTH BEING WILLING TO STEP IN AND BE A PART OF OUR CITY'S LEADERSHIP TEAM.

ALL OF YOU HAVE SOME EXCITING WORK TO DO IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD AND THE COMMUNITY IS PATIENTLY WAITING AND EXCITED TO HEAR WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO.

YOU TOO HAVE THE RIGHT ENERGY, DRIVE AND PASSION TO TAKEN TO ISSUES THAT ARE COMING AND WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON.

I'M PROUD TO CALL YOU BOTH FRIENDS AND APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR PASSION



FOR OUR CITY AND THE COMMITMENT TO SERVING ON BEHALF OF EACH AND EVERY PERSON IN THE 90266.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE.

>> HI.

I'M DIANE LEVITT.

I LIVE ON THE 1800 BLOCK OF 5<sup>th</sup> STREET.

I RECENTLY MOVED BACK TO MANHATTAN BEACH AFTER EIGHT YEARS IN NEW YORK CITY.

IT'S BETTER HERE, I'M REPORTING.

IT WAS WONDERFUL ACTUALLY TO BE HERE DURING AN ELECTION YEAR.

WORKING ON A CITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN I GOT TO MEET OUR WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF CIVICALLY ENGAGED, ACTIVE RESIDENTS WHO TRULY LOVE OUR CITY AND DEVOTED HONESTLY SEEMINGLY BOUNDLESS ENERGY TO THAT ENGAGEMENT.

IT REMINDED ME OF ALL THAT IS GREAT ABOUT OUR CITY AND HOW MUCH I LOVE LIVING AND SERVING HERE.

I SHARE THE GRATITUDE OF THIS COMMUNITY TO OUR OUTGOING MEMBERS AND I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO HILDY FOR HER COMPASSION AND FOR A FOCUS ON INCLUSIVITY AND KINDNESS, REMINDING US THAT THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US, BUT ESPECIALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR LEADERSHIP.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT TO CHECK ON ME RIGHT OF MY DAUGHTER'S RECENT SURGERY.

I WAS REALLY GRATEFUL IN THE MIDDLE OF A CAMPAIGN THAT YOU COULD DO THAT.

THANK YOU.

SO I'M ALSO VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE ELECTION OF AMY AND DAVID.

AMY AND I HAVE BEEN IN THE TRENCHES TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS THROUGH MANY EFFORTS TO BUILD OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

I HAVE WATCHED YOU GROW AS A LEADER AND INTO A LEADER WHO SERVES WITH BOTH PASSION AND POISE.

I COULDN'T BE MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT HAVING AMY'S SMARTS, HEART, VISION, JUDGMENT AND YES, STYLE -- NO OFFENSE, STEVE -- ON THE CITY COUNCIL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: PINK TIE AND ALL.

>> ONLY YOU COULD GET ME TO WEAR PINK PANTS TO A CITY COUNCIL MEETING. CONGRATULATIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

I THINK.

ALL RIGHT.

>> GOOD EVENING AGAIN.

SO I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND I FELT THAT I COVERED EVERYTHING SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE TOO MUCH OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS' TIME.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE AMY HOWORTH AND DAVID LESSER.

BUT AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT YOU SERVED YOUR LAST YEAR WITH A BROKEN BACK, WHICH I THINK WAS ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, AND NOT ONLY THAT, YOU ALSO LOST

YOUR MOTHER.

I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK TONIGHT, BUT TO SEE YOU TEARING UP AND IT'S JUST LIKE -- IT'S KIND OF GUT WRENCHING BECAUSE I KNOW THIS IS SO HARD FOR YOU AND IT'S BEEN SUCH A HARD CAMPAIGN.

THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH UNFAIR AND VILE AND UNKIND HATE SPREAD TOWARDS YOU REPEATEDLY OVER AND OVER.

AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO SO MANY RESIDENTS. I GUESS OUR VOTES WEREN'T ENOUGH TO PUSH YOU OVER AND GRANT YOU ANOTHER SEAT.

BUT WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR YOUR STRENGTH. BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE SITTING WITH A BROKEN BACK FOR HOURS AND HOURS, LET ALONE JUST TAKING ALL OF THE VILE AND INTENSE HATE THAT'S BEEN DIRECTED AT YOU.

AND FOR THAT I AM TERRIBLY SORRY, EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T FROM ME. SO I THINK THAT KIND OF COVERS IT.

I ALSO WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU, COUNCILMEMBER STERN, BECAUSE I DID GET INTO IT WITH YOU ON THE STREET AFTER THE ARMED ROBBERY.

I WAS A LITTLE OVER THE TOP AND DEFINITELY INAPPROPRIATE.

AND I MEAN THAT SINCERELY.

I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THIS NORMALIZATION OF CRIME THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CITY, THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTY, THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY REALLY, YOU KNOW.

ARMED ROBBERIES.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIKE GO OVER AND OVER WHAT IT IS.

WE SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.

AND I FEEL THAT ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS GASCON, IT'S KIND OF -- THERE'S A LINK TO THAT.

YOU SAID IN ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS YOU WANTED TO SEE HOW CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PANNED OUT AND WE'RE SEEING IT.

WE HAD ANOTHER ROBBERY OF ANOTHER JEWELRY STORE IN TOWN OVER THE WEEKEND.

BUT I APOLOGIZE FOR MY LACK OF KINDNESS WHEN I SAW YOU THAT DAY, THE DAY AFTER THE ARMED ROBBERY.

BACK TO SUZANNE, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

AND I DO HOPE THAT THE INCOMING COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE PUBLIC SAFETY SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THERE'S JUST -- IT'S TOO MUCH AND WE CAN'T NORMALIZE CRIME.

I THINK AS A COMMUNITY WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT TOGETHER AND WE CAN ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE.

IT'S NOT NORMAL TO HAVE THESE THINGS HAPPENING.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: WE COULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU A MICROPHONE.

>> I WASN'T SURE I WAS GOING TO MAKE IT TODAY.

BUT I COULDN'T MISS IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, HILDY.

AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUZANNE.

SUZANNE, OUR FAMILY WILL MISS SEEING YOU ON CITY COUNCIL.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AND YOU ARE STRONG AND POISED AND I HOPE MY GRANDDAUGHTERS CARRY THE SAME CORE VALUES AND LOVE FOR THEIR TOWN AND COUNTRY AS YOU HAVE, SUZANNE.

AND I'M LUCKY TO CALL YOU A FOREVER FRIEND.

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID AND AMY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OTHER SPEAKERS.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

THERE IS?

SALLY PEEL.

>> HI.

I'M TRYING TO UNPAUSE MY CAMERA HERE.

OKAY.

WELL I'M NOT ABLE TO.

BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M SALLY PEEL AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR TECHNOLOGY SO I COULD STEP AWAY FROM WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT NOW AND JOIN YOU TO THANK ALL OF CITY COUNCIL.

WORKING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER AND TO WORK WITH YOU IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL CARES DEEPLY ABOUT OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOLS.

AND I AM REALLY, REALLY GRATEFUL FOR HILDY AND HER EMPHASIS ON PEACE AND KINDNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND TO EVERYONE WHO IS SERVING AND HAS SERVED ON CITY COUNCIL, I THANK YOU BECAUSE I KNOW THAT BEING IN PUBLIC SERVICE IS NOT EASY.

FOR THE SAME REASON AND MANY MORE, I THANK AMY AND DAVID FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL AND I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO REALLY GOOD WORK GOING FORWARD.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH THE DISTRICT AND HOW YOU WILL IMPROVE OUR CITY BEYOND WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE.

AGAIN, I JUST WANT THE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND WISH YOU THE BEST YEAR AHEAD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, SALLY.

ANYBODY ELSE?

[ SPEAKER OFF MIC ]

>> Mayor Napolitano: NOBODY ELSE.

NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

ALL RIGHT.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOY DRIVE IS SATURDAY, 12/17, 11 A.M. AT 710 PIER AVENUE.

HERMOSA BEACH IS OUR COHOST AND THEY'RE HOSTING THIS YEAR, THIS SATURDAY, 11 A.M.

BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS.

IT'S GOING TO BE IN PERSON.

YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS.

WRAP UP TOYS AND WE GO FROM THERE.

THIS SATURDAY, 12/17, 710 PIER A, HERMOSA BEACH, 11 A.M.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS?

WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEM F, THE REORGANIZATION.

'TIS THE SEASON AS THEY SAY.

NOW THAT WE'VE ALIGNED OUR ELECTIONS WITH THE MIDTERM PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, THERE'S A LOT OF THIS GOING ON AS YOU'VE SEEN ACROSS THE SOUTHLAND.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY AND MYSELF WERE JUST AT THE HERMOSA CHANGING OF THE GUARD LAST YEAR.

JUSTIN STOLE MY LINE.

PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO HERE TONIGHT.

WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER ONE HERE, OUR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.

CAN WE GET -- WHERE'S MY CITY CLERK ON THIS.

DO WE NEED TO HAVE A MOTION?

>> YES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COULD WE GET A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER ONE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: SO MOVED, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

MOVED.

SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

THAT'S ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NEXT ITEM TWO IS CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CITING THE FACTS OF THE NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

THIS IS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-0166 AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO CODIFY ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-0013 AS ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS.

WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER STERN.

WE HAVE A VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

PLEASE VOTE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

AND THAT TAKES US TO ITEM THREE, WHICH IS OUR ACTUAL CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION.

AND WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SUZANNE HADLEY.

ALL RIGHT.

STAFF ALWAYS GIVES ME A SCRIPT AND I ALWAYS GO OFF SCRIPT.

I'M SUPPOSED TO RECOGNIZE ANY FORMER MAYORS AND DIGNITARIES IN THE AUDIENCE OR ON ZOOM.

I HAVE NO IDEA IF YOU'RE THERE.

PLEASE TELL ME.

IN THE MEANTIME I DID SEE OUT THERE, I SAW FORMER ASSEMBLY MEMBER



DAVID HADLEY, FORMER MAYOR WAYNE POWELL, MARY CAMPBELL, FORMER MAYOR  
RUSS LESSER, FORMER MAYOR JIM HOLMES, FORMER MAYOR AND CURRENT  
TREASURER TIM LILLIGREN.

LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR SERVICE.

[APPLAUSE]

RUSS IS HERE TO.

SAW HIM AT LUNCH.

SAW HIM HERE.

HE'S EVERYWHERE.

