

From: [Annalise Flanagan-Frankl](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Council agenda and council members behavior
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 3:46:43 PM

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Council Members,

The Council is to be a non-political group doing what is best for the community as a whole. I am extremely disappointed in the continued partisan behaviors exhibited by the Council as a whole.

1. Throwing your political weight around has intimidated the School Administration to such a point that Chris Kluew was fired from his job at Edison High School for expressing his Constitutional Right in a peaceful manner is appalling. At a local level, you are mirroring the disrespect being demonstrated by your President toward anyone who disagrees with him and threatening anyone who holds a different perspective. We are not living in the 1930's Germany!
2. It is critical the two library proposals be voted upon by members of the community - without Council further attempts at intimidation. Again, this is NOT 1930's Germany where intimidation is a weapon to be used on members of OUR community.
3. Members of the Counsel have presented themselves as having Christian values, If that is you, you ARE NOT REPRESENTING THE KEY COMPONENT OF JESUS' TEACHINGS - TREAT THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF!

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 3/4/2025

Agenda Item No. 18 (25-155)

From: [Jennie Austin](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Hold special election!!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 5:02:42 PM

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To HB City Council:

I'm writing in support of holding a special election for the two library issues. I DO NOT want a parent/guardian book review board AND I DO NOT want you to attempt to outsource privatizing the PUBLIC library. We should have voted on these issues the last election on February 23!!

The signatures on the two petitions were collected and handed into the city. Stop dragging your feet and do your job!! REPRESENT US, not your own agenda!!

Jennie Austin

HB citizen and voter

Retired teacher

From: [Diana Lithgow](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Special Election support
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:16:11 AM

Dear HB City Council,

I am writing to **request that a Special Election be held** so that the citizens of Huntington Beach can vote on the two legal petitions that were submitted and verified by the Registrar of Voters. Waiting for the next "regularly scheduled election" is an intentional attempt to subvert the will of the people--the citizens of HB who signed both petitions.

We will see you Tuesday night at the Council meeting to address this face-to-face during public input time,

Thank you,
Diana and Douglas Lithgow
41-year Homeowners Huntington Beach City

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From: [Jan Madnick](mailto:Jan.Madnick@surfcity-hb.org)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re item 26-153 and 26-155
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 11:30:32 AM

I am writing to support the calling of a **Special Election** to let the Huntington Beach citizens vote on these two measures. You have managed to slow this entire process down since the petitions were submitted in 2024; sow doubt as to the veracity of the signatures (falsely) by sending out questionable email surveys and phone calls from out of state individuals; and used your positions to lie about what these two measures mean to our PUBLIC library. No doubt tonight you will argue about the cost of a Special Election. If you would stop suing the State of California over issues you WILL NOT WIN, then, perhaps our Budget forecast wouldn't be so dire and this issue wouldn't have to wait until 2026.

The fact that you are holding a press conference to lie about pornography in our library now that the ACLU has filed suit with young HB citizens shows your total disregard for budgetary problems when it suits YOUR agenda. So sad that all of the press Huntington Beach gets because of your agenda is negative enough to keep people away. When newspapers like the NY Times write the truth about what's going on at the HB City Council you might want to consider what your message is doing to tourism.

Sadly, I'm sure you'll disregard all of the messages you receive in emails and the speeches by concerned citizens as you always do when it comes to a vote,

Jan Madnick
43 year resident

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FW: Outsourcing of library operations and review of children's books (Agenda items 17 & 18)
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 1:07:08 PM

From: Che Chereskin <ceceche78@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 11:41 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Outsourcing of library operations and review of children's books (Agenda items 17 & 18)

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I would like to join with many in my community to protest the outsourcing of library operations and the parental review of children's books in the library.

I have lived in Huntington Beach since 1997 and consider the Huntington Beach library system a stunning resource for our community. Not only is the library beautiful and well maintained, the selection of resources is outstanding including but not limited to books, e-books, audio books, movies, music, Maker Space, literacy services and preparation for US citizenship.

I myself have worked as a volunteer in the Adult and Teen Literacy Services department both as a tutor and assisting people with use of the learning materials, both books and computer resources. I was impressed by the competence, knowledge, professionalism, and kindness of the staff-both paid and volunteer. And also by the dedication of the students in the adult literacy program.

The library is already working very well. So if it's not broken, why fix it? And so much of the work is carried out by dedicated volunteers who support library services without draining the budget.

On the second issue, I find the idea of 21 faceless, nameless unelected persons overriding the judgement of trained librarians as to which books are appropriate for children as offensive. If any particular book is troubling to a parent, they can simply not select that book for their child rather than limiting materials for everyone else.

I used the children's section of the library extensively when my children were young. It was always a fun outing, bringing home piles of books, sometimes attending a program by the librarians, watching the fish in the large tank, and always throwing a penny in the

fountain for a wish. I never found any book objectionable.

I would like to have the library operations maintained as they have been and the permanent dissolution of the 21 parent review board for the children's library.

