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Subject: Agenda Item 22-1092

Mayor Strickland and Honorable City Council Members,

The Huntington Beach Management Employees Organization (HBMEO) proudly represents approximately 100 public service managers who serve the City of Huntington Beach. Our Association has a long history of working collaboratively with all stakeholders in the City to ensure the best public policy outcomes for our community.

We are writing to communicate our concerns regarding agenda item 22-1092; "Proposed Ordinance to Establish a Code Enforcement Complaint Process Regarding Alleged Business Violations and Prohibits the Submission of Anonymous Complaints." HBMEO agrees wholeheartedly with Mayor Strickland that, "Huntington Beach business owners are our community's treasures." We also completely agree with the Mayor that it is essential that Code Enforcement complaints are not frivolous or otherwise unnecessary. However, HBMEO feels the proposed ordinance revisions will negatively impact the ability of City staff to conduct legitimate code enforcement inquiries.

The duty of a municipal code enforcement officer is to be observant and to enforce the Municipal Code – or at the very least to report issues that have been observed for further follow-up. The proposed ordinance would require City staff to disclose their personal information (including their home addresses) in the performance of their City-mandated duties. We feel this is overly burdensome and poses a serious safety threat, leaving staff vulnerable to retaliation or intimidation.

HBMEO respectfully requests that this item be referred to staff so that the City Manager, Mayor (or designee) and HBMEO (and any other impacted labor organizations) can work collaboratively on an ordinance or policy that will achieve the intent of the ordinance while protecting the City's dedicated public servants from the negative impacts of the current proposed ordinance.

Respectfully,

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c/o Tim Steed

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