I'M GOING TO ASK COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY TO COME JOIN ME HERE.

THIS IS THE TIME WHERE WE PRESENT ALL OF THE GIFTS AND PLAQUES AND  
EVERYTHING ELSE.

WE'RE OUT OF LIGHT.

I GUESS WE CAN'T AFFORD LIGHT IN MANHATTAN BEACH ANYMORE.

THIS IS THE WRONG ONE.

SUZANNE.

AND FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, I DIDN'T BRING MY GLASSES.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH THESE TWO WOMEN DID IN MANHATTAN BEACH,  
IT'S IN ABOUT TWO-POINT TYPE PARAGRAPH AFTER PARAGRAPH AFTER  
PARAGRAPH HERE.

AND IT'S JUST EXEMPLARY.

I WANT TO THANK THE AUDIENCE FOR GIVING MY SPEECH TONIGHT FOR BOTH  
OF THESE WOMEN.

ALL YOU SAID I WANT TO INCORPORATE IN MY COMMENTS AS WELL.

A FEW THINGS I WANT TO PICK OUT FOR YOU SUZANNE.

THAT IS DURING YOUR TERM -- THIS GOES A LOT FOR BOTH OF YOU -- SUZANNE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO FOCUS ON PHYSICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY, HOMELESSNESS.

SHE PARTICIPATED IN LOCAL, STATE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS VIA CITY COUNCIL SEGMENTS, LED THE MAYOR'S TOWN HALL ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND A CHAMPION OF HONORING AND PROMOTING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND YOUTH-OWNED LOCAL BUSINESSES AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

YOU KNOW, THE NEXT PARAGRAPH AGAIN GOES TO BOTH IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF SUZANNE'S TERM ON CITY COUNCIL OCCURRED DURING THE MIDST OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

AND EVERYONE HAS A COVID STORY AND THEY'RE STILL HAVING STORIES ABOUT COVID.

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT BEING IN ELECTED OFFICE AT THAT TIME THAT THESE TWO, AND MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL, THAT IT REALLY IS INCOMPARABLE.

AND THE DEDICATION, THE TIME THEY PUT IN.

WE WERE DOING THREE MEETINGS A WEEK.

THAT WAS ON TOP OF A LOT OF DISCUSSION WITH STAFF, MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY, UNTOLD HOURS, COUNTLESS HOURS OF DEDICATION BY BOTH OF THESE TWO TO KEEPING MANHATTAN BEACH SAFE, DOING THE BEST THAT CAN BE DONE BY FOLLOWING THE RULES AS THEY WERE EVER CHANGING AND MOST OF ALL WORKING TO KEEP OUR BUSINESSES UP AND RUNNING TOO.

KEEPING PEOPLE EMPLOYED.

AND THIS HAS A WHOLE LIST OF OTHER THINGS.

SUZANNE, YOU WORKED DILIGENTLY DURING OUR TERM ON COUNCIL, ADDRESSED MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES, INCLUDING POLICING AND PARTNERSHIPS IN MANHATTAN BEACH THAT WAS HELD AFTER A PERIOD OF CIVIL UNREST, THE CREATION OF THE BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS OUR PAST HISTORY THERE, DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAQUE AND ART PROJECT, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS, CROSSWALKS, OUTDOOR DINING, A BIG CHAMPION OF OUTDOOR DINING, SEA LEVEL RISE, PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE.

IT GOES ON AND ON.

I COULD DO THAT WITH THE NEW CITY LOGO, POLLIWOG PARK, FIRE STATION TWO, MAINTAINING OUR AAA CREDIT RATING, THE FIRST CERTIFIED BLUE CITY BY PROJECT O, WORLD NO TOBACCO AWARD FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND RECEIVED \$1.5 MILLION FROM FEMA AND \$8.4 MILLION SO WE COULD REINVEST IN THE COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LOSSES OF COVID.

BUT BEYOND THESE THINGS, BEYOND THESE MEETINGS HERE, REALLY 80 WERE 90% OF THE COUNCILMEMBER'S TIME IS DOING STUFF THAT YOU'LL NEVER SEE. IT'S NOT PART OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

IT'S ANSWERING ALL OF THE E-MAILS, THE PHONE CALLS.

GOING TO THE SUPERMARKET AND SPENDING AN HOUR THERE WHEN YOU WENT FOR A LOAF OF BREAD BECAUSE SOMEONE CAME UP TO YOU AND SAID WHAT ABOUT THIS AND WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING WHEN YOU MADE THAT DECISION. WE GET THAT A LOT.

AND UNDERSTOOD.

THAT COMES WITH THE JOB.

BUT BOTH OF THESE WOMEN AND SUZANNE, YOU, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, YOU LIKE THE TERM IRON SHARPENS IRON AND YOU CERTAINLY SHARPENED THIS COUNCIL AND THIS COMMUNITY AND THE STAFF IN TO DO THEIR BEST FOR THIS CITY.

YOU HEARD IT ALL TONIGHT.

YOU WERE STEAD FAST, YOU MAINTAINED YOUR CORE VALUES AL ALL TIMES. YOU CHALLENGED WHEN THINGS NEEDED TO BE CHALLENGED AND YOU SPOKE UP WHEN YOU FELT YOU NEEDED TO SPEAK UP.

WE ALL DID OUR BEST TOGETHER BUT, YOU KNOW, THE BIG HEART THAT A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T SEE ON THE DAY-TO-DAY BASIS YOU SAW HERE TONIGHT. AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE OF.

BUT SHE PUT HERSELF INTO THIS ONE THOUSAND PERCENT.

AND YOU KNOW, I WOULD BE TEXTING OR E-MAILING AT MIDNIGHT OR 1 A.M. AND SHE WOULD BE RESPONDING RIGHT BACK WITH SOME ISSUE.

WE WON'T TELL DAVID.

BUT THE FACT IS JUST THAT YOU PUT SO MUCH INTO THIS AND WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DID.

ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THE TWO OF YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT IN ANYONE'S MIND.

YOU WORE IT ON YOUR SLEEVE.

YOU DID A GREAT JOB AND WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH WHAT YOU DID AND WE

JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THANK YOU, SUZANNE.

[APPLAUSE]

I'M GOING TO PASS THE MICROPHONE OFF HERE TO MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY FOR PRESENTATION OF CITY PLAQUE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

BUY SOME TIME BEFORE SUZANNE COMES BACK.

BUT THE MAYOR TOUCHED ON MOST OF IT.

A LOT OF IT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES.

SUZANNE, BEFORE SHE COMES BACK, THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT.

BESIDES THE MEETINGS THAT THE MAYOR TALKS ABOUT.

REMEMBER COVID?

WE WERE ALL THERE.

REMEMBER THE THOUSAND-PERSON PROTEST AT THE PIER.

MOST OF US STAYED AT HOME.

DIDN'T WANT TO COME DOWN.

WE SAW THE NEWS ABOUT SANTA MONICA.

WE SAW L.A.

WE SAW THE DAMAGE BEING DONE.

A LOT OF RESIDENTS DIDN'T SHOW UP.

[INAUDIBLE] LED THE WAY TO BARRICADE UP ALL OF THE STOREFRONTS.

WHAT YOU DIDN'T SEE IS AFTER THE CHIEF TALKS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS

AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS SAYING WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THE CITY SAFE.

THERE SHE IS.

TALKING ABOUT THE PIER.

SUZANNE AND I STOOD ABOVE IT ALL AND WATCHED EVERYTHING BELOW IT.  
IT MEANT A LOT TO PEOPLE TO SEE US STANDING THERE ABOVE EVERYTHING  
ELSE.

WE WEREN'T GOING TO HIDE LIKE OTHER CITY OFFICIALS DID.

WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

OUR COUNCILMEMBERS WERE THERE, OUR CHIEF, OUR STAFF, MOE WAS THERE.  
WHATEVER WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, WE WANTED TO BE THERE AND SHOW WE'RE  
NOT WALKING AWAY.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THE DOWNTOWN BURN.

THAT WASN'T WHAT HAPPENED.

SUZANNE STOOD THERE NEXT TO ME.

NO ONE KNOWS.

IT WAS NEVER PICTURED ANYWHERE.

ONE OF THE LITTLE THINGS THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT YOU DID.

SO MUCH HAPPENS, FOLKS, THAT YOU DON'T SEE.

AND I HAD THE UNIQUE HONOR OF BEING MAYOR DURING COVID AND I GET TO  
HAND THE BALL TO SUZANNE.

COVID DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE.

SUZANNE BOT THE THICK OF IT.

AND LIKE STEVE SAID, THE CHANGING RULES, WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAPPENED BECAUSE WE WERE UNITED AGAINST THAT  
STAND.

YES, THE MASKING PART AND THE FIGHT CAME LATER.

BUT WHAT NO ONE ELSE SAW WAS THE MEETINGS.

WHEN YOU WERE WORKING AT HOME WE WERE DOING COUNCIL.

NEVER IN HISTORY HAS COUNCIL MET THREE DAY AS WEEK EVER.

I HOPE WE NEVER DO THAT AGAIN.

ALL OF THESE GRAY HAIRS THAT I HAVE AND STEVE HAS NOW -- I HAVE MORE THAN YOU, STEVE.

YEAH.

THAT ALL CAME WITH COVID STRESS AND WE LIVED FOUR TERMS DURING THAT TIME.

WE DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE THAT AGAIN.

THE PEOPLE THAT STOOD BY YOU, THESE FIVE THAT WERE THERE, WE ALL REMEMBER.

NEVER FORGET THAT PART OF IT.

SO MUCH LEFT INSIDE.

AND THEN SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

SHE WORKS RIGHT NEXT DOOR AT THE LIBRARY ONE DAY A WEEK.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON -- FOUR DAYS A WEEK.

SHE'S NEXT DOOR.

SO WE THANK HER FOR HER SERVICE.

MORE IMPORTANTLY I REMEMBER ALL OF THAT AND I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I TYPED THAT UP MYSELF.

NEXT UP COUNCILMEMBER JOE FRANKLY PRESENTING THE PIER PHOTO BOOK.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU.

SO SUZANNE, I ALSO WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS, BUT WE GOT YOU THIS MANHATTAN BEACH PHOTO ALBUM WHICH IS REALLY KIND OF IRONIC BECAUSE BEING A LIBRARIAN YOU USUALLY READ BOOKS BUT HERE YOU CAN ACTUALLY JUST LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND IT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT EASIER.

