

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cindystokes33 <cindystokes33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:25 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community Murals Project

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This is a perfect example of wasting taxpayer money on a feel good project. If murals could eliminate hate, all we would need to do would be to cover our world and murals. Please begin to show our city that you intend to restore, responsible spending to the city of Manhattan Beach. Reject this project.

Cindy Stokes

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From: Cindy Bond <cindy@bond-associates.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: Please OPPOSE the mural proposal

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I strongly oppose the mural proposal.

The natural beauty and quaintness of our town/community has already been compromised in so many ways – I find it so disheartening. (I beg you to get rid of the circular cross walks! They are an eye sore, very dangerous to pedestrians that try to cross in the normal manner when the light changes, and a traffic bottleneck!)

Please stop with the virtue signaling and be fiscally responsible.

Cindy Bond

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From: Kelly Sultemeier <kellysultemeier@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:47 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Murals

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City Council,

I rarely comment on events happening in our city, but I felt the need to send a comment about the proposed mural.

We live in one of the most beautiful cities. We have the ocean, the sand, the mountains, beautiful trails and flowers. Why do we want to take away from the natural beauty of our town?

The rainbow crosswalk we painted already looks terrible with the chipped paint and tire marks. Who's going to pay for the upkeep of this artwork and murals?

Please consider alternate ways to show our city is welcoming and inclusive.

Thank you.

Kelly Sultemeier
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From: Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:45 AM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Cc: Mark Leyman; Eilen R. Stewart
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 24-0076 about the 3d shark

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Hello Council

While the 3d shark is interesting from a technical perspective, I am left wondering what it says about Manhattan Beach, or its connection to MB, beyond that it is an underwater ocean scene and we are next to the ocean.

There is even more disconnect in the proposal to place it on the fire station. The facility is not an aquarium, a dive shop, a fish market, etc. It wasn't built to serve as the display space for a novelty mural. I know we are running out of walls but it seems to me that an emergency services building should have more dignity than to be merely a flat surface to try to fit in one more "public art" piece. A shark in 3D just does not say fire station.

I have reservations about this mural to begin with but I urge you to consider what the fire station represents to the community before ornamenting it with a giant lunging 3D shark.

Thank you,
Gary

Gary D. McAulay

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From: jallen023@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:28 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Address City Council - Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Attachments: RequestToAddressCityCouncil_1300BlockVoorhees_JohnAllen.pdf

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Hello Liza Tamura (City Clerk),

I am hereby requesting to address the Manhattan Beach City Council tomorrow (Tuesday, March 19th) during its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 PM.

Attached, please find a script of the three minutes (or less), I plan on speaking.

Please acknowledge receipt and that this email and attachment suffice for purposes of a Request to Address City Council.

Many thanks,

John Allen
1330 Voorhees Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
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PROPOSED UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (UUAD)
1300 BLOCK VOORHEES AVENUE

MB CITY COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

- Hello everyone. My name is John Allen, my wife and I live with our family at 1330 Block of Voorhees Avenue, which is just north of the Mira Costa High School campus.
- I want to start by thanking the City of Manhattan Beach, including the City Council Members for taking up this very important initiative.
 - o Joe Franklin, Amy Thomas Howorth, David Lesser, Steve Napolitano and Richard Montgomery
- I also want to give a special thanks to the City's staff members, including Senior Engineer, Jeff Fijalka (who has been amazing), and City Manager, Bruce Moe for their support during this process.

- On behalf of my neighbors, I am here to request and encourage your support to form a UUAD encompassing the 16 parcels (owned by the 12 homeowners) along the south side of the 1300 Block of Voorhees Avenue.
- **By my tally, 94% of the parcel owners (or 15 out of 16) submitted the City of MB's Official Survey indicating SUPPORT FOR forming a UUAD.**
- I believe that Support set a City record for the *Official Survey*.
- And, we believe the support will hold for both the *UUAD Petition* and *Ballot Vote*, establishing records for each of those phases of the process as well.

- In part, our neighbors' overwhelming support reflects the fact that undergrounding our utility lines isn't just a matter of aesthetics. Rather, somewhat unique to the 1300 Block of Voorhees, 10 out of 12 of the homeowners have lived with the utility lines actually parsing their individual properties. In other words, the above ground utilities cut directly above our properties as opposed to along our property lines.

- Not only has the obstruction inhibited property development, it poses an elevated danger to the residents on the street. In fact, the high voltage power lines are currently directly above several of the dwelling structures. So, not just above the properties, but above the actual homes!
- In January 2022, when Manhattan Beach experienced the deluge of rain from the atmospheric rivers, our utility lines failed, causing the wires to be downed in the backyards of two of our neighbors.

- Given these factors, among many others, we are seeking and encouraging the Council members to approve the 94% Support For the *Official Survey* in order to move our proposed UUAD forward to a *UUAD Petition* and then to the *Ballot Vote*.
- Moreover, given the almost unanimous support and elevated safety issues affecting our properties, **we hope that the City of MB will prioritize and expedite our project – advancing the approval and construction processes as soon as reasonably possible.**
- We understand from Southern California Edison that our project would be relatively straightforward for them to design and construct. And, we are confident that AT&T, Spectrum and Frontier will reach the same conclusion.

- On behalf of my fellow neighbors living along the 1300 Block of Voorhees Avenue, we want to once again thank you for your time and support.

Respectfully,

John Allen

1330 Voorhees Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:49 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Murals and other Art issues

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Hello,

Please no more murals or other artsy statues or whatever in Manhattan Beach. I say this in particular of downtown and the North End. It is beginning to make MB look like a circus. I don't know about you, but I moved here in 1972 due to the natural beauty of the town.

Aren't the current iconic and natural features enough decoration? I am speaking of the pier, the ocean, the sand, the lovely shopping areas of downtown and the North End. I suspect the tourists don't come here to see murals and other art work. I suspect the locals don't either.

I hate seeing them on the Sepulveda strip, but at least you can speed by and pay little attention.

Lyn Fisher