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From: Michele Marr <michele@michelemarr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 12:00 PM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Tiempo Security Fence

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Dear Commission,

We concur with all these concerns. There is no good reason for this conditional permit to be approved. This fence will simply be a blight on our downtown.

Our concerns include:

- **Preserving the Character of Main Street:** The proposed fence is incompatible with the historic and coastal charm of our community. A design more in line with our city's aesthetic should be considered.
- **Safety & Emergency Access:** The proposed setbacks create unnecessary obstructions that could delay emergency vehicles in a critical area.
- **Unjustified Zoning Changes:** The business was already zoned when purchased. Sudden alterations create undue burdens and fuel concerns of favoritism in city planning.
- **Community-Driven Development:** Residents and business owners deserve a say in developments that impact our shared spaces.

We urge the Planning Commission and City Council to **reject** this industrial fencing proposal and instead work with the community to find a more suitable solution.

Respectfully,
Michele and Michael Marr
15911 Willett Lane, HB 92647

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Janet Bean <janetbeandesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 10:47 AM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fence at Old Mortuary on Historical Main Street

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I am writing to to ask the commission to NOT approve the proposed industrial fencing at the Old Mortuary on Main Street.

Please help preserve our beautiful downtown area, this fencing is not compatible with the historical charm of downtown. A fence such as this has no place downtown.

Please reject this industrial fencing and work with the community to find a more aesthetic and suitable solution.

Thank you,

Janet Bean

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From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 12:50 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>; Planning Commission
<planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Agenda Item on the fence at 625 Main St.

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To allow the conditional use of a not allowed fence on a property on Main St will just set a standard for surrounding properties. If the prison look is what they are after it suits their cause. Do we want our downtown area to look like East LA or any other high crime area with high fences built out to the property line this allowance will on help them along. I urge a NO vote on this.

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From: Helen Vanefsky <helenx@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:01 PM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Opposite high fence/gate at 625 & 627 Main street., HB

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**Hello HB city Planning
I'm a homeowner on Main Street.**

I oppose the gate around the building at 625 & 627 Main Stry on 7th and Palm Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 because it wouldn't keep the character of downtown.

**Thank you
Helen Vanefsky**

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To: Huntington Beach Planning Commission

Regarding: Tiempo Escrow Security Fence @ 627 Main Street


For the better part of four decades the property at 627 Main Street, Huntington Beach was the business address of Smith's Mortuary. My grandfather, Roy K. Smith, was the owner, with the business in partnership with the Howard K. Smith, my grandfather's son, and William E. Kettler, my father. They were honored serving the city and surrounding communities with their professional duties. Of importance to them was the appearance of their building and the grounds. During the many years of ownership they renovated the building inside and out as well as updating the landscaping of the grounds.

Every day the American flag was raised and flown at the corner of Main Street and 7th Street. During the 1950's our family received permission from the city to construct a walled and gated parking lot across Main Street from the mortuary. Our family took great pride in the maintenance of mortuary's grounds and the parking lot and landscaping. Sadly, after the property was sold in the 1960's, the building and grounds, through ownership changes, did not receive the dedication our family had done through the years.

When Tiempo Escrow, under the ownership of the Whitaker family, purchased the property a few years ago, the property was reinvigorated. The renovation of the building, the parking lot, and landscaping was better than ever. My father, the surviving partner of Smith's Mortuary, was emotionally moved by the revival of the property. He watched with smiles at changes every day from his home at 623 7th Street until his death on January 7th, 2023. He, as I, appreciate the labor and expense Tiempo Escrow have shown in the beautification of the building and property.

It only seems appropriate that installation of an attractive wrought iron fence be approved surrounding the parking lot. What better way to maintain the security and safety of the employees and customers of the business. Tiempo Escrow is an asset to the community of Huntington Beach and its operation should be encouraged. The many neighbors of the property endorse this new permanent fence!

Sincerely,


Howard F Kettler

803 Main Street / formerly of 623 7th Street

714-794-7010

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From: Kristina Saylor <kristina@surfcity.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Old mortuary on main.