At least put these issues to a community vote. This certainly seems more fair than imposing these changes upon all of us when it is clear that so many people are opposed as evidenced by the petitions you have received.

Sincerely,

Che Chereskin

Huntington Beach resident

From: lisa_radvansky
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: No special please
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 5:37:00 PM

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Please don't subvert our petition and spend money on a special election just because it may not be your agenda. Thank-you, Lisa Mosley 18152 Lisa Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

From: [Judy Morris](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: 25-153 & 25-155; Item #s 22 & 23 Library Petitions
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7:00:21 AM

In light of the severe budgetary concerns facing Huntington Beach, the fiscally responsible thing for city council to do would have been to adopt both measures. Adopting the measure to repeal the book review committee would also have avoided potential lawsuits regarding the illegal book review committee.

The options to approve both measures regarding the library petitions were listed on the 2/18/25 agenda as items #22, 25-087 and #23, 25-126. Unfortunately the options to approve the measures were not discussed at the 2/18/25 council meeting, were apparently discussed privately among city council members, and have been eliminated from public view on the current agenda. Your continued lack of transparency is shameful.

I understand peoples' concerns around the availability of pornographic materials in a children's library. However you have failed to identify any pornographic materials in the HB library and you have succeeded in drawing a great deal of media attention to Huntington Beach, and to yourselves. It is clear that you fabricated the "pornographic materials in the children's library" issue and proposed the potential privatization of our library in order to fulfill the your own political and career agendas.

Sincerely,

Judy Morris
31 year resident

From: [Mary Ann Celinder](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: the division of HB
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:08:36 AM

What makes America great?

National parks provide amazing open space for all

The US Forest service protects our national forests

Public schools provide free education k-12

FEMA helps disaster victims

USAID gives life saving help for people world wide including handling epidemics, global food insecurity and education funding

Our alliances with foreign countries help ensure for security for all

Agencies regulate our food and drugs for safety

The consumer financial protection bureau helps victims of predatory lending and consumer fraud

EPA keeps our air, water and land clean

With Law and order everyone is treated equally and fairly, no one is above the law.

Courts try, convict and jail serious offenders instead of pardoning them enmass without regard to their crimes

FBI investigates crimes and tried to prevent a felon from becoming POTUS

The IRS analyzes tax returns so everyone pays their fair share.

NOAA alerts citizens of weather patterns to prepare for potential disasters and monitors changes in the ocean affecting the livelihood of fishermen

US postal service provides nationwide mail delivery to every city, town and rural address

The VA provides care for our veterans.

Social Security processes the safety net we have paid into.

A strong Dept of Defense is ready to protect us

The CDC and Health and Human Services in needed for prevention of disease control

The FAA keeping air travel safe

Dept of homeland security monitors threats from outside and within our country

The Dept of Housing and Development helps low income Americans with stable housing

Is there a person in this room who does not want America to be its best?

In the guise of finding fraud and abuse, DOGE has slashed and burned these very things that have made America great. Lives have been destroyed, lives have been lost.

You have brought your partisan agenda locally by attacking our libraries, privatizing our public spaces and inviting lawsuits as you wield your power. You have divided the city and wasted precious resources

I guess we have a very different definition of great.

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From: [Patti](#)
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Subject: Library
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Please honor the choice of the citizens who signed the petition to be able to have a voice in keeping our HB public library PUBLIC.

If a special election is necessary, then schedule it.

Keep our library public!

Sincerely,

Patricia Beumer Wride

Huntington Beach, CA

From: [Paula Schaefer](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; city.manager@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Adopt the Initiative Ordinance Agenda 18 25-155
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:43:30 AM

City Council Members:

There is no need to hold a special election or a general election.

You could adopt the Ordinance as stated in the Initiative, which simply sets forth the procedures to be followed by the City Council if it intends to privatize the staffing and management of the Huntington Beach Public Library. In doing this (it is an option), you would save the City the expense of an election.

You have had multiple opportunities already to do this:

- 1) after the number of signatures were counted by the City Clerk, and meeting a threshold, the forms were sent to the County Registrar of Voters (OC ROV), or
- 2) 10 days after the OC ROV notified the current City Clerk that the Initiative volunteers obtained the minimum number of signatures, or,
- 3) after the "study" was prepared as to the cost of a general election or a special election, or,
- 4) after the "survey" was repeatedly emailed to people that presumably did not yield your desired response, and 5) finally, at the 2/18/2025 City Council meeting, you had yet another opportunity to adopt the Ordinance as stated in the Initiative.

You have had enough time to evaluate and decide what is best for the City and its budget, so do the right thing for the City and adopt the Initiative's Ordinance.

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Paula A. Schaefer

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
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Please honor the commitment of the citizens who in good faith signed a petition to be able to choose to keep our HB Library Public.

The people have spoken.

Let them vote.

HB PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sincerely,

Patricia Beumer Wride

Huntington Beach, CA