

Moore, Tania

From: Cora Zeek <crzeek13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 5:52 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Cc: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Sept 5 agenda items- community voice

Hello I am not able to attend the city council meeting. Please find my voter opinions on the following:

1. Censuring of Moser would be embarrassingly wrong. From the video it is apparent that she brought up a difficult and awkward but legitimate concern about Van Der Mark's political background and past actions. These actions, which have been documented online in videos and the press, show to me that she has discriminatory leanings and has associated herself with aggressive hate groups. So yes, I think questioning her ability to serve on a committee focused on "human dignity" is legit.

What isn't legit is how Van der Mark jumped on Moser's comment right away and called her a liar and escalated the exchange and how council members berated Moser for just questioning something that is a legitimate concern and was not a personal attack. Van der Mark should've just addressed the concern calmly if in fact her concerns had no merit. But instead, she got wildly defensive.

2. Oppose tax payer funds going to a lawsuit I was totally against. No!

3. Opposed this ridiculous and shameful "Policy on Human Dignity " this paragraph is particularly disturbing:
"The City of Huntington Beach will recognize from birth the genetic differences between male and female and respect the strengths and benefits of each. Each sex carries advantages and disadvantages that warrant separation during certain activities (ie. sports). We encourage an environment free of hostility and discourage the erasure of either genders separate accomplishments."

It's feels very "Handmaid's Tale" and creepy, and anti-LGBTQ.

Those who wrote this seem to want the world to think HB is the west coast version of red-neck Florida. I do not think this is conducive to being an inclusive community or world class business and tourism town. "Don't go to HB it's a red neck and skin head town" has been its reputation since the 80s. I'm against perpetuating this reputation.

3. For the latter reasons, I oppose the "anti-vaccine and mask mandate" declaration. HB can't be looked at as a place where people don't care if you get sick or die by visiting a person or a business establishment in HB.

These are just a few of my concerns.

Best regards.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

Agenda Item No.: 22(23-726)

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From: Sheila Ellis <sheila.ellis78@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:33 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); Van Der Mark, Gracey; Moser, Natalie; McKeon, Casey; Kalmick, Dan; Burns, Pat; Bolton, Rhonda; Strickland, Tony
Subject: Tuesday city council meeting agenda

After reviewing the agenda for Tuesday's city council meeting, I am urging all council members to vote no on agenda item numbers 15, 16, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35.

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Sheila Ellis
(She/Her)

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From: Janna Koch <jannapkoch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 4:21 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fw: Vote no on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

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Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 04:08:32 PM PDT
Subject: Vote no on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

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To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; City Council
Subject: Vote No on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

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From: Galassi, Cecelia <cgalassi@gwc.cccd.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 12:58 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Response to Sept. 5 City Council Agenda

September 4, 2023

To the Huntington Beach City Council:

I am writing to tell you that your latest planned actions are an outrage and that I will join other citizens of HB and Orange County in fighting your efforts now and as long as you try to occupy your current positions. I'm a 12-year homeowner in this city, I work full time in the city, and I'm raising a child here.

As far as I can tell, this is part of what you want to do, starting on Sept. 5:

....Item 15—spend taxpayer money to hire two sets of lobbyists for the city because you want different rules than any other town in the state.

-Item 16 – spend up to 2.8 million dollars to hire a medical management firm to fight and, it looks like, manipulate workers' compensation arrangements that are already in existence.
-Item 19 – refuse to respond to the OC Grand Jury's report on drought.
-Item 22 – spend \$3,831,000 to continue to fight the state of California in your ongoing, tax-guzzling lawsuit (again, as if HB goes by different rules than the rest of the state—uh, no).
-Item 24 – simply steal funds from the Traffic Congestion relief Prop 42 fund to hire a grant writer.
-Items 27, 28 – In total bad faith cancel a number of existing contracts and open up re-bidding (is that because you want to hire a friend's firm?).
-Item 29 – In a total attack on the democratic vote that denied you the opportunity to change City Charter Amendments, you want to fund and arrange a new March 5, 2024 election, so you can try to force your wishes on all of us again.
-Item 30 – Appropriate 1.2 million dollars from taxpayer funds for.... "Business Unit." That's all the explanation you give: Business Unit.

-Item 16-- I will join other citizens to fight your attack on freedom (Item 16) to censor the HB Library and its trained librarians so that citizens have less access to books that you—without training, without any definition of what you mean by “obscene” (there’s an existing Supreme Court ruling on that, by the way) want to pick and choose. You also want to “part ways with the American Library Association.”