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Hello, I have been a resident of Huntington beach my entire life (40 years). I grew up in down town Huntington Beach and got to enjoy its charm and watch it change and evolve. I currently live on Main Street, right across Palm from the old mortuary which is now an escrow building. After the finished renovation I was really hoping they would take that chain link fence down, but unfortunately it is still there and has been an eye sore for over a year now. I recently discovered that they plan on building an industrial fence around the entire building. I am opposed to this for many reasons. We are not an Industrial area, this is a beautiful neighborhood that is very safe and there is no need to have a fence built here. A big industrial fence will take away from the charm of our little beach town. This area is not zoned for that kind of structure and we don't need to change the zoning laws for a company that has only just moved into the area. I have known the majority of my neighbors my entire life and we have always been respectful of our city and its laws and we don't need anything to change. Tiempo escrow is already making themselves not fit into the neighborhood and building an industrial fence will stick out here like a sore thumb. They are safe and there is just no need for that type of fence. I have lived across the street for 6 years, but in the neighborhood for my entire life and never has there been a need for a fence. Please consider rejecting this industrial fencing proposal and instead work with the community to find a more suitable solution. Thank you for your time - Kristina Saylor Sent from my iPhone

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Cuevas, Marco

From: Aimee Whitaker <Whit@tiempoescrowinc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Cuevas, Marco
Subject: RE: Thank you for your consideration
Attachments: Curran - Letter to Plann_20250324093429.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Marco

Another neighbor just dropped off a letter supporting our project -see attached. Please add as late correspondence.

Thanks very much,

Aimee

Aimee Whitaker
Manager / Sr. Escrow Officer



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From: Cuevas, Marco <Marco.Cuevas@surfcity-hb.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Aimee Whitaker <Whit@tiempoescrowinc.com>
Subject: RE: Thank you for your consideration

Yes, of course. Thank you.



Marco Cuevas Jr.
Associate Planner
Community Development
Office: (714) 536-5224
marco.cuevas@surfcity-hb.org

To: The City of Huntington Beach
Office of the Planning Commission
Re: Security Fencing for Tiempo Escrow, 625 Main Street

To Whom It May Concern:

We are the property owners of 516 7th Street and have resided at this address since 1988. We support the proposed wrought iron fencing to secure the parking lot of Tiempo Escrow, a longtime small business serving Huntington Beach residents.

Over the decades, we have witnessed a significant change in the look of the downtown area with both commercial and residential properties. The residential streets now vary from older one-story beach cottages to ultra modern three-story homes. Where once we were the tallest home on our block, we are now one of the smallest.

Prior to the Whitaker's purchase of the property, we witnessed the deterioration of the Mortuary building, landscaping, and parking lot as the property stood vacant. After the property was purchased by the Whitakers, there was much speculation and concern by our 7th St. neighbors as to what would happen to this commercially zoned property. Much to our relief, we found out the original mortuary building would be preserved with significant upgrades and renovations to the building, landscaping and parking lot. The Whittakers have done an outstanding job of maintaining the original building's footprint and tastefully blended the property with the neighborhood.

It is our understanding that the purpose of the parking lot fencing is to provide security and safety to Tiempo Escrow's employees, customers, and property. For many years, we had unlocked pulls on our alley facing gates for ease in getting into our property and no gates in the front of our home. After seeing unknown individuals walk through our property from the alleyway to 7th, and, after our detached garage was robbed by someone who had easy alley access, we installed four locking gates, in the front and back of our property. As we recently walked through the neighborhoods that surround Tiempo Escrow or are in close proximity, we noticed that almost all of the residential homes/properties have done the same: installed locked gates, fencing and/or block walls to protect and secure their property and themselves.

It seems to us that the owners of Tiempo Escrow have the same right to secure their property. We endorse and support the proposed plans for the installation of wrought iron fencing on the Tiempo property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcia Curran Michael Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' for Marcia.

Marcia and Michael Curran
516 7th Street, Huntington Beach
714-356-6233

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From: Kim Kramer <kim@e-mailcom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:32 PM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Planning Commission Meeting 3/24/25 Re: Tiempo Escrow Security Fence.

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My wife and I are writing this letter in support of the proposed fence at 625-27 Main Street and ask that this fence be approved by the Planning Commission. I have read the pros and cons and, as a close-by neighbor to this property, I am grateful to the business owners for their attention to this matter. The fence and the associated landscaping will be a welcomed addition to the neighborhood for reasons of public safety and aesthetics. An open parking lot is an open invitation for crime, graffiti and homeless intrusion.