IN FACT I WAS SO INTIMIDATED YOU WOULD ALWAYS BE TALKING ABOUT THESE BOOKS AND YOU WOULD BRING THAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE INTO YOUR COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND THAT'S A GREAT ASSET.

SO I'M GOING TO READ THIS OTHERWISE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH IT, OKAY.

SO NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE THINKS, ONE IS NEVER QUITE READY TO ADDRESS THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF ISSUES THAT COME TO THE DAIS EVERY TWO WEEKS. BUT IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIME OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY.

AND THIS COUNCIL HAS HAD SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES OF ANY COUNCIL THAT I CAN REMEMBER.

I LEARNED FROM YOU THAT ONE MOST FOLLOW ONE'S HEART AND ADD EQUAL MEASURES OF LIFE'S EXPERIENCES, COMMON SENSE, RESEARCH CORE PRINCIPLES AND MOST IMPORTANT LISTENING TO AND RESPECTING OUR RESIDENTS.

YOU HAVE A VOTING RECORD WHICH YOU CAN BE PROUD AND HAVE HELPED GUIDE MANHATTAN BEACH THROUGH MANY TOUGH ISSUES.



YOU ALWAYS LED WITH YOUR HEART, ALWAYS WITH THE RESIDENTS FOREMOST  
IN YOUR MIND AND THE UNSELFISH DESIRE TO SEE THE CITY YOU LOVE  
PROTECTED AND MADE EVEN BETTER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR DEDICATION AND VALUABLE SERVICE TO OUR  
COMMUNITY.

I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, JOE.

AND NEXT UP, COUNCILMEMBER STERN.

YOU GET TO GIVE THE FUN STUFF AWAY.

THE BEACH TOWEL AND THE JACKET.

>> Councilmember Stern: I GET TO GIVE YOU A BEACH TOWEL AND A JACKET.

WELL I LIKE THAT WE GET TO DO SOMETHING FUN TOGETHER.

SO THAT'S KIND OF NICE.

SUZANNE, IT'S BEEN A JOURNEY WITH YOU.

THE TWO OF US STARTED IN JOURNEY TOGETHER.

IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME AGO BUT I REMEMBER US STANDING HERE  
TODAY AND SWEARING THAT WE WOULD UPHOLD THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY AND  
WE WOULD REPRESENT OUR CITY WELL AND BOY HAVE YOU EVER.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUCH AN ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY.

THIS AS YOU CAN HEAR SO MANY PEOPLE SO APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE  
DONE.

I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM YOU.

I'M REALLY SORRY IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS THAT WE HAVEN'T

HAD THE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD HAD WE NOT BEEN SO ISOLATED AND SO SEPARATED.

BUT I THINK EVEN WHEN WE WOULD COME TOGETHER, YOU AND I REALLY DID WORK TOGETHER WELL ON THE ISSUES THAT WE REALLY DID CARE ABOUT SIMILARLY.

AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

I REALLY APPRECIATED WHEN YOU WOULD COME TO ME AND WE WOULD TALK ABOUT ISSUES.

I APPRECIATED WORKING WITH YOU.

AND I REALLY LEARNED A LOT ABOUT WHAT STRONG ADVOCACY IS.

SO I WISH YOU THE VERY BEST.

I THINK YOU'LL PROBABLY BREATHE THE SAME SIGH THAT I DO WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING AND KNOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHECK YOUR CITY CALENDAR.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WILL BE A COMFORT TO YOU.

BUT IT WILL DEFINITELY BE ANOTHER PHASE OF YOUR LIFE AND I WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK WITH THAT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: STAY THERE, HILDY.

COUNCILMEMBER STERN, WE'RE RECOGNIZING YOU NEXT.

SO... [INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: NOPE NOT GOING TO DO IT.

NOPE.

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE, THOUGH, SO YOU'RE IN THE CENTER THERE.

NO.

BUT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE HILDY MAD FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND IT JUST CAN'T -- IT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

THE PICTURE OF GRACE AND POISE AS EVERYONE SAID AND IT'S TRUE.

AND AGAIN, ANOTHER TWO-POINT TYPE AND ALL OF THESE PARAGRAPHS AND A LOT OF THE SAME THINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO HIT ALL OF THE NOTES I DID BEFORE BUT AS WAS MENTIONED, SOME OF THE SPECIFIC THINGS YOU BROUGHT FORWARD WAS THE PEACE POLE THAT WE HAVE OUT HERE AT OUR CIVIC PLAZA.

YOU WERE A CHAMPION OF THE MB VERSUS HATE PROGRAM, UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK AND THE PROJECT THAT'S ONGOING, SO YOU'RE GOING THE STAY PARTICIPATING IN THAT.

YOU'VE DONE THE SAME THINGS, YOU BOTH DID, SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS, PUBLIC SAFETY, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, BEEN A BIG CHAMPION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

AND OF COURSE AS WE SAID, KINDNESS.

AND YOU LED WITH KINDNESS.

YOU LED WITH YOUR HEART.

AND YOU CERTAINLY RESPONDED TO PEOPLE IN THE SAME WAY.

AND YOU BROUGHT THEM IN AND YOU SHOWED THEM THAT THIS CITY CARED ABOUT THEM AND WE WANT TO ADDRESS THEIR ISSUES AND WE APPRECIATE THAT.

AND OF COURSE AS MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY SAID AND WE ALL KNOW, COVID HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF THIS.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

IT WAS UNFORTUNATE IN MANY WAYS FOR EVERYBODY BUT NOT BEING ABLE TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS WE OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE AND HAVING TO DO IT BY ZOOM A LOT TOOK AWAY A CERTAIN ASPECT THAT THIS GROUP NORMALLY WOULD HAVE.

BUT YOU DID IT AND WE DID IT TOGETHER AND WE STILL GOT A LOT DONE. AND THAT GOES TO ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, CLIMATE READY DOWNTOWN, OUTDOOR DINING, THE CLEAN LINES, YOU WERE A CHAMPION OF THAT OF MAKING US 100% GREEN AND NOW WE'RE SAVING MONEY AT THAT LEVEL EVEN DESPITE -- WE'RE SAVING MONEY COMPARED TO WHAT EDISON IS CHARGING.

SORRY, EDISON.

WE'LL TURN THE LIGHTS UP LATER.

BUT AGAIN, THE CITY LOGO.

AND YOU WEIGHED IN AND IT WAS JUST SEEING A LOT OF PROGRESS ALONG THE WAY, THOUGH.

I COULDN'T GET COUNCILMEMBER STERN TO SAY TWO WORDS IN MOST MEETINGS AND THEN IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF COULDN'T GET HER TO STOP. YOU FOUND YOUR VOICE.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY A COMPLIMENT.

YOU SPOKE UP, SAID YOUR PEACE, YOU WERE STEADFAST AS WELL.

YOU HAD YOUR OPINIONS, YOU SHARED THEM.

YOU STOOD UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVED IN AND YOU SPOKE UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVED IN.

AND THAT MEANS -- WHEN YOU SPEAK UP HERE, IT MEANS YOU'RE SPEAKING UP FOR A LOT OF OTHERS TOO.

YOU WERE A VOICE FOR A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS TOO.

YOU'RE BOTH AN AMAZING VOICE FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

AND YOU SPOKE UP ESPECIALLY ON A REGIONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS A LOCAL LEVEL.

THAT MEANS A LOT HERE.

AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE, THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, ALL OF THE PAST MAYORS BUT MOST OF ALL THE RESIDENTS, THE BUSINESSES AND THE VISITORS, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND I'M GOING TO SEE YOU WALKING AROUND THE TOWN.

I THINK YOU CIRCLE THE CITY ABOUT FIVE TIMES A DAY.

WE'LL SEE YOU OUT THERE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, HILDY.

[APPLAUSE]

[INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: SPEAKING OF, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, CITY PLAQUE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT HILDY, WHEN YOU STAND NEXT TO ME OR JOE OR STEVE, THE SIZE DIFFERENCE, RIGHT?

SHE'S SMALL BUT SHE CARRIES A BIG STICK.

AND AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED, REMEMBER THE OLD HUFFMAN COMMERCIALS,

THOSE OF YOU OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER WHO THOSE ARE.

WHEN HILDY TALKS, PEOPLE LEAN IN AND LISTEN BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE  
A HIGH VOICE OR A BIG BOOMING VOICE.

YOU HAVE TO LEAN IN TO HEAR WHAT SHE SAYS.

THAT'S HOW SHE GETS YOUR ATTENTION.

I FIGURED IT OUT IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS.

I HAD TO LEAN IN TO HER.

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

YOU WANT REGIONALS, WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT, JUST GIVE ME A  
COMMONSENSE ANSWER, WHAT MAKES SENSE TO YOU, GO TO HILDY.

SHE'LL TELL YOU.

NO FRILLS.

THIS IS WHAT I THINK.

THIS IS WHAT I SEE.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

YOU WERE MY SOUNDING BOARD FOR COMMON SENSE.

AND WHEN AMY LEFT WE DIDN'T HAVE A GREEN CHAMPION IN THE CITY.

HILDY WAS THE GREEN CHAMPION.

NOT JUST GREEN POWER LINES.

ANYTHING GREEN IN THE CITY, GO TO HER.

THE UTILITY SUBCOMMITTEE, THOSE MEETINGS THAT YOU DON'T HEAR ABOUT  
AND SEE.

THAT'S HILDY.

WHEN WE LOSE POWER FROM EDISON, HILDY GETS THEM ON THE PHONE, WHAT

HAPPENED?

WHEN ARE WE FIXING IT.

THAT'S HILDY.

ALL OF THE THINGS THAT YOU DON'T SEE, YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT AS THE POWER GOES OUT, YOU CAN THANK HILDY FOR THAT.

SHE'S THE ONE THAT GETS THE UTILITIES BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN GETTING THEM FIXED.

IT'S THE INCONVENIENCE OF LOSING POWER AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT GO ALONG WITH IT.

THANK YOU FOR BEING OR ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION AS WELL.

I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT THE MAYOR SAID BUT HERE'S THE FUN PART.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HILDY STERN 2019-2022.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WORKED FOR HOURS ON THIS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO HI, HILDY.

HILDY AND I ARE NEIGHBORS.

SO AND ALSO WE SHARE -- OUR CHILDREN ALL WENT TO PACIFIC SCHOOL TOGETHER.

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR PROBABLY 25 YEARS.