What the hell? You don’t get to determine anybody’s reading options. That’s not your job, you aren’t qualified to do it, and it is a complete attack on citizen freedoms. You want to deny the support of experts and the recognized national organization joining libraries across the country.

We know you are attempting to copy what you have seen other power-greedy leaders do in Southern states. It appears you want HB to become like them, and that is a disaster.

- Finally, the cowardly vote to rebuke Councilwoman Moser because she called out Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark’s **documented** Holocaust denial record and racism. Van Der Mark’s racism has been publicly known since before 2018, and though she tries to cover it up and claim that her Latino background means she’s not an anti-Semite, she has expressed racist views, and she has posted social media to that effect. In view of the fact that Moser has to watch her and most of you attack our civil liberties and use our money to do it, her frustration is understandable. Van der Mark has shown who she is, and slapping the wrists of someone who calls it out is dishonest and petty.

We see you. We will continue to fight your actions and power grabs.

HB Resident Cecelia Galassi

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To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: laura sire
Subject: Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35. (Agenda dated Sept 5, 2023)

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From: george sire <gunahound@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:55 PM
To: laura sire; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: laura sire
Subject: Re: Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35. (Agenda dated Sept 5, 2023)

Nicely put together.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Laura, that is a great letter!! Thanks for letting me read it. I know you'll be there in spirit tomorrow night. V

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As a resident of Huntington Beach I was to express my opinion in a public format since I cannot attend the meeting on September 5, 2023.

1. The Huntington Beach City Council **SHOULD NOT CENSOR** Councilwoman Natalie Moser for questioning Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark's ability to appropriately participate in a committee to amend the city's Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity. Gracey Van Der Mark has a long history of defending history on the atrocities of the Holocaust and her friendships with the terrorist organization - the Proud Boys.
2. **I OPPOSE THE UNNECESSARY ELECTION IN MARCH 2024, TO ADD AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CHARTER. THIS CITY COUNCIL IS SPENDING TAXPAYERS' HARD EARNED MONE.**
3. **I OPPOSE THE CONTINUED SPENDING OF MY MONEY TO THE KENNEDY COMMISSION.** AGAINM, THIS CITY COUNCIL IS SPENDING TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON ISSUES MAKING HUNTINGTON BEACH SEEM TO BE AN UNWELCOMING COMMUNITY TO ANYONE WHO DOESN'T "FIT" THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ON THE COUNCILS' DESCRIPTION OF "APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMUNITY".
4. **I oppose any action which would allow the City Attorney to expand his staff and to find a mechanism for his wife to become a city employee!! Nepotism is not tolerated!!!**
5. **I OPPOSE THE SPENDING OF MY TAX MONEY TO FUND THE AIRSHOW! THERE ARE BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL AND PRACTICAL REASONS TO NOT HAVE THE AIRSHOW. I AM APPALLED AT THE SPENDING OF TAXPAYER MONEY FOR THE MAJORITY ON THE CITY COUNCIL TO INGRATiate THEMSELVES WITH FUTURE POTENTIAL DONORS TO THEIR POLITICAL CAREERS.**
6. **I OPPOSE THE DISBANDING OF COMMITTEES WITH CURRENT VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING FREE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES TO THE CITY. DISBANDING THESE COMMITTEES MEANS IN THE FUTURE, THE CITY WILL HAVE TO PAY PROFESSIONALS IN AREAS IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY.**

Lastly, I am frustrated by the majority of City Council Members. I strongly suggest reading the book "White Privilege"!

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Annalise M. Flanagan-Frankl, M.A.

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Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:10 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Unprecedented Majority Overreach

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From: Dee Turner <hbdturner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 6:01:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Estanislau, Robin <Robin.Estanislau@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Unprecedented Majority Overreach

First, I must urgently protest the attempt to censure Councilwoman Moser for asking whether Ms. Van Der Mark accepts the Holocaust as fact. Asking a simple question is everybody's 1st A. right, but it is compellingly correct when the council's majority is trying to amend our city's Human Rights Statement. I notice the new language clearly implies that some citizens are somehow less worthy than others. What the rest of us understand is, when somebody's rights are denied or questioned, soon NOBODY has any rights.

