

Moore, Tania

From: Ted Ross <tedross_0077@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 4:42 PM
To: Van Der Mark, Gracey; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Burns, Pat; Strickland, Tony; McKeon, Casey; Gates, Michael
Subject: Huntington Beach City Council Agenda Item 35: 23-738 Submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark - Resolution Declaring

Reference : 3-738 Submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark - Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City The City ban broad (universal) mask and vaccine mandates; City Manager to return to Council with a Resolution at the next regular meeting declaring the City to be a "no mask and no vaccine mandate City" as a response to COVID-19 or any variants. Individuals, whether at City Hall or in the private sector, should have a right to choose whether to wear a mask or get vaccinated or boosted.

Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark,

As much as I would like to endorse your initiative, I believe you may have violated Government over-reach in making this proposal. If I am not mistaken your initiative is properly handled by the Orange County Public Health Officer? [Please run his by Mike Gates, HB City Attorney to be sure before you take further action.](#)

Ted Ross
Huntington Beach Resident

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

Agenda Item No.: 35 (23-738)

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 8:21 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSE Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City

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From: Diana Lithgow <lithgownp@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 7:42:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Douglas Lithgow <dmlithgow@aol.com>
Subject: OPPOSE Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City

City Council,

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE Resolution 23-738: Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City.

Do not pass this resolution at the Sept 5th City Council meeting.

We are not in a public health crisis at the moment, and this resolution is not needed. HOWEVER, if we ever DO enter into a public health crisis -- PLEASE let the PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS and SCIENCE dictate the needs for public health actions--and NOT POLITICIANS who are pandering to their base with declarations such as this for our city. Nonsense and dangerous.

Again, I OPPOSE this sort of time wasting--poor judgement posturing. I have my Public Health Nursing certification--and this is dangerous.

Dr. Diana Lithgow
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HB HOMEOWNER SINCE 1983

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To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: AGENDA ITEM #35

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Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 7:43:44 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #35

Dear City Council Members:

YES! I support the resolution declaring the City of Huntington Beach to be a “No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate” city!!

City Council Members, please STOP this insanity! This mass psychosis of fear over a virus with a name! There are thousands of respiratory viruses that mankind has lived with over the centuries. Just because a name is given to a particular virus doesn't mean it is any more or less harmful than any other virus we've experienced. ENOUGH!

Since 2020 when this mass delusional psychosis of fear started, there have been countless studies of the harm caused by mask and vaccine mandates. Studies have shown that fully vaccinated people are more than 2X as likely to get covid than the unvaccinated. The covid vaccines do NOTHING to reduce one's risk of hospitalization. If anything, this vaccine has caused horrific harm to 30% or more of the people who received it. Such harm as myocarditis, blood clots, miscarriages, stillbirths, auto-immune disorders, reproductive issues, pulmonary embolisms, and cancer. The covid vaccine is obviously not safe and effective.

- In the Pfizer Phase 3 study, the people in the vaccine group were 31% more likely to die than those in the placebo group.
- The Schwab study showed at least 14% of the people who died within 20 days of the vaccine were killed by the covid vaccine.
- In 2021, there were 525 deaths reported in VAERS for all other vaccines combined, but 22,397 deaths for the covid vaccine alone. That's a 42X differential.

As for face masks, they have caused tremendous harm to children and adults physically, emotionally, psychologically, and especially developmentally to infants, toddlers, and young children. This is due to a combination of prolonged isolation, social distancing, and universal masking of faces. A catastrophe that was man-made and due entirely to the failings of adults who have succumb to this mass delusional psychosis of fear and anxiety.

- Since the first lockdowns in 2020, younger children have suffered a 24% cognitive decline along with a 22 IQ-point LOSS among infants (essentially brain damage).
- An electron microscope is needed to see a covid19 virus particle which is 0.125 microns. The N95 mask only filters down to 0.3 microns. So N95 masks block few, if any, virus particles. Which means the cotton and standard surgical masks are most definitely INEFFECTIVE in blocking or preventing transmission of viruses.
- One month after the first statewide mask mandates in California, the daily covid case average increased by 162%.
- Face masks are essentially humid germ incubators as they recirculate your own germs and negatively impact your immune system.

Please, City Council Members, STOP the mass delusional psychosis of fear before it starts! I urge you to vote YES on this resolution.

Thank you,

Julie Guite
40 year Huntington Beach resident
92647

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Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 9:01 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Oppose Resolution 23-738 "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate"

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To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Oppose Resolution 23-738 "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate"

Huntington Beach City Council,

I am opposed to Resolution 23-738: Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City.

We should take advice from health care professionals on matters concerning the general health of the public and I fully support erring on the side of caution. Wearing a mask and getting a vaccination is a small price to pay for the health of my fellow citizens as well as myself. There is no reason at all to have this resolution.

Sincerely,

Douglas Lithgow
19841 Flagstone Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Moore, Tania

From: Nikki Reidt <nmreidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 10:00 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Appalled...

This city council majority is attempting to make changes that have no purpose. Instead of solving REAL problems, you are creating more and making faceless claims and suggestions. You are using your power to feed social discord and creating more tension and anger in our community. Shame on you!

Re: Elections -

Orange County elections are known to be exceptionally safe. If someone is coming to you with questions about this, there are many facts you can provide them...but instead you are choosing to fan the flame and encourage questions. You are creating MORE regulations and making life more difficult for our residents based on your emotions and personal opinions rather than facts and evidence. Requiring ID for voting does NOT increase the integrity of our elections. It does the opposite and is shown to make it MORE difficult for people to vote. Many people do not have a driver's license or passport, government identifications get lost, have wrong addresses when people move and cost money that people may not have. What purpose do cameras at drop boxes serve? Was there any issues at drop boxes in Huntington Beach? Is this really a good use of public funds?

You are not solving a problem, you are creating one. Requiring voter ID, placing cameras at election sites or drop boxes or changing anything about our elections is unnecessary and will do nothing more than cost our city MORE money. You have already wasted enough. There is no need to alter elections in Huntington Beach.

Re: Olympic Flag -

When your original oppressive flag ban was being voted on, many people brought up "what about the sister city flag" and "what about an Olympic flag" but you were so focused on forcing through a flag ban before June so you wouldn't need to consider the PRIDE flag. The hypocrisy and homophobia of this city council majority is disgusting. The time and energy spent on these social battles is a waste. If you would have left the flag policies alone to begin with, we wouldn't need to be wasting more time on this now.

Re: Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity -

The Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity was created as a statement to what Huntington Beach aspires to be. Who could possibly disagree or question the goal that everyone ought to be treated with dignity and respect? Do you believe that people ought to be safe from hate crimes in our community? Is your intention to send a loud message to the white supremacists around that we accept them and their danger to our community? That's what you're doing. This document was created after two heinous hate crimes in our city - a man was brutally murdered in our community and another attempted. Hate crimes are on the rise in Huntington Beach...is this what you want to encourage? The actions of this city council are abhorrent. The timing if this is disgusting. You are not making our city better. You are creating more issues. You are dismantling policies and programs for no reason other than your personal social agendas. Council member Moser's questions about the appropriateness of Council member Van der Mark sitting on a committee for human dignity was absolutely appropriate and a question many of us have. This council majority is not even pretending to be fair and instead cramming through discriminatory and, likely, unconstitutional policies left and right.

It is no secret that Council member Van der Mark is alleged to be antisemitic and to support white supremacists. If these rumors are not true, she ought to have made a public statement months (years) ago. Council member Moser was bringing up an excellent point and was not accusatory or offensive in any way. She simply asked a question. Can see Mark could have listened and responded. Instead. She became hostile and defensive. Unfortunately, this council

majority can't handle questions because they don't do any research or base decisions on facts and are functioning from purely emotional stances. What was inappropriate in this instance was the Mayor and City Attorney chiming in and instead of allowing Moser to complete her statement, interrupting and attaching Moser while siding with Van der Mark. We all have a right to know if there is an antisemitic, white supremacist sympathizer on our city council.

Re: No Mask/No Vaccine Mandate.

I don't believe that any of you are doctors, scientists or public health experts. This has no place in the agenda. This is ridiculous. You already have a choice about wearing a mask or getting vaccinated or not. No one is forcing this on you. Again, you are creating problems that do NOT exist. Stop wasting our time with your politicized drama.

Re: Dissolving of city boards and committees.

It's incomprehensible that 4 people think that they, alone, know what is best for an entire community. What do you fear about committees and discussion? Do facts and research scare you? This council was not elected to steamroll decisions and disregard other opinions. The responsibility of a city council is to listen to the people. To consider FACTS, as well as alternate opinions. Instead you have chosen for your small group to meet behind closed doors and make decisions for our entire city without talking to those with actual knowledge and experience in the areas you are altering.

Making decisions behind closed doors without facts or discussions with the people actually involved in the real life, day to day, experiences is unethical. You continue to destroy our city and cost us ridiculous amounts of money in law suits. What are you trying to do? Do you have no compassion for those of us living here and raising children here or are you just on a personal mission to destroy our city and waste our hard earned money? You have gone to some lows in the past 9 months but surely there are actual issues you could be addressing rather than dismantling declarations that do nothing more than help people feel safe. Stop wasting our time and money with your culture wars.

Disappointed,
Nichole Reidt
Resident of Huntington Beach

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.

Moore, Tania

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)

Mr. Amory Hanson
8102 Ellis Avenue
Apartment 121
Huntington Beach CA 92646

September 5, 2023

The Mayor of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

My Dear Mister Mayor,

I am writing to express my support for Item XXXV.

Sincerely Yours,

Mr. Amory Hanson

CC: The Honorable Grace Vandermark
CC: The Honorable Rhonda Bolton
CC: The Honorable Patrick Burns
CC: The Honorable Daniel Kalmick
CC: The Honorable Casey McKeon
CC: The Honorable Natalie Moser

Moore, Tania

From: Fran Delaney <francesbdelaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 2:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); 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 Treasurer, 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 mult**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.

Moore, Tania

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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From: Janna Koch <jannapkoch@yahoo.com>
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
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

To the HB City Council,

RE: City council agenda. VOTE NO on Agenda items
15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35!