Thank you,

Kim Kramer and Gloria Alvarez

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From: Aimee Whitaker <Whit@tiempoescrowinc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Cuevas, Marco
Subject: RE: CUP 24-026 - letter of support
Attachments: Letter in Support of CUP 24-206 for 625 Main St.pdf

Thank you. I may have a couple more.

I think I already forwarded this one – just making sure.

Aimee Whitaker

Manager / Sr. Escrow Officer



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From: Cuevas, Marco <Marco.Cuevas@surfcity-hb.org>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 3:05 PM
To: Aimee Whitaker <Whit@tiempoescrowinc.com>
Subject: RE: CUP 24-026 - letter of support

Hello Aimee,

The sooner the better. We plan to publish the Compiled Late Communications by 2 pm tomorrow, but we'll still accept communications after that time until about 5 pm.

Thank you,



Marco Cuevas Jr.
Associate Planner
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2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92646



City of Huntington Beach
Planning Commission
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Subject: Letter in Support of CUP 24-026 for 625 Main Street

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my full support for Aimee and Steven Whitaker’s request for approval of CUP 24-026, which would allow them to complete the installation of a security fence around their parking lot at 625 Main Street.

Tiempo Escrow has been an integral part of the Huntington Beach business community for decades, and the Whitakers have consistently demonstrated their commitment to enhancing both their property and the surrounding neighborhood. I have trusted Tiempo Escrow both personally and professionally for many years, referring countless Huntington Beach residents to utilize their services for one of the most significant transactions of their lives.

The proposed security fence is a necessary and responsible addition. As a licensed escrow company, Tiempo Escrow is entrusted with **highly sensitive** financial and personal information, making security a legal and ethical priority. A secure, well-designed gate provides essential protection, deterring criminal activity that has already been a documented issue on the property.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to uphold the original approval of CUP 24-026 and allow the Whitakers to proceed with their much-needed security improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Roger | SeaCliff Team

Chelsea 714.536.5377

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Dear Huntington Beach Planning Commission,

I have been a proud Huntington Beach resident for over 15 years and have lived on Main Street for the past 11 years. Recently, I learned that the old mortuary on Historic Main Street was purchased by Tiempo Escrow, and my neighbor informed me that the new owner plans to install large industrial-sized fencing around the entire parking lot.

I am writing to formally express my opposition to this plan. Such fencing would be an eyesore and would not align with the coastal charm and historic character of Main Street. Additionally, it raises significant safety concerns by creating unnecessary obstructions that could delay emergency vehicles in a critical area.

I urge the Planning Commission to reconsider this proposal and prioritize preserving the aesthetic and safety of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Yuri Choi

619 Main st. HB.

714-402-5475

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K Carroll <kcrissie7@gmail.com>

to planning.comission

Congratulations to Brian Thienes, Chair nominated by Pat Burns. I have been impressed with your contributions at City Council Meetings. Also, Bret Bush, nominated by Chad, I have seen your contributions as well. Ken Babineau, nominated by Butch Twining, my experience with you has (although just facebook) has been straight up and always on the same page. Dominic McGee, our soldier at arms that does not mince words like to me, and finally, Benjamin Goldberg, who I don't know that much about; but, I trust Don Kennedy's judgement and like mind.

Thank you for considering the following:

Item 25-035:

The current city council has made tremendous strides cleaning up downtown HB and has been successful. Allowing a security fencing implies otherwise. Not the case.

Let's continue to mitigate the issue instead of facilitating it although I truly believe it has been nearly diminished in regards to homelessness and cleanliness to DT HB.

I feel like to compromise on this issue will create a visual of unsafe HB .. like putting bars on windows or business fronts. Likewise to Santa Ana or downtown La....that is what you see. I also think that if you resemble the expectation, i.e., bars, you attract the behavior. If you don't resemble the behavior, there is an implication that it is not tolerated...usually true.

Tiempo has many clients in HB (including our's when we bought our house) and how they would want to inflict this eyesore on their clients including the Main Street of HB..in a historical Surf City .. many of their bread winners is complexing. Why do they not keep their business on Bushard with Fencing? They never head fencing there.

