

**Martha Alvarez, MMC**

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**From:** Tiffany Barbara <seden\_lynne@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1:49 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Storm Drain Measure

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Sincerely,  
Tiffany Barbara  
213-500-1433

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**From:** Baden Mansfield <baden@badenmansfield.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:21 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Storm Water Tax Election

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Honorable Counsel members:

Please do not authorize or instruct the City Manager to vote in favor of the Tax by voting on behalf of tax parcels owned by the City. Residents and commercial owners will have to pay this future tax and should be the only authorized voters to vote in this election. If the City votes in favor, it will in essence be a double tax on residents, as the taxes on the city owned parcels are paid by city residents and land owners, who are also paying on their own parcels.

The tax is excessive, a burden on retired and senior taxpayers, and seems to be a forever tax. My wife and I only received a mail-in ballot for one of our Manhattan Beach properties, and should have been able to vote on each parcel, rather than just one.

My wife Laura and I each ask the counsel to let the vote occur without the City itself voting based on it's owned properties. The City parcel vote issue is a separate tax issue that should have been shared in detail with city taxpayers, most of whom do not even know of the potential iCity parcel votes by the City, or the impact it could have on the Storm Water Tax election.

Thank You,

Baden Mansfield  
Laura Mansfield

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**From:** dap90266@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:41 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] stormwater tax

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By all means, you need to stop all the antics trying to get this passed. Keep it up and we will start involving local media to expose what a self serving group our city has become.

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**From:** Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:32 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CM Vote on City-Owned Parcels

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Folks,

Although you revised your agenda at the last minute, you didn't revise the "ecomment" portion to allow an e-comment on this item (#10 on Consent), so you get this by email. The current item #10 on Ecomment is the former #10 involving acceptance of the \$400K in county turf funding.

I wouldn't doubt that this issue slipped someone's attention until I emailed the City last Monday (see below), but based on the way you folks have allowed this campaign to be prosecuted, I also wouldn't doubt that this last minute item was intentional. But even with that, you couldn't provide information to the community of the number of parcels to be voted, only that "the City is record owner of several parcels of property" (and I would submit that 70 is much more than "several," although relatively small in comparison with the total number of parcels).

If this was an unintentional slip, then the staff report should have acknowledge such.

And, if this was known back on December 19 in respect to your support resolution, it would seem to me that it would have been important to disclose the City's vote (and the number of votes). But, no, you folks seem to think that residents would more want to know that that there are "over 24 miles of pipes."

Given that the General Fund is the only fund imperiled if this resolution doesn't pass (you know you will always adequately fund storm drain maintenance), you in effect are having the CM cast a vote to secure his own salary and benefits (like the excess vacation hours allowed last meeting--after allowing rollover of his vacation hours a couple years earlier).

All in all, its really a bad look in terms of process--but I haven't seen good process being high on any of your agendas lately.

And since I'm writing, I do have to mention about the purported "conservatives" on the Council backing this revenue increase. Yes, it's a fee and not a tax, but in my opinion that is just mere semantics. I see no daylight between the ballot language of Measure W (a tax) and the Storm Drain fee. While I see professions from the dais of how much this "pains" certain councilmembers to approve a fee increase, I've never seen the need to protect storm drain projects and maintenance expressed by any councilmember or staff in any competing General Fund funding proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, and no reply needed.

Gary Osterhout

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Alexandria Latragna

**To:** 'Gary Osterhout'

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 07:20:08 PM PST

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] City Share of Storm Drain Fee/Followup Question on City of MB Voting

BCC: City Council

Hello Mr. Osterhout,

Thank you so much for your questions below. Each record parcel owner receives a vote, even public (government) entities. This means that the City receives one vote per parcel, and it is the record owner for 70 parcels. The same voting rules will apply for MBUSD.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,



**ALEXANDRIA LATRAGNA**

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**From:** Gary Osterhout

**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:53 AM

**To:** Storm Drain Measure

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] City Share of Storm Drain Fee/Followup Question on City of MB Voting

Thank you for your help below.

Given that the City will be paying the assessment, does the City of Manhattan Beach itself have a vote for each identified parcel? And if so, how many votes does this entail. Does the same voting rules apply to the school district (MBUSD) - not asking at this time how many votes MBUSD has, if so).

I'm referencing the "Procedures for the Conduct of a Mail Ballot Election Relating to a Proposed Storm Drain Fee Increase," and references to any "Record Holder ("in the case of any public entity, the representative of that public entity") . . . may vote for or against the Proposed Increase. The Record Owner shall have one vote for each parcel."