I am unhappy with the job performance of this City Council. Your actual job is to represent ALL of the voters in HB. Also, to take care of city business and properly maintain the city resources and infrastructure.

You are not only not doing a good job of that, but it has come to my attention that you intend to squander 1.2 million of the City's dollars on an unnecessary special election. If you want to have a PAC...go out and raise YOUR OWN MONEY! Meanwhile the Central Library has bathrooms not working, RATS, the parking lot is rapidly degrading, and a host of other maintenance issues abound including proper ADA access for Seniors and disabled persons.

The City Council is breaking the CA State law by not completing the Housing Element. This is your JOB!

I vote to Censure the HB City Council for not doing it!

It is past time to stop acting like a mimic of the dysfunctional House of Representatives in the US Congress and get the job done! If you do not want to do the job, then please EXIT the HB City Council chambers like Tito and let others who are better qualified to do so get on with it!

We expect to have the same responsibilities and opportunities to vote as every other citizen of the State of California...it is NOT your job to decide otherwise!

It is highly inappropriate to declare the City of Huntington Beach to be a Non-mask mandate city. Again, we expect to have the same protections necessitated in a public health crisis as the rest of the citizens of Orange County. I am Covid At-Risk...my pandemic will NEVER be over. I am also my sole support and need my fellow residents to not make me sick. As to fiscal responsibility, I do not wish the City of HB to have to payout on lawsuits against the city for infecting people by public servants of the city or have to pay for sick days for the entire HB City Hall, HBPD, HBFD, etc. to infect themselves all again. There are areas of public

buildings that are NECESSARY to mask in during a public health crisis. This is because again, the City has FAILED to properly update them, namely places like the tiny, ventilation-impaired bathrooms at the Central Library!!!

Lastly, I value the service of Natalie Mosier on the HB City Council. She represents the People of HB better than any other person on the council. If the City Council members did not have exposure for comments made regarding their integrity, then it would be much more difficult to do so. I would be much less successful than Natalie in keeping a proper demeanor in the same circumstances.

Thank you for your attention to these matters...get the job done!

Janna Koch
Huntington Beach
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Moore, Tania

From: Linda Law <lindaklaw@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 6:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; City Council
Subject: Vote No on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

Dear Council Members,
Please vote no on agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35 at the September 5, 2023 City Council meeting.

I don't even know where to start with my objections to these agenda items.

The proposed charter amendments are unnecessary and would be extremely costly. Over a million dollars to place these amendments on a March 2024 ballot is ridiculous.

There is no evidence of voter fraud that necessitates the city having a separate local election that requires voter id and requires the monitoring of ballot drop boxes.

The City has gotten itself involved in costly anti-housing lawsuits and settled with the Air Show operator for millions when the city is supposedly broke.

The City Council and or the City Attorney have no business determining what books are available in our public libraries. That is the job of our librarians. Let them do their jobs.

Failing to recognize the transgender community in the revised Statement on Human Dignity is just shameful.

Censuring Council Member Moser for speaking the truth is beyond hypocritical. Having a known racist and anti-semitic on the council should be called out every day. There are photos, tapes, and newspaper articles that prove that relationship.

Against staff recommendations, the mayor is recommending that the city choose the lowest ranked Federal Government Affairs lobbyist. Why is that happening?

Proposing that the city ban broad universal mask and vaccine mandates as a response to Covid 19 or its variants is just ill informed. Covid 19 continues to mutate and having mask and vaccine mandates available is just good public health policy.

Dissolving numerous boards with little or no public input is very troubling to say the least.
What's happening with the Climate Action Plan for the City?

Our high standards for the City Clerk position and other positions should continue.

Thank you for your time.

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Janna Koch
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From: p hugh <patimush@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 8:42 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City council

Ms Moser should be censored and please Do NOT make HuntingtonBeach a vaccine or mask mandate city. Quotes from the Register. Don't repeat past COVID mistakes.

Be brave and remember the terrible problems that the last ridiculous mandates created. We have faith in you listening and knowing what is good for all of us.

Sincerely,

Patti and Mike Hugh

Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:35 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Against Item 35 on 9/5/2023 CC agenda

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From: MEG ROBINSON <twokyu@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 11:42:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Against Item 35 on 9/5/2023 CC agenda

The "less government" 4 are going to tell private businesses what to do in case of another pandemic outbreak. This would mean that hospitals, physicians, dentists and the like would not be able to require masking under these conditions.

Just another sorry example of the 4 MAGAs crying "you're not the boss of me."

Margaret Robinson
8788 Coral Springs Ct, 206G, HB 92646

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:36 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment Item 34 & 35, Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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From: qw <channelfrequency@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 1:04:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Public Comment Item 34 & 35, Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Good evening City Council,

34. I oppose this item because I doubt sentences 1 & 2 are disrespectful or accusatory. I doubt sentences 3 & 4 are personal or accusatory. A personal comment seems to be speech that isn't directed & made in decorum, so I doubt this item is valid. The city charter shouldn't allow suspicion of untruth to go unchecked, of the findings in the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg & The Nuremberg Code U.S. v Brandt or to play a role in a campaign, so a personal comment is warranted. Note, a person shouldn't be prevented from speaking theoretical caution against political corruption, in personal comments or committees. This item should be removed if it isn't necessary. How did this item happen? This item seems to have inconsistency.

35. I oppose this item & support a no mask mandate. No mask mandate should already be declared because masks dangerously reduce oxygen to a person. This is a major human rights crisis. Other organizations have little jurisdiction over this. I don't know if a city council has legal authority over vaccines. Does it? Please, approve a no mask mandate with haste. This item, as written, seems to have inconsistency.

Non-agendized. A city council should also be prepared to request from the President, a national travel ban of a foreign country in advance notice if there is an untenable, super-virus resurgence in a foreign country. A super-virus & the masks shouldn't happen again.

- Ben Pickens, Huntington Beach, CA

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:37 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Oppose Item #15B, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35

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From: jstone223@aol.com <jstone223@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 6:10:16 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Oppose Item #15B, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35

I am apposed to our council majority and City Attorney attempting to change the very fabric of my city of 25 years.

Jessica Stone

"What if today we were just grateful for everything" Charlie Brown.

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:39 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Comment, 9-5-23 CC mtg., items 15, 16, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35.

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Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:36:12 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Comment, 9-5-23 CC mtg., items 15, 16, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35.

Dear HB City Council:

As a Huntington Beach resident, I appreciate the chance to comment in several items under consideration at the Sept. 5, 2023 council meeting:

Item 15

Please vote NO on item 15, a recommendation to contract with Kahn, Soares, & Conway LLP for State Legislative Advocacy Services and with Stapleton & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services. It is unclear why these firms were chosen. Stapleton was not highly rated by staff, and Kahn was not rated at all (and appears to focus on agricultural and water law).

HB residents deserve transparency in how lobbying firms are chosen, especially given that the mayor is a professional lobbyist and may have conflicts.

Item 16

Please vote NO on item 16, to redirect staff to develop policy options regarding city library materials and safeguards.

This item continues development of the unconstitutional book-banning proposals pushed by the council majority. Having political actors review and restrict books would be an unconstitutional imposition of extreme religious views into the function of our public library, which is to serve all users regardless of faith or political views. Professional library staff are fully capable of choosing materials for our public library. Concerned parents can screen out anything they feel is unacceptable.

Please stop the book-banning efforts that HB residents clearly oppose.

Item 30

Please vote NO on Administrative Item 30.

The council majority promised HB voters they would refrain from charter amendments. With this item, they go back on that promise.

Charter amendments must be done with a thoughtful, even-handed, transparent process. The proposed batch of amendments in this item is anything but. The amendments were hatched behind closed doors by the council majority looking to consolidate power within the city attorney's office; prevent the council from investigating malfeasance; help the city attorney's wife get elected as city clerk; cement the anti-Pride flag ordinance into the charter; restrict the city's ability to create affordable housing; and improperly interfere with county-run elections in an attempt to cater to election-conspiracy believers.

If charter amendments are needed, they should be done with an open and rigorous process with public notice and comment, and voted on in a November general election, not the lower-turnout primary election.

Item 31

Please vote NO on item 31, dissolving the HB Human Relations Committee, and the Mobile Home Advisory Board.

The city's Human Relations Committee is needed more than ever. Hate incidents and crimes are a continuing problem in our city and county. Dissolving the committee is an affront to the diverse community that lives, works and visits our city.

The Mobile Home Advisory board also serves some of our most economically vulnerable citizens, many of them seniors on limited incomes who face rising rents from aggressive mobile-home park owners. The state Dept. of Housing and Community Development is too far removed from issues impacting local mobile-home residents, and our own advisory board can inform city leaders and HCD about HB-related park issues and violations.

Item 32

Please vote NO on item 32, the Ad Hoc Committee's proposed Policy on Human Dignity.

The proposed new statement on human dignity is a major step backward for the people of HB.

The existing Human Dignity statement promises respect for everyone, regardless of "actual or perceived racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or gender expression, or disability status." The existing statement has clear definitions of hate incidents and crimes, and promises action against hate crimes. It encourages and instructs on how to report hate crimes, and notes the tragic history that gave rise to the Dignity statement.

The proposed new statement has none of this. It does not even mention hate crimes. Instead, it offers up a generic tough-on-crime policy, offering to pursue "all of those who participate in crimes in our community," warning specifically of child abuse, including "sexual grooming." This language is chilling--right-wing extremists have associated grooming with the LGBTQ community.

In a clumsy attempt to address the issue of trans athletes, the new policy seems to attack trans and non-binary people. It says the city "will recognize from birth the genetic differences between male and female." Will trans and non-binary people be protected? If so, will that protection extend to athletics?

Respectfully, the proposed new Dignity statement is a farce. Instead of a robust statement of support for vulnerable groups, it targets trans and non-binary people and those who might "groom" children (the LGBTQ community). As written, the new statement will be an embarrassment for the city.

Item 34

Please vote NO on item 34, the Move to Censure Council Member Moser.

Councilmember Moser questioned the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem, who has a history of associating with white nationalists and once shared Holocaust-denial posts, to the sensitive job of writing a new Dignity statement. This was not improper. The council majority knew they might get this reaction. They got it, and now they can engage in more performative posturing with a censure vote.

