From: Fikes, Cathy
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Next meeting

Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:27:21 AM

From: Nancy Bramet <nevonwb@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:59 AM

To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Next meeting

City Council...

PLEASE, stop trying to fix what isn't broken. I believe the library runs just fine as is... no need to change that. IF you must have a "Community Parent Guardian Review Board". Then you MUST include some members of the LGBTQ community on that board as well, it needs to be well rounded not just white, christian parents that are afraid of everything that they don't understand and don't want to understand. Otherwise it is NOT representative of ALL parents in our community. Let's be clear I am not for this community, I believe it to be a complete waste of resources but if it goes thru then it MUST have a group that represents everyone. Not understanding why you want to put together a board when you said we didn't have the resources for them anymore and gutted several boards that were in fact useful. We disagree on that as well but then council you really don't seem to listen to it appears to me most of the citizens in HB.

AND BIG NOOOOOO to leaving the League of California Cities. You all complain about homelessness then when a bill come thru that directly helps with that you don't like it. UNBELIEVABLE!! Also for the Gas Tax... OK... people this is for our roads, WHICH WE NEED!!! I don't like taxes either but I am smart enough to know that taxes pay for things we ACTUALLY need, like police, fire department, roads, bridges etc. I would far rather my tax dollars go to that than the city always suing the state for not doing low income housing, which we actually need. I still don't understand your argument on that. I have asked and your response if you truly believe your reason doesn't hold water. If you can build all this new housing that isn't low income, then you could have built low income housing.

Our library is fine, LEAVE IT ALONE!!! There is no reason to privatize it... even if the "great attorney" has lost all the law suits which he said he would win (I am not an attorney and I realized that was a major long shot even if it was a good attorney) our taxes paid major \$\$\$ on that. We are throwing good money at bad on these law suits... the council seems to think they are above it. YOU ARE NOT! If you don't like living in the state of California or Huntington Beach then leave it like your friend Tito did. I am not being nice here but I find most of you just exhausting. You honestly don't seem to have an idea here what you are doing or you have your own personal agenda which is even worse. You are to work for ALL the people of HB... make it better, safe. All you are doing is trying to change our city and what has made it great. STOP IT!!!

Here is something to do, work on our homeless and helping them. That is not an easy problem_{3/19/2024} but well worth finding a solution for.

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And do a better job of balancing the budget... although I know that is hard with all the lawsuits we have lost. But learn when to fight and when to just do what is actually right. Not putting in low income housing was wrong!!!!! Giving in to the AirShow people was wrong.. and then hiring them on a 10 year contract are you kidding me. They are using our beach, they should be paying us for that privilege.

I hope you all have read this completely because I know it isn't nice. But you know, you have made the last few years not great for me, because you seem to what to change everything that HB is. I am begging you please STOP IT!!

Regards, Nancy Bramet From: <u>Fikes, Cathy</u>
To: <u>Agenda Alerts</u>

Subject: FW: City Council Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2024

Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:35:08 AM

From: Larry Slonim < laryslonim@aol.com> Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:25 AM

To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: City Council Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2024

To All Members of the Huntington Beach City Council:

We have been very concerned about the 4-3 vote by the City Council to put Charter Amendments A, B & C on the ballot for the Primary Election, and have been following to vote tally closely. As of Sunday, March 17th, with about 46% of the voters registered in the City of HB voting, the tallies for A & B have be trending Yes and the tally for C has been trending No. We strongly agree with the constituents voting No on C, primarily because it gave the mayor, ANY mayor, the authority to cancel and change Council Meetings at his or her sole discretion.

While the four new councilmembers represent a majority vote advantage, it's clear to us that they often decide to vote as a block, with very minimal debate or deliberation of dissenting opinions, whether coming from the other 3 councilmembers (Kalmick, Moser and Bolton), and/or from public comments made relative to agenda items listed to be discussed at the Council Meetings. This is totally contrary to and blatantly hypocritical of one of the main reasons, if not the KEY reason, they chose to run for city office in the first place, back in 2022.

Since taking office, fairness, precedence and decorum has suffered badly as a result, and continues to get worse. Integrity and trust in the Council and the City Attorney has been terribly compromised. We strongly urge the four new councilmembers to attempt to modify the course they are currently on.

Lastly, we think that the current Administrative Agenda items 23 and 24, scheduled or the meeting of March 19th, be DEFERRED until the first meeting in April, to provide time for a more reasonable understanding and evaluation by the public and the other council members of the details contained within them.

Respectfully,

Larry and Susan Slonim

From: Pat Goodman

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: Agenda Item 23

Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:11:29 PM

I'm very concerned about the fiscal health of our city over the next four years. Slide 6 of the current year budget update shows a cummulative deficit of \$40m. I hope that you will begin the process of addressing this serious issue.

Thank you,

Pat Goodman Huntington Beach, CA From: Levin, Shannon

To: <u>supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org</u>

Subject: FW: City Council Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2024 (revised the morning of 3/19/24)

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:47:14 AM

From: Larry Slonim < laryslonim@aol.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:28 AM

To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Re: City Council Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2024 (revised the morning of 3/19/24)

To All Members of the Huntington Beach City Council: (Please note my latest revisions are to supersede my earlier email dated 3/18/24 in **bold black text**)

We have been very concerned about the 4-3 vote by the City Council to put Charter Amendments A, B & C on the ballot for the Primary Election, and have been following to vote tally closely. As of Sunday, March 17th, with about 46% of the voters registered in the City of HB voting, the tallies for A & B have be trending Yes and the tally for C has been trending No. We strongly agree with the constituents voting No on C, primarily because it gave the mayor, ANY mayor, the authority to cancel and change Council Meetings at his or her sole discretion.

While the four new councilmembers (Strickland, Van Der Mark, Burns and Mckeon) regularly exercise a majority vote advantage, it's clear to me and my wife that they often decide to vote as a block too hastily, with superficial debate or consideration of dissenting opinions, whether coming from the other 3 councilmembers (Kalmick, Moser and Bolton), and/or from public comments made that are relevant to Council's agenda items. This is totally contrary to and blatantly hypocritical of one of the main reasons, if not the KEY reason, they claimed and continue to claim that the prior City Council was not responsive to the concerns of all its residents.

Since the four new councilmembers have taken office, deference, respect, honesty and trust has suffered badly and continues to get worse. Any reliance in them and the City Attorney to responsibly steer our city has been greatly compromised. We strongly urge the four of them to modify the course they are currently on.

Lastly, we think that the current Administrative item 23 (24-195) Approval of FY 2023/24 Revised Budget, and Ordinance for Introduction item 24 (24-209)

Ordinance No. 4318, scheduled for the meeting of March 19th, be DEFERRED until the first meeting in April, to provide proper time for a more reasonable understanding and evaluation by the public and the other council members of the details and potential impacts contained within them.

A glaring case in point is that it's now been established beyond any reasonable doubt that having "more secure" municipal elections, regardless of their purported costs, will not produce safer elections than have been won in 2022 and with the likely approval of Charter Amendments A & B in 2024. City run elections would clearly be an added burden to the City's proposed revised

budget and are NOT needed! Certainly not at the expense of selling off our public library system to fund them, or by cutting other, more needed city services! Our four new councilmembers have to SEE that, and truly appreciate that reality. Otherwise, the legacy they create for our city will very, very grim.

Respectfully,

Larry and Susan Slonim