Thank you,

Gary Osterhout

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 05:36:54 PM PST, Storm Drain Measure <[stormdrainmeasure@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:stormdrainmeasure@manhattanbeach.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Osterhout:

Thank you for your inquiry. Approximately \$74,020 in assessments would be attributed to City owned property for FY 2024-2025. For the Downtown streetscape, the City's contribution to Business Area Zone 10 was \$13,517 for FY 2023-2024.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

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**From:** Gary Osterhout <[garyosterhout@verizon.net](mailto:garyosterhout@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 17, 2023 5:00 PM  
**To:** Storm Drain Measure <[stormdrainmeasure@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:stormdrainmeasure@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Share of Storm Drain Fee

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Hello,

Would you let me know the amount the City Government itself would pay annually into the Storm Drain fee if the upcoming measure passes? Seems the City also would have the same responsibility as a homeowner.

If none, would you let me know if the City is still paying a share into the Lighting and Landscaping District (I believe that's District) in respect to the City Hall location?

Thank you,

Gary Osterhout

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**From:** Bruce Greenberg <bruce.h.greenberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:15 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Mark Leyman; Melissa McCollum; Archie Sherman; Ken Weiner  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Field Fee Adjustments and Turf Replacement Plan

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Kudos to Mark, Melissa, Archie, and the P&R Staff for the development of a thoughtful Turf Replacement Plan and funding model.

Turf field replacement is a significant and predictable expense. By appropriately increasing field rental fees and user fees and dedicating the collected funds to future turf replacement projects, City Staff will be able to optimally manage, maintain, and refurbish these heavily-utilized and much-loved City resources. And this funding model will allow the City to maintain control of field scheduling in order to adapt to changing demand patterns over the years.

As the staff report identifies, the Manhattan Village Field Project (\$811,359) was primarily financed payments from five user groups totaling \$700,359 in exchange for a cumulative 2,067 hours per year of dedicated field use for ten years. A similar "deal" was cut approximately a decade ago to fund the Marine Turf Field, locking up scheduling at that field for a decade to the user groups that funded the project.

The problem with this funding model, often touted as public-private partnerships, is that it effectively privatizes a public resources by locking up field time for the user groups that were sophisticated enough to stockpile a war chest of excess funds and negotiate advantageous deals with the City...and it does not allow for changing demand patterns over the ensuing decade. So, for example, as lacrosse rapidly grew in popularity over the past decade, it was extremely difficult for lacrosse teams, leagues, and clubs to reserve field time in MB for practices and games.

The new funding model should result in no additional cost to the end-users of the fields (e.g., AYSO families, BCS families, etc.). Under the current funding model, the user groups set aside a portion of league registration fees to build up sizable stockpiles of cash in preparation for the next negotiation with the City regarding field replacement and pre-reserved field hours. Under the new model proposed by Staff, the City will charge higher fees, put the additional funds aside, and commit to a regular schedule of field maintenance and turf replacement so that the user groups no longer need to stockpile excess registration fees.

It's a better model that will serve the needs of our youth and adult user groups, provide predictable funding for field maintenance and turf replacement, and maintain City control over scheduling fields in order optimize allocation and maintain flexibility.

Kudos to the P&R staff for developing this plan and bringing it forward to City Council for approval!!

Thank you for your service.

Regards,  
Bruce



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**From:** Bruce Greenberg <bruce.h.greenberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:47 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 24-0015 // Overnight Parking of Oversized Vehicles

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

A few thoughts for you regarding the item on tonight's agenda: Consideration of Options to Address Overnight Parking of Oversized Vehicles.

**1. Please consider a different definition of Oversized Vehicles.**

Per the staff report, MBMC Chapter 14.46, titled “On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers” defines an “Oversized Vehicle” as any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, which exceeds twenty-two feet (22’) in length, seven feet (7’) in width or eight feet (8’) in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by Sections 35109 and 35110 of the California Vehicle Code.

Many families in MB own and operate a MB Sprinter van or comparable Ford Transit as their daily driver vehicles...or weekend vehicles. The MB Sprinters vans are 95.5 inches (~8') wide and have three available lengths: 233.5 (19.5'), 274.3 (22.8'), and 290 (24.1') inches; available with 97.9-inch (8.1') standard roof height or the common 109.1-inch (9.1') high roof models. They typically do not fit in a standard residential garage and many families (e.g, sand section) do not have driveways.