Item 35

Please vote NO on Councilmember Item 35.

This item submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark on mask and vaccine mandates, is not needed, and would be an infringement on the freedoms of private businesses to decide such policies for themselves. Likewise, the city of HB, through council, can decide for itself to impose mandates or not within its own facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark attempts to justify this item by misrepresenting facts. The Chicago Sun Times story she quotes reported on the Cochrane study of masks. The Sun Times, along with other right-wing media, misquoted the study. The misreporting was debunked by Factcheck.org, and by Cochrane itself, which set the record straight (the effectiveness of masks is uncertain): "Many commentators have claimed that a recently-updated Cochrane Review shows that 'masks don't work', which is an inaccurate and misleading interpretation," Dr. Karla Soares-Weiser, the editor-in-chief of the Cochrane Library, said in a March 10 statement. (<https://www.factcheck.org/2023/03/scicheck-what-the-cochrane-review-says-about-masks-for-covid-19-and-what-it-doesnt/>)

The LA Times story Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark cites reported on a study of records of nearly 800,000 U.S. veterans and the persistence of covid vaccines. Vets protected by the worst performing vaccine, J&J's, were nevertheless 52% less likely to die than their peers who didn't get any shots, according to the story. Other covid vaccines were even more effective. (Because vaccines wear off, booster shots are recommended.)

Vaccines have proven effective. The data are clear. It is troubling that HB's Mayor Pro Tem spouts such blatant misinformation.

Dan Jamieson

Huntington Beach

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
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To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Vote No on Item 35 at 9/5 meeting

I write to ask you to vote against item 35 on the Sept 5 Agenda "Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate"

N95 masks are your best protection against respiratory infection. At present it is not necessary to broadly mandate their use, except in specific cases (for example health care settings that may involve vulnerable patients). Banning a mask mandate in these places would be an act against the public health (the same can be said of vaccines). COVID is on the rise across the US – now is the time to encourage masking and vaccination, not pass a political statement against it.

Masks are an important public health tool. You will endanger public health and you will cause some people to die if you are effective your opposition to masks and vaccines. There is strong evidence to back this up. You, as City Council Members, have a moral responsibility to act for the health of your citizens, not against it.

Now I will review the evidence for those of you who care about the facts, and I will comment on the news items cited by Councilwoman Van Der Mark. What qualifies me to do this? I received my doctorate in physiology at UC Davis, and have spent my life doing research on respiratory physiology at Harvard School of Public Health and in a Harvard Medical School department of critical care medicine. This weekend I reviewed the scientific literature regarding masks for protection from respiratory infections such as COVID. In brief, here are my findings:

1. Surgical masks and N95 masks provide protection from airborne viruses (such as COVID) in indoor environments. A very high degree of protection is afforded by N95 masks worn properly. Because most people are not skilled at mask selection and use, the protection may be less in many individuals. If masks are worn by all inhabitants of a room (both the infected and non-infected), protection increases greatly. The evidence is strong.
2. Many people are uncomfortable in masks, especially when they must be worn for an entire 8 hour shift. The primary source of discomfort is the warmth inside the mask – our faces like to be cool.
3. Some have suggested that masks interfere with oxygen uptake or carbon dioxide elimination. There are a number of studies on this question – some studies have found no effect, while other studies have found a slight but physiologically trivial change in O₂ or CO₂. I have done substantial research in the effects of elevated carbon dioxide and lowered oxygen – I can tell you with confidence that the observed changes have no biological importance. The exception is when

a person is working very hard – for instance running. In this case, a mask increases the difficulty and discomfort of breathing, although it does not pose a danger.

4. A few people experience dermatitis from prolonged mask wearing (eg, an 8 hr shift) – this may depend on the particular make or model of mask, or it may be a response to all masks. These people, as well as some others with other medical problems should be excused from prolonged mask use, but should test frequently for COVID.

I emphasize that I spent many hours searching PubMed (the medical database) and reviewing recent scientific literature and giving you an honest overview. You seem to have found 2 reports in the lay press that at first glance support your position, but closer reading suggests you have drawn the wrong conclusions from them.

1) In reference to the article entitled “Fauci Said Masks 'Not Really Effective in Keeping Out Virus,' Email Reveals”

Newsweek 6/2/21. Note that Dr Fauci’s email was dated February 5, 2020 – the very start of the pandemic in the US – it is clearly negated by later events and studies and later statements from Dr Fauci himself. Scientists are not infallible, but we work hard to learn and correct our mistakes. It is true that Dr Fauci was slow to realize the importance of masks (he is a virologist, not an expert in respiratory protection). But Dr Fauci later educated himself, and changed his recommendation. Evidence for the value of masks in slowing the spread of respiratory disease existed before the COVID pandemic, and further studies have been published since. Furthermore, the masks that were widely available in Feb 2020 were ineffective at filtering incoming air (although they did reduce outgoing aerosol virus particles) . We now have an adequate supply of effective N95 masks, and there are excellent online videos to teach people how to use them.

2) In reference to the opinion column “New research shows CDC exaggerated the evidence for masks to fight COVID” Chicago Sun Times Feb 8, 2023. This opinion piece was based on a Cochrane review by Jefferson et al that attempted to summarize 12 studies comparing mask to no mask in a so-called ‘meta=analysis’. Most of the studies were conducted before the COVID-19 pandemic, and looked at flu infections.

The research review article upon which this newspaper opinion piece was based has been widely criticized in the scientific community. The Cochrane journal found it necessary to publish a clarification stating that *“Many commentators have claimed that a recently-updated Cochrane Review shows that ‘masks don’t work’, which is an inaccurate and misleading interpretation.”*

How can this be? The fundamental problem is that the original research papers underlying the Jefferson paper were poorly controlled, and the authors chose to exclude other important studies because they did not fit their definition of a ‘randomized clinical trial’ (RCT). It is inherently difficult to perform an RCT on a topic like mask wearing in the population for several reasons:

a) Problems with ‘compliance’: Just because you randomly assign an individual to a mask or no mask group does not mean that the person will comply. People in the mask group may decide not to mask, or forget to mask. Equally problematic are people in the no-mask group who decide to wear a mask in high-risk situations. And there is no good way to know what they do. The Jefferson article says that most studies did not assess compliance and those that did found compliance between 40% and 80%.

b) Problems with mask skills: Many people do not wear masks properly. It takes some attention to don a mask properly, and to understand whether the mask fits you. There are easy-to-follow tutorials online, but my observation of people in grocery stores and other public places shows that many people have no clue how to wear a mask. This will continue to be a problem, and it will reduce the effectiveness of mask mandates.

c) Problems with the exposure environment: Mask mandates are only issued during high rates of infection (pandemic or epidemic conditions). However, a number of the trials summarized by Jefferson were conducted in non-pandemic conditions. To understand why the infection rate matters consider the extreme case where there is no respiratory virus

in the environment. In this case there will be no difference between mask and no mask because nobody will contract a respiratory virus.

d) Problems with other routes of infection: If a participant assigned to mask wearing does not pay attention to hand hygiene, they may become infected even if the mask works perfectly.

e) Problems with measurement: The studies included in the Jefferson paper only assessed whether the person assigned to the mask wearer group caught the flu or COVID. They did not assess the effect of infected persons wearing masks on the risk of those nearby (because that is difficult to measure). Thus they only looked at half the effect of masks.

I give you an example of strong evidence for masks that is not based on an RCT. The critical care department in which I worked saw an almost overwhelming number of COVID-19 cases in the Spring of 2020. They were forced to cancel all elective procedures, and to open additional temporary critical care units (ICU) to handle the flood. This was a high exposure environment. Masks and hand hygiene were mandatory, and this rule was enforced. During this period the COVID infection rate amongst the critical care staff (doctors, nurses, and other personnel) was ZERO! Masks were 100% effective in this dangerous but highly controlled situation.

Another example of strong evidence for masks that is not based on an RCT comes from schools in the Boston area. (Cowger et al, New England Journal of Medicine, Nov 24, 2022). Massachusetts lifted the school mask mandate at the end of February 2022 – a few school districts decided to keep their mask mandate in place. In comparison to schools that lifted their mask mandate, schools that continued the mask mandate had less than half as many COVID cases during the COVID surge of Spring 2022. Masks were quite effective despite the less controlled situation.

3) Finally, a brief comment on the LA times article on vaccine effectiveness. Reading the article itself, rather than just the headline, reveals the value of vaccine. Although the vaccines are less effective at preventing COVID cases, the article said that the VACCINES WERE STILL VERY EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING DEATH from COVID. We know that for several reasons, most vaccines become less effective over time. We will need booster shots from time to time.

I hope my effort has been helpful – I know that it is difficult for non-scientists to find their way through the scientific literature, or even to gain access to the original work. Newspaper reports are often incomplete and misleading.

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Moore, Tania

From: Darcy Alsop <darcyalsop@icloud.com>
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To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda items

Once again, this City Council continues to implement policies that DO NOT REFLECT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF Huntington Beach.

With regard to the censure of Councilwoman Natalie Moser, it is a WELL KNOWN FACT that Ms. Vandermark is a KNOWN HOLOCAUST DENIER who has associated with hate groups like the Proud Boys, as evidenced by photographs and videos of Vandermark attending rallies with these dangerous groups. Ms. Moser had every right to express her thoughts on how Vandermark's opinions would be influenced by associating with these people. DO NOT CENSURE MS. MOSER. She was exercising her FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT.

Next, the trans and homophobic agenda with regard to flags and "the right to dignity" is exclusionary and disgusting. The dogwhistles are transparent and we see exactly what you're attempting to do.

The banning of books is straight out of the Hitler and Nazi agenda.

Eliminating mask mandates? Those HAVE already been eliminated. This is a matter of Public Health. Huntington Beach is a CITY in CALIFORNIA. You don't like it? MOVE. Once again, Vandermark's ideas about Covid-19, based on conspiracy theories and false rhetoric, have influenced her to put forth a BAN on mandates.

Voter ID checking and Ballot Box monitoring? This is ridiculous and an absolute waste of tax payer money.