SO IT WAS GREAT TO FOLLOW YOU ON COUNCIL.

FIRST OF ALL, LET'S GIVE YOU THE BOOK.

SO YOU CAN -- YOU AND SUZANNE CAN COMPARE NOTES ABOUT ALL OF THE

PICTURES IN THERE.

AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROBABLY DO SOME NEW PHOTOS BECAUSE WE VOTED TO REDO THE HEIR, THE PIER RAILINGS.

SO I'M ALSO GOING TO READ SOME PREPARED NOTES, IF YOU DON'T MIND. SO WHILE WE OFTENTIMES LOOK AT THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY, I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT WE SUCCESSFULLY FOUND COMMON GROUND ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES.

THESE INCLUDE FULL STAFFING OF OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, VOTING FOR FIRE STATION 2, SUPPORTING FOR INCREASED HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY IMPACTFUL, SUPPORTING THE SCOUT HOUSE, SCHOOL SAFETY AND OUTDOOR DINING.

I LEARNED FROM YOU THAT I HAD TO BE PREPARED WHEN I PRESENTED MY CASE TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR A VOTE.

USING REASONING AND WELL-RESEARCHED FACTS FROM BALANCED SOURCES.

I'LL BE SEEING YOU AROUND TOWN AS WE UNCANDIDLY SEEM TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER FREQUENTLY ON OUR EXERCISE ROUTINES AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO COUNCIL AND ALSO FOR YOU HELP FOR ME AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Councilmember Hadley: IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING WITH YOU.

I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN HERE.

I'M GLAD WE SHARE THIS.

WE'LL ALWAYS SHARE OUR LAST FOUR YEARS TOGETHER.

IT'S BEEN QUITE A RIDE AND WISHING YOU AND OUR FAMILY THE BEST.



I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SON'S SERVICE IN THE MARINES AND WISH YOU WELL ON YOU FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

NOW, FOR BOTH OF THEM WE'VE GOT SEVERAL THINGS UP HERE.

I'M GOING TO LOOK IN THE AUDIENCE.

I KNOW THAT MARY CAMPBELL, FORMER MAYOR OF HERMOSA BEACH, THEY'RE MEETING TONIGHT AND COULDN'T BE HERE.

SHE IS STEPPING IN.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT THEY DRAG YOU BACK IN.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

IT'S BEEN LOVELY TO BE HERE.

YES, I AM A FORMER HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER 24 HOURS ALREADY.

AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY FOR IN ATTENDANCE LAST NIGHT AND REPRESENTING THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

AND YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS BROUGHT UP LAST NIGHT I WANTED TO SHARE IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT IS JUST HOW CLOSE AND NEIGHBORLY OUR BEACH CITIES ARE TOGETHER.

YOU KNOW, I SERVED AS MAYOR DURING TENTH AND WHEN COVID HIT, IT WAS MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND I WAS SITTING IN THE BACK ROOM OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL NEW LIBRARY -- IT'S NOT THAT NEW ANYMORE, IS IT?

IT SEEMS NEW EVERY TIME I DRIVE BY, WHICH I DID THIS EVENING -- AND

WE WERE JUST PRIOR TO LOCKDOWN AND WE WERE GETTING THE STRAIGHT SCOOP FROM SUPERVISOR HAUN AND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOLKS.

SO, YOU KNOW, WE WENT -- IT WAS PROBABLY A TIME WHEN MAYORS ACROSS THE -- FROM EL SEGUNDO WERE MEETING EVERY WEEK.

IT'S 23 YEARS I'VE BEEN IN THE SOUTH BAY AND MY HUSBAND AND I FIRST MOVED HERE -- WE DID TWO STINTS LIVING IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

THE FIRST STENT WAS AT 5<sup>th</sup> AND VALLEY IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

WE THOUGHT WE HAD DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN.

MY SON WAS JUST ABOUT TO START HIGH SCHOOL AT MIRA COASTA.

AND WE ALL SURFED.

WE WERE A SURF FAMILY.

I LOVE MANHATTAN BEACH.

WE LIVED ANOTHER TWO YEARS.

AT A SEPARATE TIME WE WERE RENTERS, GRAD STUDENTS AND RENTERS.

WE WERE BOUNCING BACK AND FORTH.

AND THEN LIVED IN THE TREE SECTION FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE WE MOVED BACK TO HERMOSA.

I LOVE BOTH CITIES.

I LOVE REDONDO AS WELL.

AND I WANT TO, YOU KNOW, CONGRATULATE AMY AND DAVID LESSER FOR THEIR ELECTION AND I'M HERE OFFICIALLY, AS THE MAYOR SAID, TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED VERY WELL THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

BECAUSE THE NEW VERSION OF THE COUNCIL MANHATTAN BEACH HAS THEIR

MEETING TONIGHT.

SO ON BEHALF OF HERMOSA BEACH I WOULD LIKE TO HONOR HILDY STERN AS THE MAYOR OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH DOES EXTEND OUR SINCEREST THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH BAY.

AND YES, YOU'RE GOING TO BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF WITH ONE LESS BIG E-MAIL BOX.

AND I WILL ALSO INVITE COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY AS WELL.

WE DEPARTMENT GET A CHANCE TO OVERLAP TOO MUCH BUT IT WAS VERY NICE TO HEAR ALL OF THE NICE COMMENTS AND YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CITY. I THANK YOU FOR THAT AS A FORMER RESIDENT AND A CURRENT SOUTH BAY RESIDENT.

SO WE CAN ALL GO TO COFFEE AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING WE WANT.

HAVE A LOVELY EVENING AND, OH, LET'S TAKE THE PICTURE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT I REALLY GOT FROM THAT IS MARY DOESN'T LIKE EL SEGUNDO.

NEXT UP, FROM THE CITY OF LAWNSDALE WE HAVE COUNCILMEMBER SUAREZ.

>> HI.

SO I'M BURNETTE SUAREZ.

WE ARE NOT A BEACH CITY BUT I STILL THINK WE'RE PRETTY COOL.

SO I JUST WANTED TO COME AND SHOW UP AND HAND THESE TO YOU IN PERSON.

THEY'RE CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FROM THE CITY OF LAWNSDALE.  
I KNOW AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IT'S A REALLY TOUGH JOB, LOTS OF HARD  
DECISIONS.  
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR JUMP IN THE POOL AND SWIMMING WITH THE  
SHARKS.  
AND JUST WANTED TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION AS A NEIGHBORING CITY.  
SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: THERE GO THE PICTURES.

ARE YOU ON THE PAYROLL?

YOU'RE NOT ON THE PAYROLL, ARE YOU?

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER SUAREZ.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER DIGNITARIES BEARING CERTIFICATES?

I MEAN THAT SERIOUSLY.

WE GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM.

THEY'RE THE SAME FOR BOTH.

SO IF THERE ARE NO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HERE, WE HAVE, FOR BOTH

COUNCILMEMBER STERN, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY, WE'VE GOT

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, GAVIN NEWSOM.

WE'VE GOT THANKS FROM -- THIS IS FROM CITY OF GARDENA.

THIS IS FROM THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES.

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS.

THE HILLS VERY ACTIVE.

WE GOT BEACH CITY'S HEALTH DISTRICT.

CITY OF RANCHO.

WITH NO SMALL IRONY, AND THIS IS FOR BOTH OF THEM, L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

AND SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

SO CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU CAN PICK THESE UP AFTER.

AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO YOUR COMMENTS AND WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH A SPEECH BY OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER SUZANNE HADLEY.

>> MR. MAYOR, ACTUALLY, IF I COULD JUST TAKE A MOMENT, WHILE STAFF DOESN'T HAVE A BEACH TOWEL TO GIVE EITHER ONE OF YOU, WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE TO YOU IS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORK.

IT WAS AN EFFORT AT TIMES.

YOU BOTH SOUGHT TO LEARN WHAT EACH DEPARTMENT DOES AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOU CAN HELP CHAMPION THAT AND LET THE RESIDENTS KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE CITY.

YOU TOOK IT SERIOUSLY AND EDUCATED YOURSELVES AND MET WITH DEPARTMENTS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A CITY.

I KNOW YOU BOTH HAVE A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THAT.

BUT WHAT YOU DID FOR US IS MAKE US A BETTER STAFF.

THAT HELPS US DO A BETTER JOB SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT YOU TOOK IN WORKING WITH US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELP YOU IN THE FUTURE IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Councilmember Hadley: THANK YOU.

WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN.

AFTER FOUR YEARS I'VE ARRIVED AT MY DESTINATION AND THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, EVENTFUL AND VERY SPECIAL.

I'D LIKE TO THANK MY ROCK AND MY HUSBAND DAVID.

RAISE YOUR HAND.

DAVID AND I CELEBRATED 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE THIS PAST SUMMER.

I WISH WE COULD HAVE HAD A BIG PARTY BUT MY BACK WAS A MONTH BEFORE, SO THAT INTERVENED.

I LOVE YOU, DAVID, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP THROUGHOUT OUR THREE DECADES TOGETHER.

SECONDLY OUR DAUGHTER FAITH IS HOME FROM OHIO FOR CHRISTMAS.

FAITH IS A SENIOR IN COLLEGE, SHE WAS WITH ME AT ANY FIRST CAMPAIGN KICKOFF AND NOW SHE'S HERE FOR MY SWEARING OUT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, HARD WORK AND GOOD COUNSEL THROUGHOUT.

YOU'VE HELPED ME BE A BETTER FRIEND AND COUNCILMEMBER.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR TOWN A SAFE, GREEN, CLEAN AND FUN AS POSSIBLE.

MANHATTAN BEACH IS SPECIAL.

I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING EVERY DAY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

SO THOSE OF YOU KNOW ME BEST KNOW I LOVE BOOKS AND I LOVE TO READ.

AND ALL GREAT LITERATURE HAS PLOT TWISTS.

SO FOR ME 2022 SERVED UP SEVERAL BIG PLOT TWISTS INCLUDING FALLING

DOWN THE STAIRS AND OF COURSE THIS ELECTION.

HAIR PIN TURNS BAKE LIFE INTERESTING AND I'M GOING TO KEEP READING MY BOOK OF LIFE TO SEE WHAT LIES AHEAD.

THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN A VERY SPECIAL ONE.

SO THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE FUN, THE LAUGHS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH I WON'T BELABOR TONIGHT.

