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Please see attached.

Huntington Beach City Council Meeting Oct. 15, 2024 Submitted by Harry McLachlan, Huntington Beach Resident RE: Agenda Item #10 24-752 (Twin Cities) (Vote No) Agenda Item #19 24-750 (Symphony of Flowers) (Vote No)

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Like the Karmic Clouds that kept the Air Show from view, The MAGA 5 now seek to do the same thing to you. Regarding their clandestine hidden corruption: They hope to avoid an investigation eruption!

Along with their Israel "Twin Cities" ploy They pray an "Electronic Light Show" will bring us all joy. At the same time these unscrupulous 5 MAGA turds Don't give an owl's HOOT about the fate of the birds.

But up north an audit of their skullduggery is brewing, The results of which will have them all stewing And fretting that late at night knock on the door: The DOJ's coming, and you'll swagger no more!

Your embarrassing Clown Show continues. Your self-serving "press conference" was an embarrassment. You gift co-grifter Kevin Elliot another \$2 Million. Mayor Gracie joins the rest of the MAGA cultists at Coachella. Sincerely hope you had a nice walk to your car after your orange Pig-God stiffed all the attendees on the return transportation.