Finally, Mayor Tony Strickland has paid 40,000.00 in FINES for violating ETHICS IN CAMPAIGNING. THIS man is OUR MAYOR??? What kind of corrupt person, who has ZERO ETHICS, should be making ANY decisions on what is ethical and right? Not Vandermark OR Strickland.

This City Council is a sham filled with a majority of individuals who lack any sort of actual values or interest in the people of this city besides themselves.

As a homeowner for 28 years and owner of TWO businesses in this city, I vehemently oppose the these proposals set forth on this agenda. Over a million dollars to create these new policies and add to the voting agenda is an absolute waste of time and money. Where is the seven million missing dollars?

What about our homeless issue? Empty promises made by liars. Focus on what matters, not attacking residents of this city.

Sincerely,

Darcy Alsop

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
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Subject: Fwd: Vote No on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

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Subject: Vote No on Agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35

Dear Council Members,
Please vote no on agenda items: 15,16,22,29,30,31,32,34,35 at the September 5, 2023 City Council meeting.

I don't even know where to start with my objections to these agenda items.

The proposed charter amendments are unnecessary and would be extremely costly. Over a million dollars to place these amendments on a March 2024 ballot is ridiculous.

There is no evidence of voter fraud that necessitates the city having a separate local election that requires voter id and requires the monitoring of ballot drop boxes.

The City has gotten itself involved in costly anti-housing lawsuits and settled with the Air Show operator for millions when the city is supposedly broke.

The City Council and or the City Attorney have no business determining what books are available in our public libraries. That is the job of our librarians. Let them do their jobs.

Failing to recognize the transgender community in the revised Statement on Human Dignity is just shameful.

Censuring Council Member Moser for speaking the truth is beyond hypocritical. Having a known racist and anti-semitic on the council should be called out every day. There are photos, tapes, and newspaper articles that prove that relationship.

Against staff recommendations, the mayor is recommending that the city choose the lowest ranked Federal Government Affairs lobbyist. Why is that happening?

Proposing that the city ban broad universal mask and vaccine mandates as a response to Covid 19 or its variants is just ill informed. Covid 19 continues to mutate and having mask and vaccine mandates available is just good public health policy.

Dissolving numerous boards with little or no public input is very troubling to say the least.
What's happening with the Climate Action Plan for the City?

Our high standards for the City Clerk position and other positions should continue.

Thank you for your time.

Moore, Tania

From: Chris Varga <christopher.j.varga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 10:11 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-5-2023

Huntington Beach City Council,

The following is in regards to City Council Meeting scheduled for 9/5/23. I will predict that all of the controversial Agenda Items this week will pass 4-3 with the usual suspects on their side of the fence. The council will again sit through hours of Public Comment as well as many email comments that one would hope might sway at least one council member to vote outside the box. But not this council. The four block majority members of the council continue with their fascist anti-woke agenda even when it doesn't reflect the City of Huntington Beach. I hope they keep you up to 3 AM with public comments this week! Enough with this MAGA agenda playbook.

Anyway, here are my positions on some of the agenda items:

Agenda Item 30 (23-700). NO to any charter changes. The four of you campaigned on NO changes to the charter. Stop the insanity. Stop the Gates family nepotism!

Agenda Item 31 (23-693) NO to all these changes. There are a lot of good coming out of these committees with a lot of free volunteer labor! NO changes!

Agenda item 32 (23-734). NO on the changes to the dignity policy. It was just fine the previous version. No changes needed. Stop making work!

Agenda Item 33 (23-732) Agree with this agenda item. The E-Bikes are out of control! This is a start. But we also have a big problem with persons WITH driving licenses. The beach path is a highway with e-bikes going as fast as they can way too often. We also need fines and enforcement! There is signage at numerous places on the beach path that states "Prohibited: Motor Bicycles / Vehicle without permitted". I was taught in engineering school; electric motors are motors! Either changes the signs, law or enforcement. Right now, everything goes!

Agenda Item 34 (23-731) NO on this agenda item. Natalie Moser was right to question somethings that many in our city have questioned about Council person Van Der Mark.

Agenda Item **35 (27-738)**. Just stop with this anti safety ban. Mask work! NO on this agenda item. This is just another check mark in the anti-woke Republican agenda item. Wedge issue BS.

Sincerely,

Chris Varga

Huntington Beach

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
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Subject: Fwd: Masks and Mandates

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From: Helena Foutz <rhfoutz@verizon.net>
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Subject: Masks and Mandates

Hello City Council,

I'm hearing about some localities requiring face masks to come back, and very likely, inevitably, vaccine mandates.

NO!

Masks don't do anything! If you can smell something gross through a mask, then you can definitely breathe in a nanoparticle virus. Here is a discussion on the Cochran review: <https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2023/2/22/23609499/masks-covid-coronavirus-cochrane-review-pandemic-science-studies-infection> and the actual review itself: <https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD006207.pub6/full>

The "vaccines" against COVID don't seem to work, either, so no one should be mandated to take them for any reason. I can speak to the number of my clients who've reported to me numerous side effects from these shots, without any kind of protection from getting the virus. In fact, many of the people whom I know who've had all the shots and boosters have had COVID repeatedly since their shots. It's almost as if it's primed their bodies to get sick with it. Denji Yamamoto in the Virology Journal explained it: <https://virologyj.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12985-022-01831-0> Even Leana Wen, M.D. admitted it: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.12.17.22283625v1.full>

I propose that Huntington Beach keep itself free of mask and vaccine mandates. Keep Huntington Beach free and healthy!

Thanks,

Helena Foutz

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Moore, Tania

From: Marilyn Palomino <palominoccr@gmail.com>
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Subject: September 5th City Council Meeting

City Council Members,

I am a Huntington Beach resident and have lived here for 37 years and worked in the community for 24 years. I am in total disagreement with the dangerous and precedent setting proposals put forth in the August 1, 2023 meeting and items on the agenda for the September 5th meeting.

As a concerned citizen I request 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

#35 23-738

I highly disapprove of the censure of Councilwoman Moser for her comments made as concerned 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 Treasurer, 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. Your role demands that you take all of the residents' input into consideration. This is a move to change that! The committees". were put in place for good reasons. You need to know their history. Don't dissolve them!

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**. Here again is a waste of public funds in favor of political agenda. **I remind you that your position on City Council is not partisan!**

In addition, the rapid and unstudied withdrawal from OCPA will result in a mult**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

finances 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**. I am urging the press to become more transparent about this. Most citizens are not aware of this waste!

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 closer to fascism and away from democracy**. **Is it not your role to protect our rights rather than strip us of them?**

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

Marilyn Palomino

Moore, Tania

From: Cindy B <castle92648@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:36 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 9/5/23-City Council Meeting

TO: City Council Members,

I am a Huntington Beach resident and have lived in the city for a total of 27 years. I am outraged on behalf of all residents by the anti-democratic and frightening proposals put forth in the August 1, 2023 meeting and items on the agenda for the September 5th meeting.

The following portion of this letter is a copy of what another kindred spirit and fellow Huntington Beach resident wrote to the city council. I agree with the ideas expressed here and completely support her view which articulately represents own my thoughts.

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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."

Cynthia Bonnycastle
Huntington Beach Resident

Moore, Tania

From: Kirk Crawford <kirkc99@gmail.com>
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Subject: Sept 5, 2023 Council Meeting

I ask the city council to vote NO on agenda item 30.

I ask the city council to vote YES on agenda items 34 and 35.

#30: Changing the city charter should be completely transparent. This appears not to be the case with these proposed changes. Where is the background information needed to make informed decisions? Until all this information is made available to the public it is wrong to pass these amendments at this time. Vote NO.

#34: The censure of council member Moser is appropriate considering how inappropriate her comments about a fellow council member were. It was an embarrassment to our city. Vote YES.

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Kirk Crawford
50+ year resident of Huntington Beach



Virus-free. www.avast.com

From: Lee Marie Sanchez <lsanchez@uuma.org>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:50 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda items 23-734, 23-741, 23-738 City Council Meeting Sept 5, 2023

Dear City Council ~

Reading through the Agenda for the meeting, I have the following comments.

23-734 Human Dignity

I see no reason to amend the Policy on Human Dignity. The wording concerning two genders is not supported today in the scientific community. As worded this could be damaging and even punitive if enforced. Let us celebrate our diversity. I much appreciated the earlier 1996/2001 Policy on Human Dignity as more inclusive.

23-741 City Library Materials

I will be most interested in more information about the proposals and listen carefully tomorrow night to see how/when these will be addressed and available to our citizens previous to the October meeting. Our citizens need to be as informed as possible to be able to support our libraries, our librarians, our 1st Amendment. It was apparent to me that there was a lot of misinformation provided at a previous Council meeting about our City Libraries current excellent policies.

23-738 No Mask No Vaccine Mandate

I believe masks/vaccines to have been crucial in escaping

worse outcomes in our pandemic and would want us to have the opportunity to address any mandates as they are proffered by health authorities, in each and every individual circumstance. We should NEVER have a blanket No Mask/No Vaccine Mandate.

~ Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez, retired

Moore, Tania

From: Paula Schaefer <pas92649@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 1:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: NO on Agenda Item #35; File 23-738 re Masks and Vaccines

Mayor and City Council Members,

Vote NO on this item!

Please stop wasting the valuable time of City staff with this type of action. The Orange County Health Care Agency has the expertise to make these decisions and I recommend that the City Council leave this topic to those officials with the necessary expertise.

--

Paula Schaefer

Moore, Tania

From: Ginny C <surfcityginny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:06 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council Meeting on September 5, 2023

I ask the city council to vote NO on agenda item 30.

I ask the city council to vote YES on agenda items 34 and 35.

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Ginny Crawford
Huntington Beach resident for 50+ years



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Moore, Tania

From: Jeanne Paris <jeannemarieparis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:11 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Yes on Agenda Items 32, 33, 34 and 35

To the City Council,

I strongly support Agenda item's 32, 33, 34 and 35.

I especially support Agenda item #35 regarding declaring the city to be a no mask and no vaccine Mandate City. The over the top, authoritarian reaction from government officials during covid was appalling and completely unnecessary. The damage done to small businesses, public school children as well as our totally economy will take years to recover.

This was a power grab the likes we have never seen.