Please, this is a long lasting effect for the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods who if made an exception is coming to a neighborhood near others...i.,e., Beach Blvd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

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Kris Carroll

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From: jstone223@aol.com <jstone223@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 3:14 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Planning Commission Meeting 3/24/25 Re: Tiempo Escrow Security Fence.

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My husband, Dr. Michael Stone and I are in complete support of Mr. Kramer and Ms. Alvarez's stance on the proposed fence at 625-27 Main Street.

Thank you.

Dr. Michael Stone and Mrs. Jessica Stone

Pecan Ave., HB.

On Monday, March 24, 2025 at 01:32:06 PM PDT, Kim Kramer <kim@e-mailcom.com> wr

Dear Planning Commissioners,

My wife and I are writing this letter in support of the proposed fence at 625-27 Main Street and ask that this fence be approved by the Planning Commission. I have read the pros and cons and, as a close-by neighbor to this property, I am grateful to the business owners for their attention to this matter. The fence and the associated landscaping will be a welcomed addition to the neighborhood for reasons of public safety and aesthetics. An open parking lot is an open invitation for crime, graffiti and homeless intrusion.

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To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>; Tiffany Tina <tiffanytina012@gmail.com>;

William Hennerty Jr. <billhennerty@yahoo.com>

Subject: Please Include this is the communication

MOST RELEVANT ▾



Larry Mc Neely Top contributor

The current code clearly shows a fence like this is not allowed, If allowed does this not set a standard for all the properties in the area to place a tall fence across their front yards? If the Prison look is what they are after, this will fill that need.

[25-035](#) APPEAL OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 24-026 (TIEMPO SECURITY FENCE) - CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 MEETING

REQUEST:

To permit the construction of a 6 ft. tall open slat wrought iron security fence within the 10 ft. front setback in lieu of the maximum height of 42 inches. This request also includes a reduced vehicle stacking distance of 7 feet, 2 ½ inches in lieu of a minimum of 20 feet, and to allow the proposed fence within portions of the required 10 ft. visibility triangles located at the front entry and the rear alley exit.

LOCATION:

625 and 627 Main Street, 92648 (near the intersection of Main St., 7th St., and Palm Ave.)

Recommended Action:

- A) Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303, Class 3; and
- B) Approve Conditional Use Permit No. 24-026 with suggested findings and conditions of approval (Attachment No. 1)

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Subject: Please include this in the communication #11

All comments ▾



Cari Swan Top contributor

This type of fence is heavy commercial, doesn't belong in a residential area.

14w Like Reply Share



Van Mar Author Top contributor

Cari Swan , nope it does not!

14w Like Reply Share



Kathleen Moore Nutting Top contributor

Van Mar!! What a horrible idea!! Two things...The company can contract with a security company for the proper arrangements. No bodies were ever stolen.

14w Love Reply Share Edited



Bill Hennerty

If the set backs were honored this issue would have been avoided. Main Street has a 15 foot set back for all walls over 42". The new owners did a great job renovating the building so I don't understand why they would want to put up an industrial gate.

The homeless issue is moot. The new owner is referring to Tom who has been in the area for over 10 years and is actually very helpful and friendly. Yeah, he was using the new owners water spout as it was ok for him to use with the previous owners. That spout now has a lock on it.

They probably already bought the gate idk, but there are better options which would help soften the look. I understand the owner doesn't want people on his property but arguing with neighbors and not knowing the community doesn't look good for a brand new business to the downtown area.

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Subject: Please attach to Item 11



Matt Campbell Top contributor

So ghetto. Just say no. They can park the RV someone else. It just opens the door for everyone else to have ghetto gates.

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Van Mar [Author](#) Top contributor

Matt Campbell, 100%! Thank you for reading between the lines. Another community member stated " It's a slippery slope once you agree to this aggressive architecture. Thank you again!

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Subject: Please attach to the Item 11 for the gate on



Shawn Hollub
Hell no...

14w Love Reply Share



Van Mar Author Top contributor

Shawn Hollub, you are so good at mobilizing people. We do not need this on this historic street. We are not Compton or Los Angeles. I'm going to start asking that people start writing to the planning commission.