It appears that the City's definition of an Oversized Vehicle makes all MB Sprinter vans Oversized Vehicles. Please consider a revised definition and/or permit policy that would allow MB families to continue to own, operate, and overnight park their vehicles in the City.

**2. Please considers a permit program (similar to Hermosa Beach's) for residents and guests**

There are several practical and common scenarios in which residents need to temporarily park an oversized vehicle near their home. We do not own an RV but we have rented multiple RVs for family trips. In each case, we parked the rental RV in front of our house for one night (for loading and prep) immediately prior to departure and for one night (for unloading) before returning the rental vehicle. Additionally, we have used the rental RV to visit the in-laws in Marin County. For these visits, my in-laws obtained an oversized vehicle permit so we could park the RV on the street in front of their house for a few days.

Please consider these scenarios as you direct staff on this topic.

Thank you for your service.

Regards,  
Bruce

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Bruce Greenberg

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**From:** David Hilgendorf <hilgendorf.david@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 11:34 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Tax

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Stop City Manager from multiple voting. What part of this is legal. It appears to be anti democratic and underhanded.

David Hilgendorf  
1229 11the Street  
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Homeowner and 40 year resident.

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**From:** CAROL CUTTING <s22dolphin@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 6:20 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Manhattan Beach Storm Drain Measure

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Are you guys crazy for even considering this action? You should all be ashamed of yourselves. If this passes for some unfathomable reason that the city manger is allowed to vote on it, we will be reminded of it at election time. Some of us will remind voters of this outrageous travesty foisted upon residents and businesses.

Carol Cutting  
MB resident since 1976!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Katobigdog@aol.com  
**Date:** January 15, 2024 at 5:49:39 PM PST  
**To:** s22dolphin@aol.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Manhattan Beach Storm Drain Measure

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**From:** katobigdog@aol.com  
**To:** citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 at 05:49:00 PM PST  
**Subject:** Manhattan Beach Storm Drain Measure

Dear Council Members:

As a long time resident of Manhattan Beach I am "outraged" that the City Manager can cast a vote for each parcel that the city owns. It is not a surprise to anyone that the city will not be paying the storm water tax for each parcel if the measure passes. Only the residents and commercial property owners will be paying the tax. This action is an absolute insult to the residents and business owners if you allow this to happen.

I hope the voters remember what the council is doing when it comes time for reelection.

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Thanks for listening.

Regards,

Steve Cutting

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**From:** Frances Chape <Franceschape@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 4:24 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CUT IT OUT

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Please MB City Council...

Rise above the rest. MB is better than this.

Do not allow the City Manager to cast YES votes in the Stormwater Drain election.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kurt Schweter <kurtschweter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 3:14 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] adding city manager to the voting roles

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Since when,,, does a city official, vote for city elections, on any tax that affects parcel owners in the city, outside of the property,,, they actually own. seems to me,,, Since when,,, DO city parcel's vote - - , the city council is going down the path of the School Board - - sneaky,, under the table activities. -

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**Kurt Schweter**

cell - 310-525-4477

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**From:** Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 2:54 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Manager votes

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Dear Council,

It's a new year and it looks like you are up to a new trick.

The thought that you would have the city manager vote for the city owned parcels is ridiculous! When those who vote "for" those they represent that is not a democracy. Letting him do that gives him too much power and I suspect you, the council, would be telling him how to vote.

That sounds like a LAWSUIT WAITING TO HAPPEN. WAKE UP PLEASE AND STOP THIS NONSENCE.

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**From:** bethmbca@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 1:39 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sewer Election Fiasco

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DO NOT allow the City Manager to vote yes for each city property concerning the sewer tax. Those properties do not pay the tax and shouldn't be considered in the count. That is absurd and is stuffing the ballot box. That fact that the ballot was sent over the holidays when people are busy and distracted by other things instead of adding it to the upcoming election was criminal. It is a waste of city money and clearly designed to pass something that the City Council wants but doesn't think the residents do. It is a poorly written tax that grabs money with no limits and should never have been accepted as written and should never have been part of a special election.

Shame on all of you!!

Beth Bernucci



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**From:** Kevin Burke <kburke@bimhf.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:23 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] are you kidding? The city is going to vote????? To double a tax.