If you want to wear a mask and get a vaccine, please feel free. But this should never have been tolerated as a mandate across the state.

Thank you.

Jeanne Paris
Huntington Beach Resident

Moore, Tania

From: StarsStripes <starsstripes@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:45 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-5-23 Re: Item # 35

I fully support Item 35 for the following reasons:

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Sincerely,

Robert Cloyd

City of Huntington Beach Resident

Moore, Tania

From: J C <qhlady@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:22 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 35, 9-5-23

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Thank you Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark!

Jean Cloyd

Resident of Huntington Beach

Moore, Tania

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Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:24 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 9/5/23

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Pavesic <dianepavesic@cs.com>
Date: September 4, 2023 at 3:09:52 PM PDT
To: city.council@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council Meeting 9/5/23

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Respectively submitted,
Diane Pavesic, BSN, CCM

Moore, Tania

From: Roz Esposito <imthewizardofroz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:36 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Comments for the Council

You were elected to serve, not reign power over the residents of Huntington Beach. And as such, I will voice my comments here as I am absolutely certain I am in the majority.

I am outraged at the blatant power grab by some on the Council who are not living up to their oath in regards to the Constitution of the United States. By attempting to take away the rights of U.S. Citizens and police the residents of HB based on these member's personal beliefs, they are proposing ideas that are not aligned in any way, shape or form with the freedom we are ALL granted as U.S. Citizens. And we, the majority of HB residents, will not stand for these draconian ideas!

First of all let's be clear that anything called HUMAN DIGNITY would seek to recognize the DIGNITY of each and every human being to choose their own path. The proposal to exclude certain residents from being recognized does not have anything dignified about it.

Be advised that ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE OR NOT RECOGNIZE
TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS WILL BE MET WITH SWIFT LEGAL ACTION.

As well, the banning of any books or library closings will be met with the same.

Everyone is entitled to their beliefs - but NO NONE is entitled to force those beliefs upon another.

Accordingly, I am also adamantly against:

- Requiring Voter IDs and monitoring Drop Boxes - *there is no problem to fix as this measure seeks only to disenfranchise.*
- The banning of the Pride Flag on city property - *The U.S., of which HB is a part, welcomes diversity and the majority of HB residents do as well.*
- Financial maneuvers that add debt and spend down the surplus - *we demand transparency and approval by ALL Council members on such expenditures.*
- Making the city a "no mask/no vaccine city" - *People and businesses shall have the right to make their own decisions!*
- Formalizing the city's view of separating genders in sports.- *This is a complicated issue and I don't believe the HB City Council ought to have anything to do with it.*

Rev Roz Esposito
HB Resident
(she/her)
323-839-7903

"She who can see the invisible can do the impossible." Frank Gaines

Moore, Tania

From: Kathy Seaberg <kathyseaberg1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:37 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: No vaccine/no mask

I am very much against the idea of turning HB into a no mask, no vaccine city. I do not want to catch covid again! I want to feel comfortable around town and not worrying all the time if I am going to catch a virus. Please do not pass this agenda item.

Kathy Seaberg
8766 Tulare Drive, 405 C
Huntington Beach CA 92646

Moore, Tania

From: Lorraine Gayer <lgayer@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:50 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Letter to Huntington Beach City Council Regarding Agenda Items for September 5, 2023 City Council Meeting

To: The Huntington Beach City Council

From: Lorraine Gayer
Huntington Beach Resident Since 1970
Voter

September 4, 2023

To the members of The Huntington Beach City Council:

I am concerned about a number of agenda items for the September 5, 2023, city council meeting. My specific concerns are as follows.

I am adamantly opposed to the shameful measures proposed by the Huntington Beach City Council majority to weaken the city's long-standing stated commitment to protect **human dignity**.

I also **oppose the dissolution of the city's Human Relations Committee** at a time when our city needs more than ever to enhance communication between the various communities within our city.

I **oppose the elimination of other volunteer city committees**. This action, if passed, diminishes the involvement of city residents in city governance. This makes the city less democratic

I also **oppose the proposed "No Mask, No Vaccine Mandate" measure**. We live in a time of unpredictable health needs. It is foolish to foreclose the ability of the city to deal with whatever health threats may arise in the future. This measure puts the very lives of citizens of the city at risk.

I also **oppose the censure of Councilperson Moser**. Councilperson Moser's free speech rights as an elected representative should be protected. Should this censure pass, I urge Councilperson Moser to seek a legal remedy.

In the many years that I have lived here since 1970, I have been impressed by the openness and decency in our city. The actions proposed by the current Huntington Beach City Council majority make me ashamed of my city government. Additionally, the actions/positions taken by the city council majority and the city attorney put the city in financial jeopardy.

Lorraine Gayer
16682 Lovell Lane
Huntington Beach CA 92647

Moore, Tania

From: laura sire <laurajane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:02 PM
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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Sincerely,
Laura Sire
(she/her)

PS I along with other residents will be watching Tuesday.

Moore, Tania

From: Elizabeth SanFilippo <elizabethsanfilippo@fuller.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:32 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate Suggested Resolution -- Opposed

Since I did not receive a confirmation for the email message below, I am resending it.

Thank you,

Elizabeth San Filippo

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Elizabeth SanFilippo <elizabethsanfilippo@fuller.edu>
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023
Subject: No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate Suggested Resolution -- Opposed
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org

I am a Huntington Beach resident for over thirty years and am opposed to the suggestion that Huntington Beach adopt a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" Resolution. With COVID testing positivity rates rising in Orange County according to the Orange County Health Care Agency, the city should commit to promoting public health information to our residents to protect all people, especially people at risk. Older people have a greater risk for COVID and its complications, and approximately 19% of Huntington Beach's population are 65 years old or older.

Private businesses should be able to implement mask requirements to protect their customers and employees. Healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities, and healthcare provider offices have required patients and visitors to wear masks after the mask mandates were lifted. I visit church members in hospitals regularly and wear a mask to prevent exposing them to a contagious disease.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth San Filippo

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:41 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 9-5-23 re: Item 35

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From: StarsStripes <starsstripes@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:38:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-5-23 re: Item 35

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Moore, Tania

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Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 9/5/23

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Moore, Tania

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Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:33:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item for no mask/ no vaccine

As a senior resident of Huntington Beach, I am definitely against the no mask, no vaccine agenda item. I want to be able to enjoy my city without worrying if the person standing next to me, without a mask, is vaccinated or going to spread covid. Please do not pass this agenda item.

Kathy Seaberg
8766 Tularae Drive, 405C
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Moore, Tania

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

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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-34 NO on Censure of Councilmember Moser. I watched the exchange between Councilmember Moser and Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark multiple times. Why is this on the agenda? Councilmember Moser was in control and simply asked needed questions of Van Der Mark when Mayor Strickland announced that the ad-hoc committee to amend the human dignity statement would include her. Considering Councilmember Van Der Mark's social media history, removal from a school board, and photos with white supremacists, Councilmember Moser was performing her due diligence in representing all of the people of Huntington Beach in making her best effort at obtaining the truth. Councilmember VDM was the one who attacked Councilmember Moser, interrupting her and yelling at her. She was the one who breached decorum. It is obvious to anyone who watches the clip.
You owe Councilmember Moser an apology. And because of her highly emotional and hostile denial (which is in opposition to data) we the people of HB are still left wondering and wanting only to know the truth concerning the Councilmember who is in this leadership position.

#35 proposed by Councilmember Van Der Mark is ignorant, reckless, and dangerous to the health and safety of HB residents. VOTE NO!

Sincerely,
Laura Sire
(she/her)

PS I along with other residents will be watching Tuesday.

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:58 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Mask and Vaccine Mandate

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From: Lisa Angela Gibilie <qidancer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:50:28 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Mask and Vaccine Mandate

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Jimi Hendrix

Moore, Tania

From: ELENOR GRUENEBAUM <1egreentree@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 6:13 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Please Do Your Jobs

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From: **ELENOR GRUENEBAUM** <1egreentree@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 3, 2023, 2:39 PM
Subject: Please Do Your Jobs
To: <supplementalComm@surfcityhb.org>

Dear Council Members,

All the posturing and fingerpointing...we won't impose masking, she questions my belief in holocaust, I'm on your side, he's on their side..etc. This is like a bunch of high schoolers!!

Stop wasting taxpayer money on grandstanding and making political points and devote your energy to solving our problems with adequate housing, road repair, public safety, fiscal oversight, etc. In other words do what you were elected to do!

Absolutely childish!!

Eleanor Gruenebaum

Huntington Beach 92648

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 6:36 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Concerns over agenda items on the 9/5/2023

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From: kate healy <kate@jrdb.org>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 5:07:59 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Concerns over agenda items on the 9/5/2023

I am writing to convey my concerns and disagreement with several agenda items on Tuesday night's city council meetings.

I am opposed to Council Member Natalie Moser being censured. Council Member Moser, as an elected official, has a responsibility to ask questions that the residents of Huntington Beach have concerning behaviors and associations of Council Member Van Der Mark, at no time was she unprofessional.

I do not agree with, nor do I condone the suggested city's Declaration of Policy of Human Dignity- the current one was about inclusion, the proposed one is transphobic, homophobic and in violation of the recent Supreme Court ruling, as Justice Gorsuch detailed in his majority opinion on the Title VII ruling, as well as excludes those who are non-binary, and intersex.

I am against the requiring of voter identification, it is against California voter laws, and disproportionately effects minorities as explained by the non-partisan group, The League of Women's Voter's <https://www.lwv.org/blog/whats-so-bad-about-voter-id-laws>

I am against Amendment No. 2. This issue has been covered at nauseum and is opposed by the majority of HB residents as seen at every Council meeting where this was brought up. As a City we have lost contacts and business due to this stance. As it has been pointed out, the Council already had the power to not fly any flags except the ones they vote on- this will limit flying our sister city's flag as well as the Olympic Flag. It is a thinly veiled message of "unwelcome" to the LGBTQ Community.

I am opposed to Amendment No. 3 where Council Members can cancel a regular City Council meeting. These are scheduled in advance, residents plan for them, Council Members are elected to do a job and meetings are part of that.