14w Like Reply Share

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Shawn Hollub

Van Mar I'm in. That's an atrocity like you said we are not some high crime. Everybody needs to put up fences to guard their property type of city. That and we've got one of the finest police forces ever. **#hbpd**

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Subject: Please add this communication to Item 11



Cari Swan Top contributor

Kirstin Hall that would be my concern as well. Why work so hard to request zoning variance for industrial fencing in a residential area unless they are doing something not intended for that location?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marsha Shaw <marshagshaw14@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 5:51 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Fence

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live at 504 7th St (50 yrs), and fully support the fence that Tiempo Escrow wants to install.

Marsha Shaw

Sent from my iPhone

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shawn Lambert <shawnlambert71@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:26 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Opposition industrial gate

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email as it relates to the proposed installation of an industrial gate at the Escrow building located on Main St. HB, CA. As a life long resident, Property/ Business owner, I vehemently OPPOSE the idea of Industrializing whats left of Main St. Let alone the impact to our neighbors who own and reside on Main St.

Please ad this to Agenda 11 (of the Planning Agenda).

Respectfully,

Shawn Lambert

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From: John Acampora <jdacampora@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:37 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Planning Commission Meeting 3/24/25 Re: Tiempo Escrow Security Fence

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Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the permanent fence proposed by the Tiempo Escrow company. The owners of the building have done a wonderful job in renovating the original structure. It's a welcome addition to the entrance of the Downtown area. The building is attractive, landscaped nicely and lighted at night. It just makes common sense to have a gated area for their employees and customers. It will also keep people from loitering during non- business hours. I can't imagine why there would be any opposition to further enhancing the area and providing additional security .

John Acampora

423 6th St., Huntington Beach, CA

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen and Bill Nutting <km.wgutting@verizon.net>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 9:44 PM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Item 25-035. Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Approval of Conditional Use Permit #24-026 March 25, 2025 Meeting

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in opposition to the Zoning Administrator's Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a security fence for Tiempo Escrow at 625 and 627 Main Street.

The request for an increase in the allowable height from 3 1/2 ft or 42" to 6 feet or 72" is extreme and is not appropriate for this residential neighborhood with its charming historic homes and its newer residences which have blended well with the old. The owners of Tiempo Escrow have already altered the feel of the community by altering the style of the building from the compatible California Mission Style to a stark warehouse look. If either a "6 foot tall open slat wrought iron security fence" (Attachment #10 - Presentation) or a 6 foot tall "metal tube fencing style selected by owner" (Attachment #2 - Plans received and dated Feb 25 2025) is allowed, the industrial look will be complete.

Please consider the effects that a security gate of this size and mass would have on the close neighborhood and also on the general surroundings leading into or out of downtown and deny Tiempo Escrow's request.

Thank You,

Kathleen M Nutting

HB Resident and Homeowner since 1974

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From: Ann Palmer <714anniep@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 1:04 AM

To: Kennedy, Don <Don.Kennedy@surfcity-hb.org>; Twining, Butch <Butch.Twining@surfcity-hb.org>; Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Opposed to zoning exceptions at 625-627 Main St

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All:

Thank you for taking the time to read this memo of opposition to Conditional Use Permit 24-026 and other zoning/design exceptions considered for the property at 625-627 Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach, CA. As I have a conflicting obligation for the city's Celebration Committee meeting I cannot speak in person. It would be greatly appreciated if this communication could be read publicly at the Planning Commission meeting.

- The need for fencing of this size and magnitude has not IMO been well established.
- The property for which this is requested was already appropriately zoned — and should have no need for exceptions — when the property was purchased.
- The fencing in consideration is out of character for the area and
- Additional exceptions for changes in setbacks and spatial plan may be unsightly or, worse, could occlude necessary visual sightlines for normal business, law enforcement and emergency services.
- Our current council and its appointed Commissions are arguably the best and brightest this city has seen. It has been a welcomed direction to be more steadfast about abandoning the idea of allowing exceptions and upzoning for every project/request. Please continue this wise course because
- When exceptions are granted to unique properties those or other considerations come to be expected by other developers, owners and lessors. This can result in further exceptions, height creep and long-term inappropriate or over-development.
- At a time when the cumulative effect of downtown and other city beautification efforts may be critical to the opinions and dollars from both tourists and residents, a few regrettable decisions could reduce favorable impact.