Indeed, given the majority's aspiration to limit voting access in Huntington Beach, that seems to be the clear intent. Orange County's voting process is impeccable and has an esteemed record. That anyone would seek to limit voting suggests this majority is attempting, now that they're cozily in the barn, that they want to lock the barn gates so nobody else can get in—not the best representation of self-confidence, is it? You've made no investigation, not even a haphazard guess, of the potential costs involved, nor have you the slightest circumspection about its probable illegalities.

But corruption is also blatantly clear, here. First: the Pacific Air Show was canceled because higher authorities than this city council closed beach access due to 25,000+ gallons of leaked oil sludge. On the beach. Where Air Show viewers must sit. So the Air Show's lawsuit would never have reached a jury at all, being absolutely unsustainable on the merits. Yet our city attorney, Mr. Gates, decided to give \$7 millions in settlement to the same company that made the majority's campaign posters. And he refuses to allow us to see why our taxes were so paid, claiming needed secrecy. Nothing should be secret which requires such a gross expenditure of taxpayer funds, unless it would reveal underlying shenanigans—and then it MUST be exposed. Is it that the Pacific Air Show knows something about this council majority the rest of us have yet to discover? Or should we expect your next campaign posters to be covered in gold leaf? Mr. Gates should at least be sanctioned by the State Bar—if not criminally indicted—especially for settling plaintiffs' unwinnable case when such obvious conflicts of interest exist.

Then, too, there's the matter of his attempting to downgrade the requirements for City Clerk in order to shoehorn his wife into the position. This is nepotism and unspeakable grandiosity; perhaps Gates requires an evaluation for mental competence. Of course, if the majority could only have a City Clerk who is equally incompetent, perhaps they could then be more successful at railroading through their impractical, incredibly costly, and probably unlawful agenda.

Which brings us to the \$4 millions already spent, along with the next \$1-1/2 million currently proposed, in your feckless and frivolous lawsuit against the state's housing mandate. If you are uninformed on this issue, be advised that 17 jurisdictions before you have already lost in court. But then, you have the illitimable Mr. Gates representing you, a man so apparently fearful of losing a case which could not legally prevail that he donated \$7 millions to it. What, first you

have no confidence in your confidence man—and then you have far too much??

Of course, you would not recognize any right in Huntington Beach employees to also live in the city in which they're employed—that would mean listening to the board actually representing the 3,000+ folk who live in 18 mobile home parks here, but they don't count, either, do they? Or you wouldn't think of shutting them down so you could simply ignore the people you think are less worthy citizens. And here we have Mayor Strickland, who so boldly and barefacedly lives in subsidized housing, himself! Shame on you.

I detest the two-facedness, the cronyism, the utter lack of financial competence, the culture wars you support, and the corruption you've brought—instead of simply doing the job for which you were elected!

Most who voted for you probably still thought being Republican meant that you would be committed to conservation and keep our wetlands safe and pristine. They likely thought it meant you would repair our many, many pockmarked streets. They may have trusted that you'd employ experts who know that pollarding trees is a very poor arboricultural practice, and that lace pruning instead helps prevent infrastructure upheaval by root systems that grow exponentially when treetops are hacked off. They probably thought you would never think to alter our beautiful Human Rights Statement so that skinheads and their deadly menace might return.

But face it, you're just skinheads who dress better. I watched the 7+ hours of your recent council meeting. After, I was absolutely disgusted that you turned around at the start to pay lip service to a diverse nation you seek to infest with—shall we call it what it truly is?—FASCISM. Yes, you four, your patterns are distinctly fascist. Read up, educate yourselves!

My sincere thanks to the many decent people who addressed these issues at the last meeting, especially to Robin Estanislau, who serves so well in her capacity as City Clerk—a job she is well educated to do, with ample years of exact experience, to boot—whose position I hope will not be at risk to this cockamamie attempt to lower the standards for someone who's "run a few businesses," as though that meant anything. (Why more than one? Did she run them into disaster? What has running a business to do with the complex matter of being City Clerk? How lame. If that's how Mr. Gates presents an argument, dear gods let's recall him, FAST!)

I dearly wish this to be read at the next council meeting. But I'm so not holding my breath.

I've lived in HB for 33 years. You don't deserve my name.

Switzer, Donna

From: Donna Heim <dmheim123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:24 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Shame on You for Item 22

Instead of addressing social issues, you ignore your responsibility to find affordable housing. This costs taxpayers nearly \$4 millions dollars in attorney fees (not to mention the staff time to fight the state on this issue). Shame on you.