I also oppose the "No mask and no vaccine mandate" as a city- it is an over reach of the City to legislate, especially when science supports wearing masks to lower respiratory contamination - Council Member Van Der Mark's argument does not consider those who were at higher risk and needed those around them to protect them (much like those undergoing Cancer treatments will often need those around them to mask) nor does it take into consideration the future.

I believe these items will create even more legal problems as well as PR problems for our city... AND mostly, are not kind, and do not represent the majority of the residents of Huntington Beach.

As I have witnessed time and time again, the current majority of the City Council is not listening to the majority of the residents in HB and will vote how their extreme supporters have pressured them to vote, seemingly to forget that the City Council is a non-partisan role and policies should reflect the majority of their constituents.

Moore, Tania

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:09 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: HB Council Meeting/9-5-2023

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From: gelliott1@socal.rr.com <gelliott1@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 5:18:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: HB Council Meeting/9-5-2023

Re Agenda Items #30, #32, & #35

I oppose placing any of the proposed Charter Amendments on the upcoming ballot especially the Voter ID proposal which is a thinly-veiled and reprehensible attempt at voter suppression. All three proposed ballot items in the context of taxpayer expense and constitutionality appear to be unwarranted, unjustifiable, and untimely. I also question whether Amendment 2 is legal in that it shows three separate and distinct issues for consideration - flags, budget cycle, and elected terms of office. I thought Councilperson Burn's proposal to limit speech by codifying flag-flying restrictions had already been expanded to make an "Olympic" exception and I believe the other items have lost in previous elections.

The proposed city-wide ban on mask and vaccine mandates is yet another incoherent and unenforceable offering by the Mayor Pro Tem. Wouldn't this ban be in direct conflict with policies administered by local institutions of public education, public health, and public safety? How contradictory that the Mayor Pro Tem seems poised to approve other agenda items that effectively inoculate the City Attorney against any challenges to his decisions or authority. The proposal to censure Councilperson Moser is obviously highly partisan, vindictive, and hypocritical. The rewritten Policy on Human Dignity is an affront to human compassion and a slap in the face to the original authors and their intent. I view all of these proposals as insults to civility and beneath the dignity of any Councilperson who took an oath of office. I suspect that at least some of these proposals are designed to distract from the exorbitant amounts of litigation fees incurred by the City Council and its City Attorney. This all smacks of governing by lawsuit, obfuscation, and partisan fiat.

And, how ironic that the meeting will kick off by highlighting a recognition ceremony by the Friends of the Library in a chamber whose Council majority is anything but friendly to the City Library professionals and volunteers (and actively seeks to undermine their authority and judgment). I've lived in Huntington Beach since 1980 and have seen many rancorous meetings. However, I've never before seen so many citizens so willing to stand at the Council podium so often and say, "You should be ashamed of yourselves." I echo those sentiments and will be voting against all proposed Charter Amendments should they reach ballot status as well as the Council members who sponsored and supported them.

Cheryl Elliott (43-year resident of Huntington Beach)

Moore, Tania

From: Melanie Tioleco-Cheng <melanietcm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Sept 5 Agenda

To the HB Mayor and City Council,

There are many things I could write about regarding the agenda for Sept 5, but I want to start with saying I disagree with the censure of Council Member Moser. She had a valid questions regarding the background and ideology of council members who are supposed to head the committee on Human Dignity and Respect.

In regard to that motion, if it was TRULY meant to be about human dignity and respect, then it would include language that was more inclusive rather than divisive. As it reads now, the Policy on Human Dignity is a dig at nonbinary and gender fluid individuals. Is this really what our city council wants to be known for? For limiting access to books via book bans (a rose by any other name is still a book ban/censorship)? For continuing to put Huntington Beach on the map with decreasing affordable housing options? And for giving in to a minority of people who would endanger others by saying that they are not accepted in our city?

In addition, we cannot predict the future, so stating that **mask mandates** cannot be implemented is premature and unnecessary.

Please focus on the city of Huntington Beach--we have many issues we need to contend with and we do not need to be making unnecessary motions that may contradict with county and state motions, which may cause further lawsuits when we are already in debt due to the unnecessary payout to the Pacific Air Show.

Sincerely,
Melanie Tioleco-Cheng

Moore, Tania

From: Seth Matson <seth@matsongraphics.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:53 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Concerns and Dissent Regarding Recent City Council Actions

Once more, the City Council continues to enact policies that do not align with the views of the majority of the residents of Huntington Beach.

Regarding the censure of Councilwoman Natalie Moser, it is widely known that Ms. Vandermark has affiliations with hate groups like the Proud Boys, and there is clear photographic and video evidence of her participating in their rallies. Ms. Moser had every right to express her concerns about how Vandermark's associations might influence her opinions. Ms. Moser was exercising her First Amendment rights, and we should not censure her.

The promotion of a trans and homophobic agenda through flags and the "right to dignity" is divisive and offensive. The use of coded language is apparent, and your intentions are clear.

The act of banning books parallels historical events like those during the time of Hitler and the Nazis.

Regarding the elimination of mask mandates, it is crucial to prioritize public health. Huntington Beach is a city in California, and those who disagree with this approach should consider relocating. Vandermark's views on Covid-19, based on conspiracy theories and false information, have led her to advocate for the removal of mandates.

The implementation of voter ID checks and ballot box monitoring is unnecessary and a misuse of taxpayer funds.

Lastly, Mayor Tony Strickland's history of paying \$40,000.00 in fines for ethical violations in campaigning raises concerns about his suitability for his position. This City Council appears to lack genuine values and a commitment to the well-being of the city's residents.

As a homeowner for 21 years and a business owner in this city, and living here since the 70's, I strongly oppose the proposals outlined in this agenda. Spending over a million dollars on new policies and adding them to the voting agenda is a wasteful use of time and money. We must also address the issue of the missing seven million dollars and focus on addressing our homeless problem. Empty promises from our leaders do not benefit the residents of this city.

Sincerely, Seth Matson

Moore, Tania

From: Paula Shawa <PShawa@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 8:06 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Sept. 5 City Council Mtg. / Agenda Item 35 / No Covid Marks/Vaccine mandate

I strongly oppose this proposed resolution, which is further confirmation of Gracey Van Der Mark's ignorance and stupidity.

Paula Shawa, 16822 Edgewater Lane, HB

Moore, Tania

From: Juana Mueller <juanamueller33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 8:22 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Council Agenda, Sept. 5, 2023

Dear City Council of Huntington Beach,

Respectfully, I consider a number of items on this Sept. 5, 2023 Council Agenda dangerous to our City and I believe they lead toward a dismantling of a democratic way of governance.

Therefore I ask for a NO vote o the following items:

- #30 (no charter amendments, no March 5, 2024 ballot)
- #31 (no dissolving boards and committees)
- #32 (no change to policy on human dignity)
- #34 (no censure of Councilmember Moser)
- #35 ((no resolution to be "no mask no vaccine" city)

Respectfully submitted,
Sincerely,
Juana Mueller.

Switzer, Donna

From: Jessamyn Garner <jessamyngarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:33 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Please oppose agenda items 15, 16, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

I wish I could attend the meeting tonight, but unfortunately I was exposed to Covid over the weekend. I want to keep my neighbors safe so I plan to stay home.

As a resident of Huntington Beach, I am appalled by many items on tonight's agenda. The policies and decisions that are being considered are hurtful to minorities in this community and they do not represent my values of inclusion and integrity.

I urge you to oppose agenda items 15, 16, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35.

Specifically, as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I reject the statement of Human Dignity that has been warped to include transphobic rhetoric that will directly impact my ability to live in this community.

I know based on previous behavior and voting records from the council that this email and the hundreds of other comments you will receive in the next 18 hours will not likely change your minds. Just know that your constituents are paying attention to your actions and we will vote accordingly. Making it harder for us to vote and passing threatening policies will not deter us from showing up to the polls. On the contrary, it will galvanize us and we will show up in even greater numbers.

We won't allow this city to continue to be led by hateful rhetoric and exclusionary policies.

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Jessamyn Garner
(they/them)

Switzer, Donna

From: Sumi Yata <sumiyata@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 9/5 Agenda items

Dear City Council,

Sadly, I am writing to you again to express my outrage over proposed agenda items.

Regarding the charter amendments:

First, the charter amendments are the height of hypocrisy to be supported by the majority, who made it a huge part of their campaign to never change the charter. Secondly, the proposed changes are solutions in search of a problem. We do not have any voter fraud problems in Orange County, or in California in general. The OC Registrar runs an impeccable election system and not once has Huntington Beach had a problem with any of it. Asking now for voter IDs and ballot box watching is solely to cater to right wing conspiracists!

Additionally, these amendments themselves are going to cost the city over a million dollars just to have an election over! How can we be spending this money after our June meeting in which the majority said we didn't have enough money to run the city and threatened to close the libraries to make ends meet? Where is this million dollars going to come from? Where will the untold millions come from after the city is inevitably sued for these items that run against OC and California voter laws? How does the city plan to budget for implementing these items?? Should we expect more library and park closures to pay for these conspiracies?

Lastly, changing the clerk qualifications smacks of cronyism! Why would we want an important office like City Clerk to be less qualified? It makes no sense other than to put someone in office that this majority will directly benefit from.

On the Human Dignity statement, I encourage the council to rewrite this horrendous statement. Why are including statements about gender and keeping them separate? In addition to being scientifically inaccurate (since you used the word genetic in order to give it cover as having scientific value) it is harmful to more people than just trans individuals (who are less than 1% of the population) to seek to pigeon hole people into just one type of gender expression. The city should focus on city business and leave trans people alone.

On becoming a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" city: Hopefully, we will never have a situation like we had with the early stages of the pandemic, which is still around, in case you haven't noticed!! But, if it should happen, why would we have this kind of mandate when masks and vaccines have been proven to be effective!!

Which brings me to my last point, on the censure of Councilwoman Moser: should the council censure Councilwoman Moser for asking a valid question? Councilwoman VanDerMark's own Youtube channel asked that question. How is Moser now to be punished for asking the same of VanDerMark? Why is Council Member Burns not being censured for inferring that librarians and library staff pedofiles and groomers at the June 20th meeting?