- We don't need every business and property to look the same but when some pieces of the puzzle are a dramatic misfit the overall result may resemble an urban Frankenstein.

Again, I appreciate you time and consideration.

Very best,

Ann Palmer

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From: Meredith La Tour <mlatour8@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:33 AM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Fence on Main

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Good morning I'm an opposition of the fence being installed at the former mortuary building which I believe is a brokerage building on Main Street. I think it would just look awful and atrocious and not be compatible with our quaint downtown area.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sunrae Dawson <Sunraedawson@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:54 AM

To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Mainstreet Opposition to Fence Installation at Old Mortuary Building

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed fence installation at the former mortuary building on Main Street, which is now operating as a brokerage company. While the property is zoned for business, it is surrounded by residential homes, making it an integral part of our neighborhood's aesthetic and character.

The proposed fence would be an eyesore and is entirely out of place in our community. Huntington Beach has a distinct architectural and visual appeal, and allowing such a structure would disrupt the harmony between residential and business properties. Property owners in the area will be forced to look at this unattractive addition daily, diminishing the overall appeal of our neighborhood.

Furthermore, such a fence could set a negative precedent for future developments, potentially leading to a more industrialized look in an area that should maintain its coastal, open, and welcoming atmosphere. We urge the City to consider alternative solutions that align better with the surrounding neighborhood and uphold the aesthetic integrity of Huntington Beach.

I appreciate your time and consideration and hope the City will take the concerns of local residents into account when reviewing this matter.

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From: Laurie Virtue <laurie.virtue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Proposed Gate on Main Street

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To the Planning Commission,

As a resident of Huntington Beach for over 40 years, I would like to comment in regards to the proposed gate on Main Street at the former funeral home property. I strongly oppose this proposal. It is difficult to understand why the planning commission would even consider allowing an eyesore like that on Main street, especially so near homes in the area and downtown itself. I have seen a lot of changes over the years on Main and I realize that some have been necessary, but many have dramatically changed the charm of what Main used to be. Seal Beach is a prime example of a town who has done it correctly on their Main Street. It is not overbuilt, with multi-storied buildings. It seems clear to me lately that the planning commissions in Huntington Beach rarely listen to the citizens of the city. I understand the need to make some changes over the years, but Huntington Beach was once a charming Beach Town, much like others up and down the coast, many of which still hold their charm. Huntington Beach is losing that very charm that has made it special for so many years. I wonder what the founders of this town would think...

Thank you!

Laurie Virtue

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From: Tiffany Tina <tiffanytina012@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:18 AM
To: Planning Commission <planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda 11 - 3/25/2025

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am against restructuring the zoning to appease Tiempo Escrow and its affiliates from building a large metal fence. This property and its neighboring properties have been looked at and spoken about constantly for the past couple of years. When this area is in the spotlight, a commercial zoned building in a residential community, it should fit in with the community. Not just aesthetically and within zoning laws, but also observing niceties within the community. The fence that the owners want is not within the setbacks and zoning, period. The reason it was zoned the way it was is to respect it being in a neighborhood. Respect. Something that the owner does not have.

The reasons I have heard for this fence is to be able to store junk in the parking lot, keep people off property and because of safety issues for employees. News alert: this property is in a safe residential neighborhood and employees leave around 5:00pm every week day. There's not much crime in our neighborhood which my family has lived in since 1997. These owners are pushing the money they have by buying people to write into the city and straight up being a crappy neighbor. I've personally heard the owner or employees threaten neighbors while walking their dogs on the sidewalk. Respect your neighbors, respect the laws that have been put in place and put up your 42" fence that you're allotted with the appropriate set backs.

I would hope the city would respect the neighbors that have been here for years and not one business that moves into the neighborhood trying to change it to their liking because they can try to buy city officials.

Thank you!