Donna Heim
Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Fran Delaney <francesbdelaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:13 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re: Current City Council Agenda Items

Thank you for following up. These are the items that I would like to be given NO votes by City Council:

15, 16, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35.

On Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 9:37 AM, supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org <supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org> wrote:

Good morning, Fran:

Would you please clarify which agenda item you were referring to when you stated "724-240" in the list below?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Donna Switzer, CMC

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City of Huntington Beach, City Clerk's Office

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From: Fran Delaney <francesbdelaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 2:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Current City Council Agenda Items

City Council Members,

I am a Huntington Beach resident and have lived at my home for 33 years. I am shocked and embarrassed on behalf of all residents by the outlandish and dangerous proposals put forth in the August 1, 2023 meeting and items on the agenda for the September 5th meeting.

I emphatically ask that you vote against these agenda items on September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting:

724-240

23-700 and all recommended actions

23-683 and all recommendations

23-734 and all recommended actions

23-731

23-738

I highly disapprove of the censure Councilwoman Moser for her comments made as concern for who would be placed on an Ad Hoc committee for changes to the Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity. She questioned underlying associations with Neo-Nazis and Proud Boys which have never been addressed. Councilwoman Van Der Merck's response was out of order and hysterical and by far more deserving of a censure.

I strongly disapprove of 1) streamlining, consolidating, and/or dissolving a select number of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees and Council Committees 2) the attempt to require voter ID's and monitoring on drop off ballot boxes, 3) changing the election cycles for the City Clerk and City Treasure, 4) changing the requirements for City Clerk. All of these actions are an attempt to control and limit the voice and votes of residents and are unnecessary and most likely illegal.

I am shocked at the proposed changes to the City's Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity and strongly oppose them. The verbiage is a direct attack on trans individuals, adults, and children and a veiled attempt to find reasons to ban books in the public library. These actions will also be found illegal and the City will become responsible for even more expensive court proceedings and fines.

In addition, the rapid and unstudied withdrawal from OCPA will result in a multimillion-dollar fine. This will be layered atop the unprecedented settlement to maintain partnerships for the air show, the legal fees to fight the State of California, the senseless and inflated salary increase for the City Attorney, and certainly the many fines and court proceedings that will take place, as a result, of the proposed actions in the September 5th meeting. All of these bloated expenses were unnecessary and made with little knowledge or care for fiscal responsibility and will most likely result in a needed tax increase for residents in the future. It's shameful both morally and fiscally.

Finally, an attempt to limit election access, and to attempt to stack elections to favor themselves and strip away the rights of particular groups of individuals is moving toward fascism, which I find atrocious and shameful for all of us who reside in this city. For those who don't see the similarity of these action to fascism, please read some of the descriptions of what these actions are, taken from Merriam Webster dictionary:

"... severe economic and social regimentation and forcible oppression of the opposition. A tendency toward or actual exercise of strong autocratic or dictatorial control."

If the City tampers with elections such as what is proposed, that is exactly where we are.

Please read my requests and vote against the proposals listed above.

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Fran Delaney-Barron

"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that
ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

Switzer, Donna

From: Monika Calef <mcalef@soka.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: council meeting Sep 5, 2023

Dear City Council,

I was very disturbed to read in the paper about the three amendments to the charter you plan to discuss in today's meeting. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. I strongly oppose all your changes to the city charter. The city charter has worked just fine for many years and does not require your probably illegal changes.

I also strongly oppose the expensive and fruitless anti-housing lawsuits. If the city has that much money to throw away, please spend it on community centers, children's activities, and low income housing. Or how about a community pool? Last but not least I am absolutely appalled about your censuring of fellow council member Natalie Moser. What ever happened to free speech? If you do not wish to answer questions, don't run for city council but as long as Gracey Van Der Mark is our future mayor, she damn well better answer questions regarding the holocaust and her outrageous previous remarks.

Sincerely,
Monika Calef

Switzer, Donna

From: Ada Hand <adajhand@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:38 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Shame on You for Item 22

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Switzer, Donna

From: Celeste Rybicki <celeste@celesterybicki.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Disgusted but not Defeated, NO on items 15,16, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35

Dear City Council Majority,

I am sure I'm not the first to mention that the attempt to throw all these issues on the agenda today, the day after a holiday long weekend, is a slimy attempt to sneak them all in without giving the public adequate time to realize what you're doing. I don't believe this will change how you vote, you've proven time and time again you do not care how the residents of Huntington Beach really feel. However, I am writing to have it on record, so you cannot deny that your constituents have reached out in opposition.