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This an egregious use of power. The city manager is going to vote to raise its tax on itself. Please I understand you are all paid minimal salaries, (tongue in cheek). Please contact me. I have come into city hall and asked to speak with the city attorney, twice. He would not speak with me. I have sent two emails to him directly no response. You as a group better be darn sure this is the direction as a group. Who knew this would be the way this city works to embellish its coffers. You have a general fund that is their for this purpose, but I guess when salaries at the rates they are there is never enough.

Sincerely

Kevin P. Burke  
2216 The strand  
Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266

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**From:** jim.belt <jim.belt@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:06 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Election

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

The city manager should be allowed to vote in the storm drain ballot measure for each parcel of property that is owned and property taxes are paid for in the city of Manhattan Beach. A right and privilege of each property owner. That right should not be extended to every parcel just because of being the city manager.

James Belt

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**From:** Catherine McEvilly <cathy.mcevilly12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:05 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Storm Drain vote

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Dear City Council members, I hope that what I read is untrue and you did not give the City Manager permission to cast votes on behalf of the city in this vote. If true, isn't that ballot stuffing? It seems unfair and a way to ensure the city council gets the result it wants. Can't you let the voters decide? I have never heard of something like this and it will bring shame to our city if true. As I started out by saying, I hope it is untrue.

Thank you.

Catherine McEvilly  
2305 Walnut Ave

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**From:** Maryanne Petersen <maryannepetersen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 11:52 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City manager vote

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Voting should be one vote each person  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Leanne Huebner <lpyott@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 11:50 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 🌲 VOTER SUPPRESSION - Sham Election During the Holiday Season 🌲

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City Council,  
Are you trying to scam Manhattan Beach residents? I'd like to think you are better than that  
Thanks,  
Leanne Huebner

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** MBFOPP - Julie Profet  
**Date:** January 15, 2024 at 9:04:16 AM PST  
**To:** Leanne  
**Subject:** 🌲 VOTER SUPPRESSION - Sham Election During the Holiday Season 🌲  
**Reply-To:** mbfopp@gmail.com



Hello Leanne,  
Dear MB Family, Friends and Neighbors:

### Last Minute City Stormwater Tax Election Shenanigans

You just can't make this stuff up! With the last day to cast a ballot in the City's sham

stormwater tax election being Wednesday, January 17, the City just added Agenda Item No. 10 this Saturday to allow the City Manager to cast a ballot to Vote YES. Worse yet, he gets to Vote YES for each parcel the City owns. ( [Link to Legislation Detail](#) ) ( [Resolution](#) )

Let's be clear here. The day before this sham stormwater tax election is over, the City will be considering allowing their City Manager to cast ballots numerous times to Vote YES. These last-minute shenanigans should be an affront to every property owner In our community. Sneaky? Disrespectful?

Undoubtedly, the City cannot "tax" itself, and this election was for residential and commercial property owners who will pay this exorbitant second stormwater tax. Just another example of why this City election is such a sham.

Please email our Council [citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov) and tell them to "cut it out"! The City cannot, and should not, allow the City Manager to cast YES ballots in this City election.

Thank you for your time. I understand that MBFOPP primarily focuses on park issues, and you may not see this issue as a park issue, but FOPP does.

**Julie Profet**

**Neighbor | Friends of Polliwog Park | 2024 Chair of FOPP**  
[mbfopp@gmail.com](mailto:mbfopp@gmail.com)



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**From:** Baden Mansfield <[baden@badenmansfield.com](mailto:baden@badenmansfield.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:50 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Storm water Tax

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I do not support the City Council allowing the City Manager to vote yes on the Storm Water tax , and voting "YES" for each parcel the City owns is terrible. Who can I talk with about this multiple vote issue?

**BADEN V. MANSFIELD**

Attorney at Law  
1001 Sixth Street, Suite 110  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
T: (310) 546-5858  
F: (310) 545-7078  
Email: [baden@badenmansfield.com](mailto:baden@badenmansfield.com)

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**From:** Jeff Harang <mrrang247@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:23 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] fake TAX

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How does the City of Manhattan Beach come off letting the City Manager cast votes in this storm drain scam. If you don't pay the taxes, which the City does not, you don't get a vote.

Looks like a costly drawn out lawsuit against the City.

But it figures, all politicians are the same. After 50 years living in this City this kind of shit is what we expect from elected LEADERS!

Please stop this shit now. Don't waste time and money that we gave you to help improve our town. This is a crazy money grab that is completely unnecessary.

Respectfully your  
Jeff Harang  
resident/property owner



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**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:17 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: 🌲 VOTER SUPPRESSION - Sham Election During the Holiday Season 🌲

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Just in case you hadn't seen this.