Tiffany Tina-Dubar

Tiffanytina012@gmail.com

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Cuevas, Marco

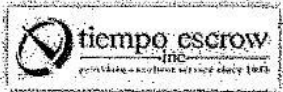
From: Aimee Whitaker <Whit@tiempoescrowinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 1:10 PM
To: Cuevas, Marco
Subject: RE: CUP 24-026 - letter of support
Attachments: TIEMPO ESCROW.pdf; TIEMPO SIGNATURES.pdf

Hi Marco

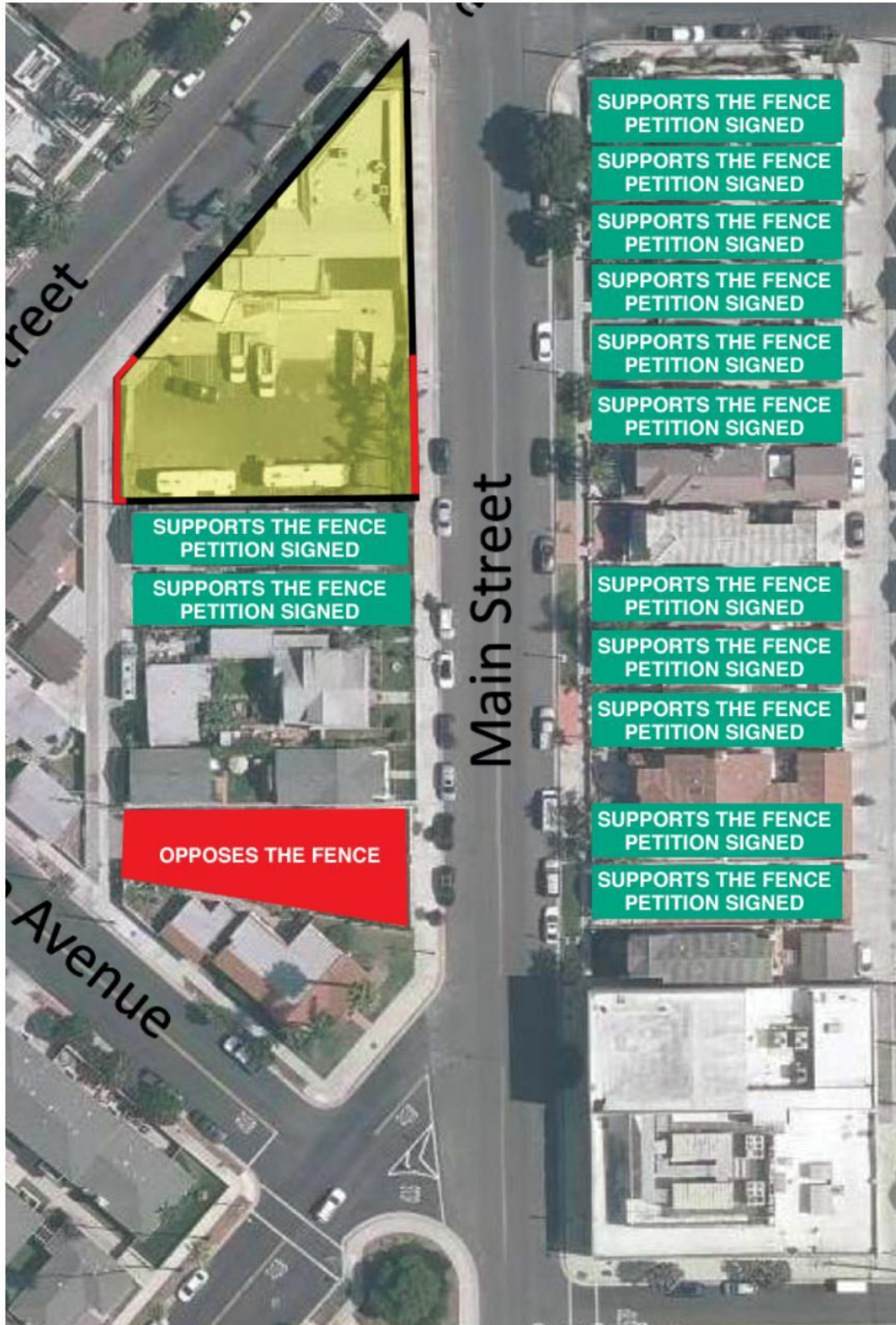
I just received the attached.

Aimee Whitaker

Manager / Sr. Escrow Officer



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Tiempo Fence Letter