I am strongly against censuring Councilwoman Moser. Nothing she said was incorrect or inappropriate, she repeated the same concerns many of us have about the Mayor Pro Tem. I do feel that GVDM lashing out against her, interrupting and calling her a liar was unprofessional and inappropriate. If you're going to consider censure I would direct that towards VanDerMark.

I am against the proposed amendments to the city charter. For a group that ran on keeping the city charter as is... I am so confused as to why this is even happening. I didn't vote for any of you so I'm not particularly shocked or disappointed but I assume many who voted for you do feel deceived.

I am so, so, so opposed to the modified Policy on Human Dignity. It is, to put it lightly, wholly undignified. If this offensive monstrosity passes I expect there to be so much public pushback causing embarrassment (and very likely loss of business) for our city. I can say from personal experience, in the past year I have had 3 pride flags stolen from my front yard and in the past 8 years I have had zero attempts at grooming or anything inappropriate towards my children by the HB librarians or public school system or drag queens, for that matter.

I'm writing this morning, not from a place of fear - because I am not afraid that you four (plus Gates, that's a whole other corrupt mess) can truly destroy our city. I'm writing because I have hope that the good, kind, honest and loving community I know here far far outnumbers you and your small-minded attempts. So here's one more email letting you know we see what you're trying to do. I oppose items 15,16, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35. I oppose your fascist, bigoted power grabs.

Celeste Rybicki
HB resident and mother of 3

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:07 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Agenda for Sept. 5

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From: Jeanne Whitesell <jswhitesell3211@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 10:19:12 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Proposed Agenda for Sept. 5

Dear City Councils members,

I read the Agenda for the September 5 City Council meeting and want to state my concerns.

First I am appalled at **Item 32**, the Human Dignity document, which results in NO Dignity for some Huntington Beach citizens. Are we trying to take Huntington Beach back to the Dark Ages?

Second, I'm also against **Item 22**, which will use reserve funds for lawyers' fees. Why are we supporting lawyers to bring more unnecessary lawsuits? There needs to be more information and openness on where this money is going.

Third, I'm concerned about **Item 16** which seems to me to be an effort to damage one of the great institutions in HB, our wonderful libraries and librarians.

Other Agenda Items I'm opposed to are 15, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35.

Sincerely,

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Switzer, Donna

From: Scott Malabarba <scott@malabarba.org>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:16 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: regarding multiple agenda items for the Sept 5 council meeting

Dear Huntington Beach City Council members,

Council members Moser, Kalmick, and Bolton, thank you for your ongoing courage and integrity.

For the council as a whole, my comments on a number of agenda items for September 5 follow.

In (wary) support of 23-732, e-bikes

This looks like a genuine effort to address a real problem that falls with the city council's purview. Excellent, please do more of that!

In opposition to 23-731, censure of Natalie Moser

The Proud Boys is an hate group that harbors criminals, terrorists, and traitors to this nation. Its purpose is to do harm to entire segments of the American population, including tens of thousands of citizens of the city you serve. So, yes, if an elected official has any association with this organization or espouses its beliefs, such as that the Holocaust was a hoax, that is relevant. And it is fair to ask if they are the right person to revise a policy that was authored to take a stand against those very beliefs.

This censure not about civility. It is a blatant attempt to silence a council member who asked a question that some don't want answered.

In opposition to 23-734, revising the policy on human dignity.

"Protect children!" Of course -- everyone wants to protect children.

If you were sincere, you would know that queer and trans youth face drastically elevated risk of bullying, harassment, sexual assault, and suicide, and you would use your position to support and protect them.

Most of us are not looking to the city government to tell us how gender roles should work or what they suppose the differences between the sexes to be. Furthermore, given the history of this city council in attacking librarians and educators, I find this wording around sports to be concerning. Will you next target PE teachers?

I am not sure what to make of the paragraph stating that the council will "...vigorously fight criminal activity that risks some one's [sic] freedoms..." Does it mean to imply that the police and city authorities have *not* been pursuing the apprehension of criminals? Or perhaps, in light of the censure of Ms. Moser, it's a threat: *violate our freedom to hurt queer people without consequence and we'll turn the law on you.*

"...lend your voice in support of treating and respecting all people equally." An admirable sentiment, and I look forward to you all joining me with *your* voice in support of treating and respecting queer and trans people equally.