Signed by Julie Profet, but I suspect Mark Burton is playing a role.

Elyse

The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand...we listen to reply

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**From:** MBFOPP - Julie Profet

**To:** Elyse

**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 at 08:59:22 AM PST

**Subject:** 🌲 VOTER SUPPRESSION - Sham Election During the Holiday Season 🌲



Hello Elyse,

Dear MB Family, Friends and Neighbors:

### **Last Minute City Stormwater Tax Election Shenanigans**

You just can't make this stuff up! With the last day to cast a ballot in the City's sham stormwater tax election being Wednesday, January 17, the City just added Agenda Item No. 10 this Saturday to allow the City Manager to cast a ballot to Vote YES. Worse yet, he gets to Vote YES for each parcel the City owns. ( [Link to Legislation Detail](#) )  
([Resolution](#) )

Let's be clear here. The day before this sham stormwater tax election is over, the City will be considering allowing their City Manager to cast ballots numerous times to Vote YES. These last-minute shenanigans should be an affront to every property owner in our community. Sneaky? Disrespectful?

Undoubtedly, the City cannot "tax" itself, and this election was for residential and commercial property owners who will pay this exorbitant second stormwater tax. Just another example of why this City election is such a sham.

Please email our Council [citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov) and tell them to "cut it out"! The City cannot, and should not, allow the City Manager to cast YES ballots in this City election.

Thank you for your time. I understand that MBFOPP primarily focuses on park issues, and you may not see this issue as a park issue, but FOPP does.

Julie Profet  
Neighbor | Friends of Polliwog Park | 2024 Chair of FOPP  
[mbfopp@gmail.com](mailto:mbfopp@gmail.com)



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## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Tina Nicole <tina@nafurniture.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 9:36 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No To The City Voting In Elections

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Regarding Agenda item 10

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*Sincerely,*

Tina Nicole

Creative Director + Principal Designer, Nathan Anthony Furniture

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**Martha Alvarez, MMC**

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**From:** Peter Hugo Flack <peterhugoflack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 9:19 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote

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The City cannot, and should not, allow the City Manager to cast YES ballots in this City election.

Sent from my iPhone  
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**Martha Alvarez, MMC**

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**From:** debaets@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:16 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10

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Councilmembers.

If I understand this item, the City Manager will be able to vote to tax the residents. I am opposed to this.

Steve De Baets

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** manbchstud@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 5:30 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO on City Manager vote!

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It has come to my attention that City Council has made a motion to allow the City Manager to vote on behalf of all city owned properties on the upcoming Stormwater tax. ***If this isn't a conflict of interest, I don't know what else could be.*** I strongly urge you to immediately repeal this bad decision prior to the voting on the stormwater tax.

Larry Levine

MB resident and homeowner since 1983

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** gary cawthon <cawthongs@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 4:55 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water tax

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We can't do what you want so stop it  
Sent from my iPad



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**From:** neil boyer <neilboyer@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 4:12 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stromwater Tax

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I am a MB resident and I wanted to express my concern about the city managers voting in the upcoming storm water election. My concerns are the city manager should not be allowed to vote for the city lots in the upcoming election. The city lots are owned by the city of MB which are the residents of MB. I don't give him the OK to vote for me.

Sent from my iPhone

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Paul Wafer <pwafer\_alpha@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 3:25 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Storm Drain Fee Votes for City owned Property

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It is my understanding that the City has added an agenda item to the council meeting this week to allow the city manager to vote for each parcel of land that is owned by the city in an effort to get the Storm Drain Fee/Tax passed. My concern is that the money to pay those fees are actually our tax dollars, so in essence, you are billing us even more for the storm drain maintenance. This is unfair to all of the tax payers and should not be allowed. It is also very underhanded to allow this at the last minute. If it does not pass, the people have spoken, deal with it.

Paul Wafer  
310-467-0906

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Irene Dulgarian <irened3@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 3:02 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I don't understand?

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The city can not, and should not, allow the city manager to cast YES ballots in the city election. Mark Burton knows exactly what he's talking about. I just don't get how the council is able to do what they do on certain issues.

Irene

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**From:** barbsstuff <barbsstuff@peoplepc.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 12:41 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] This tax needs to be legally challenged. Addendum 10 cannot be allowed.

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WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU. THIS IS NOT A KINGDOM OR DICTATORSHIP WHERE YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT .

From a very angry resident

Sent from my Galaxy