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To the City Council:

I am excited for tonight's meeting as we return to working on the problems facing residents and the City. As we turn a new chapter in the story of Huntington Beach, I have to believe that we are on the cusp of a Golden Age here. After two tumultuous months, it is high time to get back to business and start solving problems and finding solutions!

I am looking forward to a robust discussion on a possible Charter Review tonight. This process is a healthy check-up for our Charter and the people's democracy. I would like to see the Council make this a public commission (such as in 2009-2010) rather than a committee composed of City Councilmembers. I believe this better fits with [Section 804](#) of the Charter, which calls for a "Citizens' Charter Review Commission," not a Council committee, as well as previous precedent.

I'd also like to ask the Council to determine specifics of a Commission/Committee in order to prevent possible ambiguities in the future. What should the size of the Charter Review Commission be? Who is eligible to serve? What should the timeline and expiration date of the Commission be? When should the Commission bring back a report for a Council discussion and vote?

I'm glad we are now in a position to discuss substantive issues facing the City. I thank you each for your time and your service to our community. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Many thanks.

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From: Steven C Shepherd Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>
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August 3rd, 2021

City of Huntington Beach City Council – Supplemental Communication

Hello Council Members,

I am writing to express a few thoughts on agenda item #22, which pertains to the desire to form a committee to review the Huntington Beach City Charter. While I favor ongoing review and reconsideration of all existing foundational documents, I find this request and its timing to be either incredibly coincidental or just another political gambit played for the benefit of recent city council critics.

The specific passage cited by Council member Posey in the opening paragraph of his Council Member Items Report is something Huntington Beach residents have heard about many times since Mr. Ortiz's resignation. Section 312 outlines the procedure for replacing any vacancy on the City Council, first calling for the vacancy to be filled by appointment and, if not by appointment, then by a special election. This provision seems sensible and somewhat common given that the City of Costa Mesa City Council was recently tasked with appointing a new mayor. And ultimately, after applications were submitted, interviews were held, and public comment was received, the Huntington Beach City Council held two public sessions of council debate and selected a replacement. In the end, it all seemed to work the way it was supposed to, and I commend the City for its handling of the replacement process.

So why in the very first City Council meeting since the appointment has Mr. Posey placed this item on the agenda, and how is this an urgent priority? Has another city council member suggested they wish to resign? Or is this simply an attempt to appease the loud and angry voices who feel hard done by not getting the replacement they'd hope for?

The time for political posturing, pandering, and appeasement should be over, and the Huntington Beach City Council should focus on getting back to the tasks at hand. I urge you all to focus on the Strategic Goals set for our City back in January and leave the politics for 2022.

Thank you.

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