How are we so far removed from human decency that we have to question strongly held beliefs of our council members? It is because the majority on this council continue to push items that are not only unnecessary and costly, but that lack compassion and understanding of our fellow

residents. Tonight's shameful agenda highlights just how far the majority of this council have strayed from their own promises, and from the will of the residents of Huntington Beach.

I am saddened and outraged when I read the many articles about Huntington Beach in the newspaper. What kind of city have we become? Sadly, I know the emails that you read about these items are going to fall on deaf ears. You DO NOT represent our city well!

Jane Yata

Switzer, Donna

From: Erin Spivey <erinisalibrarian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:04 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Tonight's agenda items

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Erin Spivey
 30 year resident

Switzer, Donna

From: Ann Palmer <714anniep@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:04 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item support 19, 31, 32, 34, 35

App was frozen this morning.
- Ann Palmer

Switzer, Donna

From: LISE MILLER <genereaux@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:56 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Oppose 15B, 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35

Dear Council,

Please consider the following recommendations:

Oppose Item #15B

There is no explanation why the Council would hire the lowest rated advocacy firm when judged by our own Intergovernmental Relations Committee. A rubric was developed for evaluating the proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP and then the IRC recommended hiring the highest ranked firm, but the Council is poised to hire the lowest ranked firm instead. Without explanation, this seems to be a waste of our tax dollars.

Oppose Item #30

I strongly oppose moving any of the proposed charter amendments to the primary ballot. They were not drafted in accordance with our own rules or charter requirements. There was no citizen commission, only a 3 person ad hoc committee that developed these behind closed doors. None of them are needed for good governance of our city.

Oppose Item #31

I strongly oppose dissolving the city's commissions and committees. They are made up of citizens which allow the Council to have the most direct input from our citizens on varying topics of concern in our city.

Oppose Item #32

I strongly oppose the adoption of the ad hoc committee's "rewrite" of the Policy on Human Dignity. The 2021 version was thorough, complete and inclusive. Not only is this new version incomplete, it is actually exclusive and transphobic. I would be embarrassed for people to know that I live in a city that has published such a horrible document.

Oppose Item #34

I strongly oppose censuring Councilmember Moser for asking a relevant question. When Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark was selected to be part of the ad hoc committee to reevaluate a policy that addresses the Holocaust and hate crimes, it is certainly relevant to know if any of the 3 members charged with that task holds any biases. Van Der Mark has never publicly answered the questions that have been swirling around the community for years. I am more concerned that Van Der Mark responded to the reasonable query by shouting and calling Moser a liar. That seems a much more egregious offense.

Oppose Item #35

There have been no mask or vaccine mandates in place for months, if not years. This agenda item seems to be placed just to get people riled up (as if there isn't enough on this agenda). I oppose this waste of time.

Thank you!
Sent from my iPad

Switzer, Donna

From: Ada Hand <adajhand@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:51 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: No on #35

Just as the pandemic numbers are climbing higher, you put on the agenda a resolution to be a no mask and no vaccine city? You are idiots. You don't protect your employees or your citizens by this resolution. Your stupid supporters who don't want to wear a mask or get vaccinated already have that right. Your resolution will just make it more difficult for people with health conditions to live and work in this city.

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Ada J. Hand, Secretary
H.B. Mobile Home Resident Coalition
714-717-1294 (cell)
adajhand@gmail.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:46 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FW: No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate Suggested Resolution -- Opposed

From: Elizabeth SanFilippo <elizabethsanfilippo@fuller.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:35 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate Suggested Resolution -- Opposed

Since I didn't receive a confirmation email, I am resending this email.

Thank you,

Elizabeth San Filippo

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From: **Elizabeth SanFilippo** <elizabethsanfilippo@fuller.edu>
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023
Subject: No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate Suggested Resolution -- Opposed
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org

I am a Huntington Beach resident for over thirty years and am opposed to the suggestion that Huntington Beach adopt a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" Resolution. With COVID testing positivity rates rising in Orange County according to the Orange County Health Care Agency, the city should commit to promoting public health information to our residents to protect all people, especially people at risk. Older people have a greater risk for COVID and its complications, and approximately 19% of Huntington Beach's population are 65 years old or older.

Private businesses should be able to implement mask requirements to protect their customers and employees. Healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities, and healthcare provider offices have required patients and visitors to wear masks after the mask mandates were lifted. I visit church members in hospitals regularly and wear a mask to prevent exposing them to a contagious disease.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth San Filippo

Switzer, Donna

From: Lisa Angela Gibilie <qidancer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:48 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fw: Mask and Vaccine Mandate

To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 at 04:50:28 PM PDT
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Jimi Hendrix

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:45 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FW: Comments Re: 9/5 Meeting

From: elainemeigs@socal.rr.com <elainemeigs@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:07 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: FW: Comments Re: 9/5 Meeting

Please reword the fourth bullet as follows: Censuring a council member for questioning the suitability of a colleague to a very important role *destroys* appropriate and responsible oversight.

From: elainemeigs@socal.rr.com <elainemeigs@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:38 AM
To: 'city.council@surfcity-hb.org' <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Comments Re: 9/5 Meeting

I'll make it brief:

- Dissolution of commissions that make Huntington Beach a more civil place to live makes residents wonder who you're serving. Please reconsider.
- Discouraging the use of masks and vaccines demonstrates a lack of lessons learned.
- There is no demonstrated fact-based need to restrict voting in Huntington Beach.
- Censuring a council member for questioning the suitability of a colleague to a very important role is called appropriate and responsible oversight.
- Any statement on human dignity should reflect the entire community, and should not reflect the particular religious or ideological views of individual council members.

I'd venture a guess the majority of registered voters in Huntington Beach don't approve of city council members who breach the public trust, ignore public health needs, restrict voting rights, censure oversight, or limit human dignity with personal views. Remember: We vote. And you will see a tremendous get out the vote effort for 2024.

Elaine Meigs

Switzer, Donna

From: Allie Plum <skyedawg007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:31 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda opposition 9/5/23

I oppose #30...#34...#35

City Council please listen to the people who elected you.

Allison E. Plum
MHRC VP

Switzer, Donna

From: Allie Plum <skyedawg007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:28 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Against item 35

I oppose 35 on the 9/5/23 CC agenda.

Allison Plum
MHRC VP

Switzer, Donna

From: Dennis Pappas <ndoceanpappas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:14 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: From Dennis approve 34 35 and changes to charter

From Dennis Pappas

Please approve changes to the HB Charter and also approve agenda items 34 and 35.

Switzer, Donna

From: Dennis Pappas <ndocceanpappas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:13 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Approve 34 35 and Changes to Charter

Dear Mayor and. Council Members, please approve agenda items 34, 35 and approve charter changes. Thank you, Patti Pappas

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:05 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FW: 9/5 City Council Feedback

From: Doug Schneider <doug.schneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:04 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: 9/5 City Council Feedback

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a long-time resident of Huntington Beach and love the community, but have been troubled by the actions of the new City Council majority. The best qualities of our American democracy are justice, equality, and due process of law. Our government is made to represent the electorate. These qualities do not seem to be priorities of the council majority, judging by many recent actions and many more under consideration currently.

Secret ad hoc meetings, concealing the terms of major legal settlements and bypassing public comment on key issues suggest that the council majority does not want the public to know about their actions or to have a voice in them. Inviting more money into the political process as the majority has recently done sends a message that influence is for sale.

I don't have confidence that this council majority will do the right thing, but I am writing to include my voice in the public record. I am opposed to agenda items 16, 30, 31, 32, 34 and 35.

Sincerely,
Doug Schneider

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

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Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:09 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Charter Amendments

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From: Kathy Dowling <kathy1dowling@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:12:47 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Charter Amendments

I am opposed to the decisions reached by your so called Ad Hoc Committee!

This self appointed group must have input from the community. You cannot lead in a vacuum. The "Fab Four" were against the previous council's Charter Amendments and now you are doing the same thing. Safe Surf City opposes this course of action and so do I.

There is no deliberation for the common good. The four of you vote as a block and do not want or regard input from your community.

This agenda is a travesty! You want to take over voting but you have not financed such a vast proposal. The Human Dignity is revised to your beliefs not the communities. You want to change the City Clerk's job description so that the City Attorney's wife can apply. Does that even sound right. In business, you write the Job Description qualifications based on the role and responsibilities, not the candidates qualifications.

Your plan to Censure a fellow council member is a foolish plan. Ms. Van Der Mark has created her own problems and now she wants the three of you to provide cover.

I will end with my thoughts on the **No Masks/No Vaccine proposal**. With all the problems we have in this City, this is the best you can come up with?

We will vote again and your actions will have consequences.

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Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:09 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Please read before the City council meeting September 5, 2023

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From: Ann Gaylord <aigodretail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:02:55 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please read before the City council meeting September 5, 2023

Dear City Council,

Please note, as a citizen and homeowner of Huntington Beach for 22 years, I strongly oppose the following items on the agenda for Sept.5, 2023:

As a doctor, I strongly oppose the "No mask and no vaccine mandate". It is not supported action in the real health and science community and it is a potential health danger for our community! It is completely unnecessary and a concerning threat to our community members, especially for our more vulnerable family, neighbors, and friends. Also, one should not feel comforted with the proposed exception that people who tested positive for COVID are able to wear a mask under this mandate. COVID testing and reporting has drastically decreased and a person really has no way to know if they are being exposed. It is also incorrect to assume that masks only protect against COVID. They also protect the community from other diseases such as the flu/ influenza, Tuberculosis, and other infections!

I am also opposed to the amendment of the Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity. It is offensive and encourages fear mongering and hate towards our LGBTQ community.

Lastly, I do not feel that Council Member Natalie Moser should be censored for her comments as they related to concerns that could potentially create a bias and a misrepresentation of our community.

Thank you for reviewing this letter.

Dr. Ann Gaylord

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:09 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Oppose Agenda Items #30, #31, #32, #34 and #35

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From: Anne Gollay <agollay@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:56:31 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org <supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Oppose Agenda Items #30, #31, #32, #34 and #35

Dear Council Members,

Oppose Agenda Item #30

I am writing in opposition to all Charter amendments as proposed. The Orange County voting process is functioning exceptionally well, and there is no need for the City of Huntington Beach to insert itself into the process at all. There is no valid reason to spend money to "fix" what is not broken. The underlying message of these proposed voting process changes is clearly an attempt to impose the council majority's false beliefs of voter fraud onto the citizens of HB.