I'LL CONTINUE TO WORK AT THE MB LIBRARY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU THERE AND OUT AND ABOUT WITHIN MANHATTAN BEACH.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISH TO THE NEW COUNCIL AND I WISH EACH OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY HANUKKAH AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY.

NOW COUNCILMEMBER STERN.

>> Councilmember Stern: I WANT TO STAND.

I DIDN'T REALLY PREPARE FORMAL COMMENTS AND I WAS HOPING THAT WHEN I STOOD HERE I WOULD ACTUALLY KNOW HOW TO SUMMARIZE THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

AND I FEEL A LITTLE BIT AT A LOSS SO I'M GIVING YOU A WARNING THAT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ADEQUATELY ARTICULATE WHAT IT FEELS LIKE. I'M AFRAID I MIGHT SAY SOMETHING VERY TRITE BUT I MEAN THIS SO SINCERELY FROM MY HEART.

IT HAS BEEN AN UNBELIEVABLE PRIVILEGE TO BE A MANHATTAN BEACH CITY

COUNCIL MEMBER.

IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO REPRESENT THIS CITY, TO LEARN THIS CITY AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT MAKES THE CITY TICK AND WHAT OUR RESIDENTS AND MY NEIGHBORS AND MY FAMILY REALLY CARE ABOUT.

SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE TRUST THAT YOU'VE PUT IN ME TO BE IN THIS POSITION FOR THESE ALMOST FOUR YEARS.

IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLE.

AND I REALLY -- YOU KNOW, I STARTED THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE SO MUCH IN THE POWER OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

AND I KNOW THAT THINGS HAPPEN ON A LOCAL LEVEL THAT CAN'T HAPPEN ANYWHERE ELSE.

THIS IS WHERE POLICIES ARE ENACTED, THIS IS WHERE THE HEARTS AND THE PASSION OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE PROTECTED.

IT'S LOCAL POLITICS.

THAT'S WHERE INITIATIVES GET INTRODUCED.

THAT'S HOW WE MAKE THINGS DONE.

SO I STAND WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND I SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR REALLY COMMITTING TO THE CITY TO BEING A PART OF OUR LOCAL POLITICS, TO BEING A PART OF THIS LOCAL, WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

I'VE BEEN ASKED SO MANY TIMES IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OR SO, WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN, WHEN PEOPLE FOUND OUT I WASN'T GOING TO RUN AGAIN FOR CITY COUNCIL.

AND IN SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS PEOPLE DID SAY TO ME, YOU KNOW, WAS IT BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A CHALLENGE OR IS IT BECAUSE THESE LAST



COUPLE YEARS WERE SO HARD TO BE A LEADER IN ANY COMMUNITY.  
AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE I GOT THAT ONE COMMENT THAT, YOU KNOW, I  
KNOW THIS IS SUCH A THANKLESS JOB.  
SO I JUST WANT THE SAY, I DO ACTUALLY AGREE WITH A COUPLE OF THOSE  
COMMENTS.  
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING JOB AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THAT  
I GOT THE CHANCE TO EMBRACE THAT CHALLENGE.  
I DON'T RUN AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE.  
I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE HARD.  
MY FRIENDS HAD ASKED ME TO RUN.  
THEY TOLD ME ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL.  
ABSOLUTELY TRIED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THAT CHALLENGE WOULD BE LIKE.  
AND I KNOW IT'S KIND OF LIKE CHILDBIRTH, NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN IT TO  
YOU.  
I'LL JUST SAY THIS TO THE WOMEN IN THE ROOM.  
NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU UNTIL YOU'VE DONE IT.  
BUT YOU'RE WILLING TO DO IT WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT THOSE BLESSINGS THAT  
IT BRINGS TO YOU AND THAT'S WHY I WAS WILLING TO DO THIS JOB, BECAUSE  
IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE BLESSING.  
AND YES, THESE LAST COUPLE YEARS HAVE BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED  
CHALLENGE, BUT AGAIN, I JUST -- I SO APPRECIATE THIS COMMUNITY FOR  
TRUSTING ME.  
I SO APPRECIATE THIS COMMUNITY FOR SHARING WITH ME YOUR CONCERNS AND  
I SO APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT HOW TO KEEP A COMMUNITY

SAFE.

WE ALL HAVE A WHOLE NEW VOCABULARY THAT INCLUDES THE PANDEMIC.

AND WE ALL HAVE A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO GO FORWARD AND STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY.

AND WHILE WE HOPE THAT COVID IS MOSTLY BEHIND US, WE KNOW THERE ARE PIECES OF IT THAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THAT WE WILL CARRY WITH US AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

BUT I DID WANT TO SAY ABOUT THAT ONE COMMENT THAT THIS IS A THANKLESS JOB, I KIND OF WANT TO TURN THAT ON ITS HEAD AND I WANT TO SAY THE OPPOSITE.

BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S THANKLESS.

I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THIS IS SUCH A THANKFUL JOB.

AND I WANT TO BOTH THANK THOSE THAT HAVE BROUGHT THAT THANKFULNESS TO ME AND I WANT TO SAY WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS.

BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A FULFILLING JOB.

AND IN ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT I'VE HAD WHEN SOMEBODY, AS YOU KNOW, YOU'VE ALL HEARD THAT I WALK THE STREETS.

I FEEL LIKE THE STREET STALKER HERE.

WINKY AND I.

I'VE HAD SO MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS, IN OUR GROCERY STORES.

SO MANY OF YOU HAVE CALLED ME, ASKED ME TO COFFEE OR TO DINNER OR TO E-MAIL ME.

WE'VE HAD SO MANY ENRICHING CONVERSATIONS AND I APPRECIATE EVERY ONE

OF THOSE INTERACTIONS.

AND AT THE END OF ALL OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND AT ANY TIME WHEN WE WOULD MEET AT AN EVENT IN THE CITY, OR WE WOULD HELP PLAN SOMETHING TOGETHER, WE'D HAVE AN INITIATIVE THAT WE BROUGHT TO CITY COUNCIL OR WE MADE A DECISION.

EVERY TIME SOMEBODY SAID THANK YOU, EVERY TIME I GOT A HUG AND AN APPRECIATION, EVERY TIME I GOT A WARM GREETING, AT ANY EVENT AND ANY TIME WE WERE OUT IN THE CITY, AND EVERY TIME SOMEBODY PASSED ME AND EVEN JUST SAID THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, I WAS SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE TIMES THAT SOMEBODY -- THAT ANY OF YOU WOULD ACTUALLY RECOGNIZE AND THANK US.

SO THIS ISN'T A THANKLESS JOB.

THIS IS SUCH A REWARDING JOB.

AND I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS LIFE-CHANGING JOB AT THIS TIME IN MY LIFE.

AND IT IS A JOB THAT I WILL CARRY WITH ME, THINGS THAT I'VE LEARNED, FOR MY LIFETIME.

AND PROBABLY I'M AT THE OTHER END OF THAT LIFETIME.

IT MIGHT NOT BE AS LONG AS THE TIME BEFORE, BUT IT REALLY DID CHANGE ME AND I REALLY APPRECIATE HAVING HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY.

AND I REALLY -- YOU KNOW, IT ALSO CHANGED MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY FAMILY FOR THESE LAST FOUR YEARS.

IT'S BEEN A SACRIFICE FROM THEM.

YOU'VE BEEN INCREDIBLE SUPPORTS.

I HAVE MY TWO KIDS, GOOSE AND EVIN HERE WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND ALI AND MY UNWAVERING SUPPORTING HUSBAND SITTING HERE PROBABLY VIDEOING THIS.

AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE SACRIFICE THAT YOU'VE MADE FOR THESE LAST FOUR YEARS IS ANOTHER THING THAT I AM SO INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR.

SO THANK YOU.

SO WHILE I'M ON THANKS, I DO JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE -- I DON'T AND I WILL -- AND THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I PROBABLY WILL REGRET, BUT I WAS NOT THANKFUL ENOUGH AS MUCH AS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN AND I DIDN'T EXPRESS THAT TO OUR INCREDIBLE CITY STAFF.

AND I'M GOING TO START WITH YOU, BRUCE.

YOU HAVE BEEN -- YOU ARE SUCH A ROCK FOR THIS CITY.

YOU HAVE BEEN SO INCREDIBLE TOWARDS ME.

YOU'VE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH.

YOU'VE BEEN SO ACCESSIBLE.

YOU'VE BEEN SO RESPONSIVE.

YOU WORK SO INCREDIBLY HARD AT ANY TIME OF DAY.

I KNEW IF I CALLED YOU, IF I SENT YOU A TEXT, AN E-MAIL, I KNEW I WAS GOING TO GET A RESPONSE AND I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE A RESPONSE THAT CARED.

YOU'VE CREATED AN INCREDIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CITY AND ONE THAT EVERY ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS, ALL 35,000 OF US, HUNDREDS OF OUR BUSINESSES, ALL OF OUR VISITORS REALLY BENEFIT FROM.

AND EVEN THOUGH WHEN WE WALK AROUND THE CITY SO PROUD OF MANHATTAN BEACH, SO GRATEFUL TO IT, WE DON'T THINK HOW MUCH THE STRENGTHS OF THE CITY COME FROM OUR CITY AND CITY STAFF.

YOU'VE CREATED AN INCREDIBLE STAFF OF DEPARTMENT HEADS.

ERIC AND STEVE AND CARRIE AND MARK AND CHIEF LANE AND CHIEF JOHNSON AND LISA AND TERRY AND LIZA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING YOUR DEPARTMENTS IN SUCH A WONDERFUL WAY.

IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLE TO BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM YOU AND I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THIS CITY.

AND IF I COULD CALL OUT EVERYBODY ON YOUR STAFF I WOULD.

BUT TO ANY OF US, WHEN YOU SEE THE WHITE TRUCKS DRIVING BY WITH THE CITY LOGO, WHEN YOU SEE OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OUT KEEPING US HEALTHY AND SAFE, WHEN YOU SEE -- WHEN YOU GO TO A PARKS AND REC CLASS, WHEN YOU COME TO PAY FOR YOUR BILL OR WHEN YOU SEE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT ANY OF OUR CONSTRUCTION SITES, JUST GIVE THEM A THANKS, JUST A QUICK THANKS.

WE SHOULD ALL BE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THIS CITY.

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT GREAT STAFF.

AND ALSO TO OUR MANAGEMENT SERVICES STAFF.

