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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL GATES VS. OUTSIDE LEGAL FIRM

**From:** Lori Oravetz <lori.lyn1077@gmail.com>  
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**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL GATES VS. OUTSIDE LEGAL FIRM

Dear Council Members:

I understand that in the upcoming Council meeting there is an item on the agenda to discuss the potential selection of an outside legal firm that will report directly to the City Council.

As a long time resident of Huntington Beach, I strongly oppose hiring an outside legal firm for Huntington Beach. This position, currently held by Michael Gates, should continue to be elected by the citizens of Huntington Beach.

Mr. Gates has worked tirelessly for the City throughout his tenure with positive results in protecting the City's interests.

Once again, I strongly oppose hiring an outside legal firm to represent Huntington Beach as this position should continue to be voted upon by the citizens.

Regards,

Lori Oravetz  
Huntington Beach Resident

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From: Kevin Anderson <kpanderson@socal.rr.com>  
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To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: City Attorney Gates

Mr. Gates(and Erik Peterson) is the only elected official that works for the citizens of HB. Like the hypocrites you are, you idiots work only for your donors and Yasha the gay basher.

We the citizens elected Mr. Gates. You all want a special council that works solely for you. If you change the city charter, you will only strengthen our resolve to recall all of you.

As a result of your failed leadership, trash is now piling up to go with all of the criminal homeless you are bringing in. We are looking more like San Francisco every day.  
Well done Carr.

Happy Holidays and Looking forward to all of you being recalled.

Regards

KP

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Council Agenda Item #37 ...

Council members Carr, Moser, Bolton and Peterson:

The majority of the City Council should NOT be permitted to end-run (and violate) Sections 300 and 309 of our City Charter (requiring the City Attorney to be duly elected, and his or her powers and duties), especially Charter §309(a), which reads, in pertinent part:

*The City Attorney shall have the power to "[r]epresent and advise the City Council ... in **ALL** matters of law pertaining to their offices."* [Emphasis supplied]

Abide by the mandatory provisions of our City Charter, and **VOTE NO** on Agenda Item # 37 on Tuesday's City Council Agenda.

Thank you.

Gino J. Bruno  
Huntington Beach

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
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**Subject:** Support for our City Attorney

Michael Gates and his staff are the ONLY department in the city I have any faith in. To put it in a number you can understand, I believe in his abilities 10,000%... while my trust and belief in the city council doing their jobs (you know, working for the CITIZENS and representing what WE WANT, not what YOU want) is negative 10,000% (aside from Erik of course). I really don't know how most of you sleep at night with how far you are constantly going to destroy this city. The only thing that has ever held back the city attorney's department is YOU and your horrible votes and policies. We WANT them to fight the state and their insane mandates. STOP BUILDING our city to the ground!!!

Perhaps another number you can relate to. The citizens of this city elected Mr. Gates at a rate of nearly 2x any of the city council members. At minimum he received 20,000+ more votes than any of you. And believe me, those of you at the top of those previous votes have fallen hard and fast amongst us who SADLY voted for you in the past.

Leave the City Attorney AND the charter alone.

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
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**Subject:** Um, Doesn't HB Have a City Attorney?

Hello again council,

I noticed an odd item on the agenda for [next meeting](#), 21-1008. You'll have to scroll to the bottom; it's the very last one, which I'm sure was totally coincidental.

Turning to substance, am I dreaming or are you trying to put an end run around our elected City Attorney, and on our dime to boot? Cuz it sure looks like it.

Is there something outside counsel can do that our elected City Attorney cannot, or is it just that you only want advice consistent with your worldview and accountable to no one?

Extra classy that you do this a few days from Christmas, too.

Would love to get an explanation on this from you (and not from the PR firm you're bilking us for, either).

Thank you,

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**From:** Ted Ross <tedross\_0077@msn.com>  
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**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** "H Item" initiative for this Tuesday's (Dec. 21st) City Council Meeting

HBCC Members: Delgleize, Posey, and Kalmick:

Your attempts to circumvent the Charter are not only egregious, but it circumvents the will of the electorate of Huntington Beach who adopted the Charter. It is a blatant attack on our State & City democratic principles.

In essence, even thinking about using outside legal counsel requires written authorization of the HB City Attorney . As such, any unauthorized retention of outside legal services is impossible. It is dead on arrival!

I am requesting respectfully that you cease this legally dangerous endeavor. Your efforts by this "H Item" will only lead to violations of law. I further request that you follow the existing City Charter, follow the law, and withdraw the "H Item."

Sent from my iPhone.....Ted Ross  
HB resident

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**From:** Tim Kunze <vlnvlaplar@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 37: 21-1008 - City Council Meeting 12/21/21

We, the majority of citizens of Huntington Beach, are more than happy with the job our elected attorney is doing and see no purpose or reason for this action by the city council. It is a waste of OUR tax dollars, a duplication of effort and expense, and is an obvious attempt by certain members of the city council to move ever closer to removing Mr. Gates or whomever we elect and making this an appointed position. There can be only one reason this city council (certain members) wish to accomplish this and that is so that they can install a puppet attorney whom they can control.

We, the people, wish for our city's attorney to remain an independent position whose occupant will protect the citizens from all threats to our city.

I'll be signing the recall!

Thank you,

*Tim Kunze*  
714-552-2335

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**Subject:** Item No. 37 / File # 21-1008

Dear Council Members:

Are you TRYING to get recalled? Absolutely disgusted at the underhanded shenanigans that have been going on since this new council started.

How do you sleep at night knowing that you are all in this for yourselves and advancing your socialist agenda and not for the residents you swore to represent? Mr. Gates has been the City's best attorney since I moved here 25 years ago. Do you not remember we were once called "Sue City"???? Not only has he saved the city MILLIONS of dollars, but he truly has the City's best interest at heart and more importantly he was VOTED in by the residents of HB. We don't want some "woke" city council members deciding on behalf of the residents of HB who should be legally representing the City.

In my 25 years in HB I have NEVER seen this much controversy, upset residents LINING UP to come to speak publicly at council meetings, or felt that I had to watch every minute of a council meeting until now. I now feel the need to know what you guys are up to next because here you go again slipping Item 37 at the end of the agenda hoping that no one will be watching or caring by the end of the meeting.

Guess what? We ARE watching. We DO care. I hope every single member (minus Mr. Peterson) gets removed from this recall. Your political aspirations will then be crushed & we not only will our City back, but maybe save a little piece of our state as well.

Kathy O'Connor-Phelps  
Downtown HB Resident

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