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Subject: Response to Sept. 5 City Council Agenda

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

September 4, 2023

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

To the Huntington Beach City Council:

Agenda Item No.: 24 (23-699)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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