It is also clear that Michael Gates is unduly influencing policy and changes to the City Charter to serve his own interests. The citizens of HB need to pay attention here. The City Attorney is an employee of the City, and thereby serves all residents. He reports to the City Council and is not the final say on anything. Where are the checks and balances in these proposed changes to the City Attorney's role?

Oppose Agenda Items #31, #32, and #34

Mr. Strickland has demonstrated a very biased and narrow-minded approach to his role as Mayor. He has had ample opportunity to bridge the divides that exist in this city. This is evidenced in his appointment of only his like-minded colleagues on the council to almost every committee, to the exclusion of the minority members. Although, thanks to Mr. Strickland, the minority on the council are not getting to do much on any committee, the minority retains an extremely strong base of support. We would like to see their expertise, intelligence and empathy put to good use on council matters, and not just be shoved aside.

A prime example of Mr. Strickland's bias is wanting to censure Ms. Moser, after it was very clearly Ms. Van Der Mark who interrupted Ms. Moser to begin with, and began yelling at Ms. Moser. Mr. Strickland and others interrupted Ms. Moser multiple times and didn't give her a chance to complete her thoughts. Also, I didn't catch which council member it was who told Ms. Moser, "well, don't think," but whoever that was deserves to be censured.

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residents, only those who agree with their opinions.

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Respectfully,
Anne Gollay

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 <jsw Whitesell3211@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: Diane <dianesgotopnions@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:20 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Oppose Item #35

There have been no mask or vaccine mandates in place for months, if not years. This agenda item seems to be placed just to get people riled up (as if there isn't enough on this agenda). I oppose this waste of time.

I also wonder if Ms. Van Der Mark is expecting that this measure would demand that private property owners abide by her wishes. Does her vision prevent a citizen from requiring someone entering their home or business to wear a mask? What about medical facilities in the city? Would they be allowed to require masks?

Again, this item is absurd and I urge the council to vote no.

Diane James

Switzer, Donna

From: Anne Gollay <agollay@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:57 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF)
Subject: Oppose Agenda Items #30, #31, #32, #34 and #35

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Respectfully,
Anne Gollay

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 & Associates 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: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 10:00 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Oppose Items # 15, 16, 30, 32, 34, and 35 on the September 5, 2023 HB City Council Agenda

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From: Pat Goodman <patgoodman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:26:33 PM
To: Strickland, Tony <Tony.Strickland@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Oppose Items # 15, 16, 30, 32, 34, and 35 on the September 5, 2023 HB City Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council,

I submit my comments in addition to my previous email to **Oppose Agenda Items # 31 C and # 34**, to you with the understanding that not one of you received a majority of eligible votes in the elections in which you were elected to office. With this consideration in mind, I hope that your votes on Tuesday night will reflect the best interest of all of the people who look to you to represent them, and do what is best to have a well-run American beach city in the 21st century.

Oppose # 15- Consider Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC) recommendation to approve and authorize execution of Professional Services Contracts with Kahn, Soares, & Conway LLP for State Legislative Advocacy Services and with Stapleton & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services

Why would the council approve a contract with the least qualified applicant, Stapleton & Associates, per the RFP analysis?

In addition there are 3 contracts identified in items # 26, 27, 28 that are to be rescinded. Why? The RFP process is very costly and time consuming, and in these cases for projects that will benefit residents. Why would the city go back to the beginning of the RFP process. Please explain the need to do this.

Oppose #16, 30, 32, and 35 these items have no place in the operation of a well-run American beach city in the 21st century. These items appear to be political statements addressed to a minority of people and political supporters in city that highlight ideological differences between neighbors and family members and will only serve to anger and agitate the community and stain the reputation of Huntington Beach. Please withdraw these items from the agenda.

Oppose # 16 - Redirect staff to return to City Council on October 17, 2023 with actionable policy options regarding City library materials and safeguards

We are blessed with an excellent library system here in Huntington Beach with excellent staff, enthusiastic volunteers, and wonderful patrons. Our library has a system in place to review questionable items raised by members of the community. There is a library commission, responsive library staff and ways for parents to monitor their child's book selections. Use the tools in place to address any questions or concerns.

Oppose # 30 - Consider the submission of 3 Charter amendment ballot measures for voter approval at the March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary Election, and the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2023-42, 2023-43, 2023-44 and 2023-45

Please reconsider these charter amendments. You've not engaged the community to identify the citizens' concerns around these issues. Take the time needed to include the public in this process in order for a successful outcome.

Amendment # 1

Voter ID – what's wrong with the current system of signature verification?
More In-person voting locations – will there be separate municipal ballots? Will voters be able to mail them to the City Clerk or OC Registrar of Voters?
Monitoring (Ballot?) Drop Boxes – who monitors?

Several questions on the election administration, cost to the city, and coordination with the county. What benefit is derived from pursuing the administration of the municipal elections? What are the costs? What problems and challenges have occurred with the current administration of elections in Huntington Beach? How do these measures protect from voter intimidation?

Clarify voters elect the City Attorney as the city's legal counsel free from interference from city officials

I am most concerned with Amendment #1 office of City Attorney amendments. This is a consolidation of power around the office of City Attorney and a blow to voter protections.

This is a tremendous overreach and consolidation of power including the issues of independence, transparency, accountability by the City Attorney. This office serves the legal interests of the city (the people) and by extension the city council. If there is a conflict of interest by the city attorney's office on a legal matter such as wrongful termination claims from employees and the City Attorney. How can the City Attorney represent and defend the city and her/himself in such a case? The council must solicit legal opinion from an independent attorney outside of the city's employees in order to defend itself. The City Attorney must take direction from the Council and be a resource to the City

Manager, Police and Fire chiefs and other city leadership, and if, for some reason he/she cannot fulfill their role to defend the city.

Amendment # 2

Provide that the only flags that shall be displayed by the City on City property are: the U.S., County of Orange, City of HB flags, and the Pow, Armed Forces flags

Adopt a Two -Year Budget

City Clerk * City Treasurer elections to the gubernatorial cycle

These are mostly unnecessary, except the adoption of a Two Year Budget. Some economy will be realized. – enough said.

Amendment # 3

Require voter approval of any City transaction that forgives, etc. the collection of property (taxes) in excess of \$100,000 per year, except acquisition of property for parks or infrastructure.

Why do we elect representatives? I hope to carry out the business of the city. Why handcuff councilmembers from resources to address inadequate housing opportunities for its residents. The two properties brought in to provide middle income housing and encourage the possibility of living – working – playing in the same city. Why not provide an opportunity for people to live according to their means and aspire to owning a home in the same city? Wouldn't that provide economic advantage to the city in the long term? The # 1 responsibility for the city is to address the housing needs of its residents. You do that through zoning and developer incentives. This action is not forced on any council.

Oppose Item # 31 B, C, D, E, F, and H – this sweeping agenda item to dissolve and consolidate boards and commissions. Huntington Beach takes pride in its citizen participation and volunteerism. Boards and commissions provide support and oversight functions to the city by interested citizens willing to volunteer their time and expertise on particular subjects.

Update exceptions to Sec. 612 (Measure C) to allow certain children's playground equipment, park-related utility structures and public restrooms be built or improved with limitation

Please be careful to not encroach on precious open space.

Update the procedures to cancel a regular City Council meeting

Another example of consolidation of power into the hands of one elected official. Please don't approve this.

Oppose # 35 - Submitted by Mayor Pro Teem Van Der Mark – Resolution Declaring City to be a "No Mask and No Vaccine Mandate" City

The County of Orange has the responsibility, and resources to issue public health safe guards. Viruses don't have any bounds. Please don't meddle in an arena of public health that the city has no expertise or resources to manage.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Pat Goodman

Switzer, Donna

From: Levin, Shannon
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:59 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Will wonders never cease!

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Subject: Will wonders never cease!

City Council Members,

Just when you believe it's safe to attend and/or read City Council Agendas, somebody(ies) try to pull some "fast ones" past well-meaning Huntington Beach residents!

Vote NO on Agenda Item 34: File 23-731 Censure of Natalie Moser.

Seriously? Censuring a person who was merely trying to get the answer from the person appointed by our Mayor to review the Statement on Human Dignity. Come on, that's ridiculous! Since when are sincere questions by a person without malice or intent to harm now needing to be censured?

I thought I lived in a democracy here in Huntington Beach, America, yet some wisenheimers who want to rule and dictate their beliefs are always, somehow, trying to sneak past already approved guidelines by professionals for their own personal benefit.

Case in point, The Orange County Health Care Agency is best qualified to decide for the public, not some "hot shot, know-it-alls" who apparently are acting out for self aggrandizing!

Vote NO on Agenda Item 35: File 23-735 Re Masks and Vaccines.

Last, but most certainly not least, what's this nonsense about a three-person Ad Hoc Committee reviewing our City Charter? Since when does a minority--ad hoc or not--have the authority?! My goodness, what has our City Council become? I and a great number of seniors like me want to know!

Please vote NO on Agenda Item 30 and congratulate yourselves on a great decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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Switzer, Donna

From: Paula Schaefer <pas92649@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: NO on Agenda Item #35; File 23-738 re Masks and Vaccines

Mayor and City Council Members,

Vote NO on this item!

Please stop wasting the valuable time of City staff with this type of action. The Orange County Health Care Agency has the expertise to make these decisions and I recommend that the City Council leave this topic to those officials with the necessary expertise.

Paula Schaefer

Switzer, Donna

From: Mary Ann Celinder <macelinder@gmail.com>
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To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 23-738 Mask and vaccine mandates

Denying the possibility of another outbreak endangering the lives of HB residents is insane.

If we have another outbreak, the city needs to be able to enforce a mandate. We are cancer survivors. Unleashing the inconsiderate people who won't wear masks is so irresponsible we would not feel safe in our own hometown.

The rights of the unmasked and inconsiderate stop at the point they interfere with mine. Horrible idea to make it city policy. Horrible.

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