Let's be honest -- this was never a good faith attempt. It was only ever about erasing the original intent of a policy on human dignity that has been in place for decades. You could just leave it alone and move on.

In opposition to 23-700, special election and charter amendment

Prior to and during the June 26 special council meeting, we were told that the city was facing budget shortfalls in the upcoming years and that major cuts across most city departments would be necessary. The city will be paying out 8 million+ dollars in lawsuits. So how can the city afford 1.2 million for this election, plus ongoing and unspecified costs for items like running elections?

The structure of the proposed ballot measures is manipulative. Consistently, I see a prominent voter-baiting item (election takeover, ban Pride flags at City Hall) mixed in with completely unrelated items that look innocuous but add power and reduce accountability for the council majority and city attorney.

Every ballot item is a terrible idea (with the possible exception of the Measure C update, which sounds benign, but at this point who knows?).

Good-faith and well-authored ballot measures would be clearly and simply structured and allow voters to separately choose on unrelated items. This special election will probably happen, so I can only hope that HB votes smarter this time around.

Comment on 23-741, "safeguards" for library materials.

Of course the library staff has asked for more time -- you have presented them with an insuperable problem.

The library contains thousands of books that many reasonable parents would agree are inappropriate for young readers: most of the horror, thriller, suspense, and true crime sections; much of fantasy, science fiction, and literature; some history; and the entire romance section (most of us, of course, just pay attention to our kids and don't expect these books to be locked up). If you were sincere, you would be concerned about all of these and not just *Genderqueer*.

If you were sincere, you would have also noted that commercial bookstores stock the *same* books. There's little point in "protecting" children from these books at the library if they can just read them at Barnes and Noble. So you'll need to go tell store management that they must rearrange their displays to meet your requirements. And then get sued (again).

I hope some of you have realized that this whole effort is a can of worms that will accomplish nothing and cost the city time, money, and people. You could just make a note to better publicize the library's existing policies and move on.

Comment on 23-726, payouts from litigation reserves

These lawsuits predate current leadership. However, I would hope that upon having to pay out millions of dollars in taxpayer money, the city would learn its lesson and *not do it again*. Yet, the city is constantly embroiled in lawsuits over housing; the current council has doubled down on its stubborn refusal to comply with decades-old state law. It's not "fighting for HB" if you keep losing.

In opposition to 23-738, anti-mask and anti-vax nonsense

This is pure theater. Attempting to override any county or state policies will probably just get the city sued (again). What is most amusing about this item is that the people who are cheering for it never really cared, not even when people were dying of Covid in HB every day. They certainly are not waiting for permission from the city council to rip off their masks. This accomplishes nothing and makes HB look stupid.

Comment on 23-693, dissolve various committees and boards

I have no background on this matter. Perhaps it is entirely benign. However, in the context of other activities of the current city council, such as 23-700, I am suspicious about the unexplained dissolution of the Environmental and Sustainability Board, the Smart Cities and Technology Committed, and the Youth Board.

Comment on 23-673, IRC contracts

I would never have noticed this were it not pointed out to me.

"...staff proposes to recommend to the City Council to approve a 2-year professional services agreement for Federal legislative advocacy services with Van Scoyoc & Associations and another 2-year professional services agreement for State legislative advocacy services with Mercury"

But the plan is to "to execute a Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntington Beach and Stapleton & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services", the lowest-ranked vendor with just over half the overall score of the recommended vendor?

I have no background on this matter. Again, however, in the context of other activities of the current city council, such as 23-700, it looks suspicious and I have to wonder what underlying motives might be at play.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Scott Malabarba, HB resident

Switzer, Donna

From: MICKIE REINERTSON <hephatha@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Council agenda for September 5, 2023

I have read the agenda for the upcoming council meeting. I sincerely hope the council considers each item in light of the whole community and realize that many of the items do not represent a large portion of the population. I for one do not think many of the ideas are needed and some are harmful to the future of the city. For instance, eliminating volunteer citizens boards and commissions is the opposite of what is needed to ensure the people have a voice. Particularly the environmental and the youth boards. I have not understood what is gained by eliminating these boards.

It seems that money is being spent in areas that I question the need. Why would Huntington Beach need a lobbyist? Also the payouts for questionable lawsuits. I hope the public is able to hear the reasoning behind each expenditure.

Please have an open mind to people who may not agree with your opinions. Give everyone a chance to voice their opinion and learn from people who have a different perspective. I know I have learned from people who I have disagreed with and found valued information when I gave them a chance to explain their ideas.