YOU WERE SO WELCOMING, EVERY TIME I WALKED IN TO MANAGEMENT SERVICES. SO TO MARTHA AND TO PATTY AND TO JESSICA AND JOJO AND TO MARY AND ALI AND GEORGE, I THANK YOU.

IT'S REALLY BEEN AN INCREDIBLY WELCOMING AND AN INCREDIBLE CITY.

I KNOW WE WANT TO GET ON AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME DAVID AND

AMY.

AND I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR PREVIOUS TERMS AND THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO NOW COMMIT AGAIN TO ANOTHER TERM OR TWO AND REALLY REPRESENT THE CITY SO WELL. YOU'VE BEEN -- YOU'VE BEEN MY FRIENDS, YOU'VE BEEN MY ROLE MODELS, YOU'VE OFTEN BEEN MY MENTORS.

YOU'VE BEEN AN OPEN EAR AND YOU'VE REALLY MADE ME A BETTER PERSON AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE MANHATTAN BEACH A BETTER PLACE EVERY DAY AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE.

SO THANK YOU.

SO I'M GOING TO SAY THIS FOR THE LAST TIME, MAYOR, BUT I, YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT STANDING AT THIS SIDE OF THIS ROOM HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO STANDING AT THE OTHER SIDE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO CARRY ON THE LEGACY OF KINDNESS THAT WE ALL KNOW IS SO FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR CITY.

I HOPE FOR EVERYONE THAT YOU RAISE EVERY DAY AND FIND SOME PEACE IN YOUR HEART AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER WITH KINDNESS AND THAT WE CAN HEAL TOGETHER AND CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS FABULOUS, POWERFUL, LITTLE CITY THE WONDERFUL CITY THAT IT IS.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO COUNCILMEMBERS HADLEY

AND STERN AS THEY LEAVE THE DAIS AND WE WELCOME COUNCILMEMBER ELECT  
HOWORTH AND COUNCILMEMBER ELECT LESSER DOWN TO BE SWORN IN.

WE JUST WANT THE THANK THEM AGAIN FOR THEIR SERVICE AND, YOU KNOW  
WHAT?

CAN WE DO ONE MORE PICTURE?

NOPE.

OKAY.

WE'LL MOVE ON.

>> Councilmember Stern: WE HAVEN'T HAD A COUNCIL PICTURE TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ONE MORE PICTURE?

ONE MORE PICTURE.

>> Councilmember Hadley: NOT A CLOSEUP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

NO WORRIES.

LET'S DO THIS.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

SO LET ME -- COME ON DOWN.

IT'S TIME.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

SO I TRIED TO GET LIZA TO DO THIS.

WE'RE GOING TO ASK ME TO SWEAR YOU IN IN CASE I SWORE AT YOU.

SO YOU'RE FACING THE AUDIENCE.

ALL RIGHT.

NOW PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

AND AFTER I SAY I, YOU STATE YOUR NAME.

SO I --

>> AMY HO WORTH.

>> DAVID LESSER.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR.

TOGETHER, YES.

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.

I.

>> AMY HOWORTH.

>> DAVID LESSER.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, THAT I WILL BEAR TRUTH FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITH FULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON WHICH I'M ABOUT TO ENTER.

CONGRATULATIONS.

ALL RIGHT.

AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR SPEECHES FIRST BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.



>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I'M A LITTLE TEARY.

COUNCILMEMBER STERN SAID THAT IT WOULD SOUND TRITE -- SOME OF HER WORDS SOUNDED TRITE AND THAT REALLY HIT ME BECAUSE I AM JUST SO FILLED WITH GRATITUDE RIGHT NOW AND THANK YOU DIDN'T SEEM LIKE ENOUGH. BUT THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH AND YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME.

I DO NOT TAKE IT LIGHTLY AND I WILL WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO LIVE UP TO IT.

AND I WILL SERVE ALL OF YOU.

THIS IS ABOUT YOU.

AND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I CUT MY REMARKS DOWN TO 20 MINUTES -- I'M KIDDING.

YOU KNOW, THIS IS MY FIFTH TIME MESSING UP THE OATH.

AND IT STRIKES ME THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF A TERM YOU ARE SO AWARE OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

RIGHT NOW EVERYBODY MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT HIGH ROSE OR WHETHER, YOU KNOW, OUTDOOR DINING.

AND WHAT I KNOW IS THAT THE TIME THAT FOLLOWS RARELY GOES AS PLANNED, AS COUNCILMEMBERS STERN AND HADLEY GOT TO WITNESS WITH THE PANDEMIC. WHO COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT.

SO WHILE THERE WERE LOTS OF ISSUES TALKED ABOUT DURING THE CAMPAIGN, TONIGHT THAT'S REALLY VERY FAR FROM MY MIND.

I HOPE AT THE END OF MY FOUR YEARS WE'RE ALL IN A GOOD PLACE, WE FEEL

SAFE, WE ALL FEEL SAFE IN OUR HOMES, IN OUR BUSINESSES, IN OUR SCHOOL.  
WE HAVE GIVEN BRUCE MOE AND TEAM THE TOOLS TO MAKE US FISCALLY STABLE.  
THE TWO CHIEFS, ONE BEHIND -- WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE -- HAVE KEPT US  
SAFE AND THAT WILL BE ALL I CAN HOPE FOR RIGHT NOW.

I REALLY DO HAVE TO THANK COUNCILMEMBERS STERN AND HADLEY FOR THEIR  
SERVICE AND DEDICATION.

YOU LED WITH YOUR VALUES.

WHEN IT WASN'T EASY TO DO.

HILDY, YOU MADE KINDNESS YOUR MAYORAL PLANK.

AND WHEN YOU FIRST DID THAT I THOUGHT, KINDNESS?

AND YOU TAUGHT US ALL HOW FOUNDATIONAL AND CRITICAL IT IS TO A CIVIL  
SOCIETY.

AND YOU ALSO LED BY EXAMPLE AND SHOWED US THAT IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY.  
SOMETIMES WE DON'T FEEL LIKE BEING KIND.

AND YOU SHOWED US HOW IMPORTANT IT IS AT THAT MOMENT TO BE KIND AND  
THAT IS HOW WE GET TO MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE PROGRESS AND YOU LED WITH  
THAT EXAMPLE EVERY DARN DAY AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING WITH THIS COUNCIL AND BEING PART OF THIS  
TEAM.

JOE, WE HAVEN'T WORKED TOGETHER YET ON COUNCIL, BUT I'VE KNOWN YOU  
FOR A LONG TIME AND I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR DEDICATION TO THE  
COMMUNITY, YOUR MANY, MANY VOLUNTEER EFFORTS, WHETHER THROUGH THE  
SCHOOLS OR MANY, MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.

I REALLY GREATLY ADMIRE THAT ABOUT YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING

WITH YOU.

STEVE, RICHARD, DAVID, WE'VE DONE THIS BEFORE AND I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT WHEN THE THREE OF US AND NANCY HEARSEMAN WHO I THINK IS JOINING US VIA ZOOM FROM COLORADO, SERVED TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, I WORKED WITH MANY DIFFERENT COUNCILMEMBERS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OVER 16 YEARS OF ELECTED SERVICE, 21 I COUNTED TODAY.

AND THAT TEAM, THAT TWO YEARS WAS AN ABSOLUTE JOY BECAUSE WE GOT THINGS DONE.

WE DISAGREED SOMETIMES BUT MAN, WE GOT THINGS DONE AND I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM EACH OF YOU.

AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AGAIN.

AND I PLEDGE TO YOU ALL AND TO ALL OF YOU THAT I WILL ENDEAVOR TO BE A BETTER COUNCILPERSON, TO DO MORE, TO REACH OUT MORE, TO HEAR YOU MORE, TO RESPOND BETTER.

I AM SO EXCITED.

YES, I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE BUT I'M NEWLY ENERGIZED.

I COULDN'T BE LESS JADED.

I AM SO EXCITED TO BE HERE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR TEAMWORK.

YOU SAW DAVID AND I DO THIS PLEDGE, THIS OATH OF OFFICE, AND YOU CAN TELL THAT IT HAD SOME IMPACT ON ME.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT THAT'S GONE ON IN OUR WORLD AND TO THINK THAT HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO SERVE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AS HILDY SO ELOQUENTLY PUT IT, IT'S WHERE SO MANY POLICIES GET MADE THAT ACTUALLY IMPACT PEOPLE'S LIVES AND WE HAVE TO SWEAR TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THAT IS SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY.

AND EVERY TIME I MAKE THE PLEDGE I AM AWE STRUCK.

I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT EVERY CITY EMPLOYEE WHO WORKS HERE MAKES THAT SAME PLEDGE.

NOW THEY DO IT ON PAPER.

THEY MAY NOT RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND BUT THEY HAVE TO READ IT AND, YOU KNOW, COME WITHOUT RESERVATION, MENTAL RESERVATIONS AND THEY HAVE TO SIGN THEIR NAME ON A PIECE OF PAPER THAT THEY'LL DO THAT TOO. EVERY PERSON, THE PEOPLE DRIVING THE WHITE TRUCKS, AND ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TAKES THAT OATH OF OFFICE.

THEY'RE TRULY PUBLIC SERVANTS.

THEY'RE NOT DOING IT JUST FOR THE PAYCHECK.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES, THOSE OF YOU HERE TONIGHT, THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SURELY WATCHING AT HOME ON ZOOM OR ALL OF YOU THAT I SEE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR SERVICE.

[APPLAUSE]

SO, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, THIS -- I AM OVERWHELMED ACTUALLY WITH GRATITUDE AND JOY AND HOPE.

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO THE MANY THAT I HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW IN THE PAST

20 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTER OF OUR SCHOOLS, THE BETTER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I HAVE MET THE MOST BRILLIANT, AMAZING PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE ALL STILL MY FRIENDS.

YEAH, DIANE.

AND I AM -- THIS IS WHAT MAKES MANHATTAN BEACH SPECIAL, RIGHT.

WE HAVE A BEACH BUT SO DOES HERMOSA BEACH.

YOU'RE GREAT, MARY, YOU'RE GREAT.

BUT WE HAVE THE PEOPLE.

WE ARE ENGAGED.

WE ARE ACTIVE.

AND TOGETHER WE HAVE BUILT A REALLY AMAZING COMMUNITY.

AND WE CAN'T TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED.

SO I'LL CLOSE BY SAYING THIS -- OH, NO.

I HAVE ONE MORE THING I HAVE TO SAY.

MARK HOWORTH, EVERYBODY WAVE TO MARK HOWORTH.

MARK HOWORTH, I HAD A FEW MOMENTS OF REGRET WHEN HILDY WAS SPEAKING ABOUT JEREMY AND THE FAMILY AND SACRIFICE AND YOU SO WILLINGLY SAID LET'S DO THAT AGAIN.

NOT ONLY THAT YOU WERE THE HERO OF THE CAMPAIGN WHEN I HAD COVID AND COULDN'T GO TO THE HOMETOWN FAIR.

HE PUT ON PINK STUFF AND HE WAS MR. AMY HOWORTH AND YOU'RE READY TO TAKE THAT TITLE AGAIN.

I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU AND I LOVE YOU.

I THANK YOU.

NOW I'LL CLOSE BY SAYING FIREWORKS FOR THIS SUNDAY, RIGHT.

AND IT'S AMAZING SPECIAL NIGHT.

SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY ALL LOVE, RIGHT.

AND I REFLECTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING LIGHT INTO THIS WORLD.

ESPECIALLY IN THE DARK OF WINTER AND BY THE WAY, MOST MAJOR RELIGIOUS

HAVE A THEME AROUND THAT.

IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO BRING THE LIGHT.

NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FIND THE LIGHT, RIGHT.

BUT I WILL ALWAYS WORK HARD TO BRING THE LIGHT, TO FIND THE LIGHT

AND TO SHARE THAT LIGHT WITH ALL OF YOU.

AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: LET ME JUST SOAK THIS IN FOR A MOMENT.

TO THE VOTERS OF MANHATTAN BEACH, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ABLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AGAIN

ON THIS CITY COUNCIL.

I'M HUMBLLED AND GRATEFUL.

THANK YOU TO MY WIFE ELIZABETH.

THIS IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK AND TIME AWAY FROM PLANS THAT WE HAD.

YOU VOLUNTARILY GAVE UP THAT TIME TO ENCOURAGE ME TO DO WHICH YOU

KNOW I LOVE TO DO, WHICH IS SERVE MY COMMUNITY AND I THANK YOU.

TO MY FRIENDS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS AND THE GROUP THAT I ACTUALLY

CALL THE RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES THAT HELPED ENERGIZE MY CAMPAIGN

AND BRING THE NO LONGER MIDDLE-AGE RESIDENT IN RUNNING HIS FIRST CONTESTED ELECTION IN 12 YEARS BACK TO LIFE.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR CANDIDATE AND BE YOUR FRIEND.

AND TO FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS NOW, STERN AND HADLEY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

WHEN I THINK BACK ON THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER DIFFICULT CHAPTERS IN OUR CITY'S 110-YEAR HISTORY.

BUT THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS THAT YOU HAVE SUPPORTED OUR COMMUNITY WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN REMARKABLE.

IT HAS BEEN A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK, MORE SO THAN I PRESUMED THAT YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE GETTING INTO THREE AND A HALF, FOUR YEARS AGO.

WHEN I RAN FOR COUNCIL DURING THE CAMPAIGN I TALKED A LOT ABOUT TRYING TO BRING MORE COLLABORATION TO THE LEADERSHIP BODY AS WELL AS TRYING TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DIVISIVENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I'M UNDER NO ILLUSION.

THAT IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT.

WE HAVE DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT COME THE OUR COUNCIL.

THAT'S WHY THEY ULTIMATELY END UP HERE.

WHERE PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BY DEFINITION.

WE NOW HAVE NATIONAL ISSUES AND CULTURAL ISSUES THAT HAVE NOW SEEPED INTO OUR COMMUNITY MUCH LIKE THE REST OF OUR COUNTRY.

IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE A CIVIL CONVERSATION.

AND I KNOW FOLLOWING THIS LAST ELECTION THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE OUTCOME.

THEY ARE REGRETFUL THAT THEIR SUPPORTED CANDIDATE DID NOT WIN.

WHAT I PROMISE THIS COMMUNITY IS THIS.

LIKE EVERY OTHER COUNCILMEMBER HERE, I REPRESENT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHETHER YOU VOTED FOR ME OR NOT, WHETHER I AGREE WITH YOUR OPINION OR NOT, I CARE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

I VALUE YOUR OPINION.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.

WHILE WE MAY NOT ALWAYS AGREE, MY FIRST INSTINCT IS TO SEE WHERE WE CAN FIND COLLABORATION.

WHAT I WOULD ASK IN RETURN IS THAT FOR ALL OF US, TO ALL OF US, BE MINDFUL OF THE DIVISIVE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE AND TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP PARTICULARLY IN OUR COMMUNITY WHICH HAS SO MANY GIFTS. HOW CAN WE HELP MAKE THIS THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ALL WANT TO LIVE IN. AS WE ALL -- NOT ALL OF US.

SOME OF US POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR A PEER HERE AT THE DAIS, HOW CAN WE SAY WHAT OUR VIEWS ARE WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR VIEWS BUT DO SO IN A WAY THAT ISN'T NECESSARILY DEGRADING SOMEBODY ELSE.

OUR MAYOR HAS AN EXPRESSION WHICH I SHARE WHICH IS, HOW CAN WE DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING SO DISAGREEABLE.

I THINK IT'S WORDS THAT WE ALL SHOULD TAKE TO HEART.

RIGHT NOW THE INITIAL TENSIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE SIMMERING A BIT.

BUT THE UNDERLYING ISSUES ARE STILL THERE.



AND LIT BE THE JOB OF THIS COUNCIL TO ATTEMPT TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND MOVE FORWARD.

AND TO THAT END I CANNOT SAY HOW PROUD I AM AND PLEASED I AM TO SERVE ON THIS COUNCIL WITH THESE COUNCILMEMBERS.

FRIENDS I HAVE KNOWN FOR UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS.

THE MAYOR, STEVE NAPOLITANO WITH WHOM I'VE WORKED ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY WHO HAS BEEN A FRIEND.

WE'VE DONE SO MUCH TOGETHER FOR THE COMMUNITY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH WORTH, MY PARTNER, MY FRIEND, MY COLLEAGUE, WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE BUT WE AGREE TO DO IT IN AN UPFRONT AND TRANSPARENT WAY.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, YOU'VE BEEN MY FRIEND ON AND OFF FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING WITH YOU AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.

FOR NOW THERE'S WORK TO DO.

THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF LONG SPEECHES.

I SAY LET'S GO.

THANK YOU ALL.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: GREAT.

AND THAT'S THE END OF OUR REORGANIZATION.

WE'RE GOING TO ASK ALL OF THE FORMER MAYORS TO COME DOWN AND TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH UP HERE AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE, WE'RE GOING TO RECESS

FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

DO WE HAVE -- WE HAVE SOME COOKIES AND STUFF.

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THE COUNCIL FIRST AND INVITE ALL OF THE MAYORS DOWN.

EVERYONE ELSE HAVE SOME PUNCH AND COOKIES AND WE'LL BE BACK IN 15 MINUTES.

[ BRIEF RECESS ]

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE BACK.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANY CONVERSATIONS, KEEP HAVING THE COOKIES AND PUNCH OUT BUT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE ON WITH OUR MEETING.

SO WE'RE GOING TO RECONVENE AND HAVE A NEW ROLL CALL.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: HERE.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HERE.

THAT TAKES US TO APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF ORDINANCE.

I'M GOING TO PULL OUT NUMBER 6 FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: SO MOVED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBER SIX.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH. SEEMS LIKE I JUST SAID THAT.

ALL RIGHT.

VOTING SCREEN PLEASE.

PLEASE VOTE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE GOING TO RECESS OUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO A MEETING OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ROLL CALL FOR THAT.

[ ROLL CALL ]

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

SAYS PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO, I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.

I'M NOT GOING THE SAY IT OFTEN SO I MIGHT AS WELL SAY IT NOW.

PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO PLEASE CONDUCT PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

ANYONE WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US THIS -- HOLD ON.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

>> JUST QUICKLY EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS.

>> OKAY.

I WAS GOING TO SAY PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO AGAIN.

GO AHEAD.

>> FIRST OF ALL, CONGRATULATIONS COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

I ALREADY GOT IN TROUBLE FOR NOT WEARING ENOUGH PINK IN MY TIE. I'LL DO BETTER.

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION APPOINT NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS AMY HOWORTH AND DAVID LESSER TO FILL THE BOARD MEMBER SEATS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SUZANNE HADLEY AND HILDY STERN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO.

>> I'LL GET USED TO THAT.

ALL RIGHT.

SO CAN I ASK -- CAN I GET A MOTION TO REMOVE BOARD MEMBERS HADLEY AND STERN AND TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBERS HOWORTH AND LESSER TO.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: SO MOVED, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH.

VOTING SCREEN.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

PLEASE ADJOURN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MEETING AND RECONVENE THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL 2022.

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT.

NOW WE'RE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE ADOPTED IN ONE MOTION.

THESE ARE ROUTINE MATTERS.

CAN WE GET A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER FIVE.

WE NOTED ITEM 6 HAS BEEN PULLED.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

WE HAVE THESE COMPUTER SCREENS NOW.

IT'S CHANGED A LOT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: CAN WE TOUCH THEM?

MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I REMOVED THE ASSIGNMENTS BECAUSE I GOT WORD OF A CONFLICT OF SCHEDULING.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS REPLACE COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, REMOVE HER FROM THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE SOUTH BAY CITY OF COUNCIL GOVERNMENTS AND REPLACE COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH WITH COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: DOES ONE NEED TO CONSENT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE GOING TO ADOPT ALL OF IT IN ONE MOTION.

IS THERE A MOTION TO ADOPT WITH THAT CHANGE?

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

SEEING NONE, CAN WE GET A VOTING SCREEN.

PLEASE VOTE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: TAKES US TO GENERAL BUSINESS.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED MEETING TIMES FOR CITY COMMISSIONS TO ACCOMMODATE PERMANENT HYBRID IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT FOR PARTICIPANTS.

WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TAI AND PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR LEYMAN.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILMEMBERS LESSER AND HOWORTH.

THIS IS A REQUEST TO CONSIDER REVISED MEETING TIMES FOR CITY COMMISSIONS TO ACCOMMODATE APARTMENT HYBRID MEETING FORMATS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

I'M GOING TO KICK OFF THIS PRESENTATION, BUT PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR LEYMAN IS HERE FOR QUESTIONS AS WELL.

THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS FIVE COMMISSIONS.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION, PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, CULTURE ARTS AND THE LIBRARY COMMISSION AND THIS REPORT WOULD COVER ALL OF THOSE.

PRIOR TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE ALL OF THESE COMMISSIONS MET AT 6 P.M. ONSET DAYS OF THE MONTH HERE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND HOWEVER DURING COVID THE COMMISSIONS STARTED MEETING AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO ADJUST FOR STAFFING AS WELL AS PARTICIPANTS, COMMISSIONERS, PARTICIPANTS, BASICALLY TO CLEAR OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL DINNER HOURS BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE ATTENDING VIRTUALLY FROM THEIR HOMES. AND SO THAT WAS IN THE BEGINNING.

LATER DURING THE LATER STAGES OF COVID, SORRY, THE COMMISSION

MEETINGS TRANSITIONED TO HYBRID.

THEY CAME BACK IN PERSON BUT KEPT THE ZOOM FORMAT AND ALSO KEPT THE TIMES, THE EARLIER MEETING TIMES THAT THEY HAD MIGRATED TO.

WE ARE STILL IN THE COVID EMERGENCY.

THE COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN MEETING EARLIER, PLANNING COMMISSION 3:00 O'CLOCK AND THE OTHER COMMISSIONS GENERALLY 45:00 AND THEN PARK AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION STILL MEETS AT 6:00.

WE RECENTLY RECEIVED NEWS THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL BE LIFTING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> AND THERE IS A COUPLE OF RAMIFICATIONS FROM THAT.

ONE IS THAT DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM AB631 WHICH RELAXES REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL.

AFTER THE END OF THE EMERGENCY COMMISSIONERS WILL ALL COME BACK IN PERSON.

THEY WILL HAVE TO MEET IN THE CHAMBERS.

THE COMMISSIONERS HOWEVER HAVE EXPRESSED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE EARLIER MEETING TIMES AS WELL AS THE HYBRID FORMAT THAT HAS ENABLED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS DURING THE MEETINGS OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

MOVING THE MEETINGS BACK TO 6:00 AND ACCOMMODATING THE HYBRID ZOOM FORMAT FOR ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS POSES A STAFFING RESOURCE CHALLENGE FOR THE CITY.

AND SO TONIGHT WE ARE ASKING TO REVISE THOSE MEETING TIMES AFTER THE

STATE OF EMERGENCY AS FOLLOWS.

SO PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD MOVE TO 3:00 AND THE OTHER FOUR COMMISSIONS WOULD MOVE TO 4:00.

NO CHANGES TO THE MEETING LOCATION WHICH WOULD STILL BE HERE.

NO CHANGES TO THE DAYS THAT THEY ARE ASSIGNED.

AND THEN THE MEETINGS OBVIOUSLY WOULD -- WE REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONERS TO BE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND THIS WOULD ONLY BE HYBRID ATTENDANCE TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS ONLY.

WE DID FIND DURING COVID THAT DURING THE TRANSITION BACK THAT WHILE THE IN-PERSON FORMAT ALLOWED FOR COMMISSIONERS TO AGAIN HAVE FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTION, THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ZOOM ALLOWED MANY PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY WERE OUT OF TOWN OR SOMEWHERE ELSE, TO PARTICIPATE.

AND THEN WE DID FIND DURING CERTAIN ITEMS WE HAD SOME PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS WHERE WE HAD OVER A HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS, PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER AND EVEN STATING THEY WERE OUT OF TOWN TO PARTICIPATE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THE HYBRID CONTINUE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

AND AS I MENTIONED, PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR LEYMAN IS AVAILABLE AS WELL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COMMISSIONER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YOU MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT MOST OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTING OF THE FORMAT.



I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE AWARE WHETHER THE DAYTIME MEETINGS IN FACT POSES ANY CHALLENGES FOR WORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS. DO YOU KNOW OF COMMISSIONERS THAT HAD CHALLENGES SERVING BECAUSE OF THEIR OTHERWISE EXISTING WORK OBLIGATIONS?

>> SURE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

PRIOR TO THIS ITEM WE DID HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS AS WELL AS COMMISSIONERS TO ENSURE THAT WHETHER -- THAT THEY HAD EITHER THE FLEXIBILITY OR THE DESIRE TO MAKE THESE EARLIER TIMES HAPPEN.

THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST POINTS OF DISCUSSION AT THE COMMISSION LEVEL.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE, WE'LL OPEN UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC WANT TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK TO THIS ITEM?

NOPE?

OKAY.

ANYONE BY ZOOM?

ALL RIGHT.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

SEEING NONE WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SHOULD I HAVE STAYED THE MOTION?

>> Mayor Napolitano: HUH?

>> Councilmember Howorth: SHOULD I HAVE STATED THE MOTION.  
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS MOTIONING.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: TO ADOPT OR ACCEPT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I KNOW BUT I DIDN'T SAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT'S ALREADY STARTED.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

NO.

I WANTED TO CLARIFY FOR THE RECORD, CITY ATTORNEY, YES, I MAKE A MOTION  
TO ACCEPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

AND REVISE THE MEETING TIMES FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS.

I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNEW WHAT I WAS MOTIONING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: PLEASE VOTE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I BELIEVE IN TRANSPARENCY, YOUR HONOR.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

THAT IS THE ONLY GENERAL BUSINESS THAT WE HAVE, WHICH TAKES US TO  
ADJOURNMENT.

WE HAVE CAN COUPLE OF RECOGNITIONS OVER HERE AND MEMORIAMS.

IF YOU'LL STAND WITH ME AND WE'LL RECOGNIZE SOME MANHATTAN BEACH  
RESIDENTS WHO WE WILL DEARLY MISS.

AND FIRST IS MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE VOLUNTEER KAREN HILL.

KAREN HILL WAS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SINCE DECEMBER 2009.

SHE PASSED AWAY IN HER MANHATTAN BEACH HOME ON DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
KAREN WAS THE DAUGHTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY NORMA  
HAMILTON.

SHE GAVE HER TIME AS A POLICE SUPPORT VOLUNTEER, SUPPORTING POLICE  
ACADEMIES AND SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH AN INFECTIOUS SMILE  
AND PLAYFUL SPIRIT.

KAREN WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND A MEMBER OF THE  
MANHATTAN BEACH CHURCH.

SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE THEATER BOARD WITH THE MANHATTAN BEACH  
COMMUNITY CHURCH.

SHE WAS THE MAKEUP AND HAIR GURU FOR MANY OF THE PRODUCTIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

SHE ALSO SERVED AS THE LIAISON FOR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO CHURCH  
UNITED.

A GRADUATE OF LEADERSHIP IN MANHATTAN BEACH IN 2002.

HER HUSBAND, DAVE FREEMAN, PREDECEASED KAREN.

KAREN IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, BRIAN AND DEANNE AND HER  
GRANDCHILDREN.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I HAVE KNOWN KAREN SINCE I GOT INVOLVED IN  
MANHATTAN BEACH POLITICS 30 YEARS NOW.

AND INFECTIOUS AND EVERYTHING ELSE APPROPRIATELY DESCRIBES HER.

SHE'S A FANTASTIC, DEDICATED CITIZEN WHO SUPPORTED SO MANY THINGS,  
WAS ALWAYS THERE, HELPING OUT.

SHE CERTAINLY GAVE OF HER TIME AND LOVE TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND

SERVE SO MANY IN THAT CAPACITY BECAUSE SHE ROPED ME IN TO BEING SANTA FOR A LOT OF THE SHUT-IN SENIORS AROUND TOWN AND ELSEWHERE WHEN WE WENT OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS SEVERAL TIMES.

AND I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY SHE WANTED ME BECAUSE I DIDN'T WEAR THE SUIT WELL.

I NEEDED SOME PILLOWS AN EVERYTHING.

BUT JUST A FANTASTIC SPIRIT.

SO GIVING.

SO CARING.

AND WE WILL MISS YOU, KAREN.

SO WE'RE GOING TO -- I WANT TO NOW PASS THIS OVER -- WE'RE GOING TO DO A JOINT MOMENT OF SILENCE THOUGH, AND I WANT -- JOINT MOMENT OF SILENCE BUT I WANT TO PASS I OTHER TO COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH WHO HAS A REMEMBRANCE AS WELL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I AM BOTH HONORED AND COMPLETELY DEVASTATED TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ANDREW TODD, A LIFE-LONG MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT WHO DIED TRAGICALLY NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> WHILE SURFING ON VACATION IN PUERTO RICO.

ANDREW WAS 25.

A BRILLIANT ATHLETE WHO CHOSE TO FOCUS ON WATER POLO.

HE WAS A GIFTED WATER POLO PLAYER, A STARTER ON THAT 2013 MIRA COASTA CIF CHAMPION TEAM.

HE WAS VERY, VERY PROUD OF THAT.

ANDREW WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND HE WAS WORKING AT

IRONCLAD IN NEW YORK CITY, WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

ON THE DAY THAT HE DIED HE HAD A PHONE CALL WITH HIS MOM AND HE TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO MOVE BACK TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO THE BEACH BECAUSE HE MISSED THE MOTION.

ANDREW IS ALSO ONE OF MY SON JACK'S BEST FRIENDS.

I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE HE WAS IN THE FIRST GRADE AT ROBINSON.

HE WAS AS KIND AS HE WAS ATHLETIC, SMART AND FUNNY.

PLEASE KEEP HIS FAMILY, LORI AND STEVE AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS TREVOR AND MICHAEL, IN YOUR HEARTS AND GIVE THEM ALL OF THE LOVE AND STRENGTH YOU CAN.

LIZA, DID YOU HAVE THE MEMORIAL INFORMATION?

OKAY.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT ON SATURDAY THERE IS A PADDLE OUT AT 10 A.M., A MEMORIAL AND PADDLE OUT AT 10 A.M. ON 6<sup>th</sup> STREET AT THE BEACH. AND PLEASE, IF YOU WANT, JOIN US THERE TO REMEMBER THIS GOLDEN, GOLDEN YOUNG MAN.

ANDREW TODD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

AND IN MEMORY OF ANDREW AND KAREN, WE'LL HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

[ MOMENT OF SILENCE ]

AND WE'LL BE ADJOURNING TO A ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY AT 4:30.

WHICH TUESDAY IS THAT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THE 20<sup>th</sup>.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THE 20<sup>th</sup>.

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