

**COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING
ORDINANCE NO. 4283
GOVERNMENT FLAGS ON CITY PROPERTY
RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Moore, Tania

From: Dan Desjardin <wunabgolfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:04 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: AGENDA ITEM 23-165

Good afternoon,

Please vote NO on Agenda 23-165. Please allow the Pride Flag to continue to flown on City Government property.

I have lived here in Huntington Beach for 46 of the 50 years of my life and I am proud to be able to say that.

Our city has welcomed all walks of life to this city to enjoy the sun, the sand, the wonderful atmosphere in downtown for as long as I can remember. They keep coming back month after month, year after year supporting our local business. This includes our residents and out of town guests. Yet, this move to remove the Pride Flag, will absolutely make people feel excluded and completely unwelcome.

This move to not allow the Pride Flag is 100% backed with bigotry and hate. You can spin the words, interpret it and tell the media what you want to but you and I know the truth.

"If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, quacks likes a duck, then it's probably a duck"

Dan Desjardin
Concerned Human Being

Moore, Tania

From: kate healy <kate@jrdb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:04 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Interfaith Invocation & PRIDE Flag

Council members, please vote to continue interfaith representatives giving invocations and also, continue flying the PRIDE flag- you are presenting our City as xenophobic and homophobic to the world- you state it's divisive and that you care about businesses in Huntington Beach- how are these ordinances helping our city attract visitors and tourism?

-Kate (resident and business owner in HB)

...
Kate Healy
she/her/hers
kate@jrdb.org

Moore, Tania

From: Taylor Haug <taylorhaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:06 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Support Agenda Item 23

I support agenda item #23. Nothing is more inclusive than the American flag.

Thank you,

Taylor Haug

Moore, Tania

From: marcia hoist <mhoisthb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:14 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: in support of agenda item no. 23.

Dear City Council members

I am a Huntington Beach resident for many years. I support and urge you all to vote in favor of item 23 tonight. I am not against LGBTQ or flying their flags in appropriate circumstances and places. However they should not be flown on our municipal buildings nor should any other special interest flag be flown on our local government /municipal buildings, only flags that have to do with our local state and federal government should be allowed.

Thank you very much.
Marcia Hoist

|

Moore, Tania

From: Claudia Stubin <claudiastubin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:14 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: SUPPORT of Agenda Item 23

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in SUPPORT of Agenda Item 23. Thank you Pat Burns and the new city Council for passing the ordinance. Shame on Natalie Moser who supports holding our city hostage to the deep pockets of corporations that tell us what to think and how to live. Huntington Beach is NOT FOR SALE!!!

Natalie Moser should focus on the issues that concern the residents- like homelessness and crime, NOT identity politics!!!

Blessings,
Claudia Stubin
Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Doris Hill <hbdoris24@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:18 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item#23

I support that we don't fly any nongovernmental and nonmilitary flags on our city property. You are free to fly any other flag you choose as long as it isn't on city property.

Sincerely,

Doris Hill

Moore, Tania

From: gabe <gabe99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:23 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 23 Support

To Whom It May Concern,
I am in SUPPORT of Agenda Item 23. Thank you Pat Burns and the new city Council for passing the ordinance. Shame on Natalie Moser who supports holding our city hostage to the deep pockets of corporations that tell us what to think and how to live. Huntington Beach is NOT FOR SALE!!!

Natalie Moser should focus on the issues that concern the residents- like homelessness and crime, NOT identity politics!!!

Blessings,
Gabriel Stubin
Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Toni Saldivar <saladbar4951@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:26 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item #23

The decision to fly only government flags at government facilities is the right decision. Forcing unpopular agendas is a move for power.

Best Regards,

Margo Saldivar

Moore, Tania

From: Victor & Alice Kornahrens <kornyone@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:50 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride flags are gone - yeah!!!

Dear HB City Council Members,

Thank you so much for removing the pride flags from our city buildings. While everyone whines about inclusivity, I have always felt they were about grooming. They don't belong on government administration buildings

I have spoken to many in my neighborhood and again just today I heard about what a great job you are doing.

Keep the faith - we are behind you.

Alice Kornahrens and neighbors from Ford, Lee, Mill, and Canna streets.

Moore, Tania

From: Janet Jacobs <wellnesswithjanet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:07 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support for Agenda item 23 - Gov't Flags on City Property

I am a 40 year resident of Huntington Beach.

I believe we should only fly the flags of our Country, State, City and POW/MIA on City property.

It's discrimination and controversial for our City to fly any other type flag or insignia. Doing so is not the role of any city government. I've been very disturbed and unhappy seeing controversial flags flying on our city properties the past few years, especially during the US Open month when millions visit our Surf City.

I'm very proud of our new City Council for standing up for what is right in the benefit of our City, residents and business community.

It is about time we focus on the major issues and responsibilities of local government and overturn some of those poor decisions made by the previous council on Public Safety, Irresponsible High Density Development, Homeless/Transient issues and not picking "favorites" for identity politics.

This is just a responsible action for city property. It *does not limit* any person or group from displaying any personal flag of choice at their own home or business.

Thank you,

Janet Jacobs
714-401-3555

Moore, Tania

From: Christine Sarver <bydbeach@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:11 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Number 23

I am in support of agenda #23. I am a homeowner who has lived in HB since 1987.

Thanks you,
Christine Sarver

Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Michelle <mybeatty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:25 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support agenda item 23

supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org

>

>

>

> To Whom It May Concern,

> I am in SUPPORT of Agenda Item 23. Thank you Pat Burns and the new city Council for passing the ordinance. Shame on Natalie Moser who supports holding our city hostage to the deep pockets of corporations that tell us what to think and how to live. Huntington Beach is NOT FOR SALE!!!

>

> Natalie Moser should focus on the issues that concern the residents- like homelessness and crime, NOT identity politics!!!

>

> Blessings,

> Michelle Beatty

> Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Marty Golden <goelver1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:39 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Item 23 - Government Flags on City Property

As a 40 year+ resident of Hunting Beach I am 100% in favor of this Item. One Nation one flag. One State one flag.
We don't need flags for special interest groups - it is time to unify not divide.

Martin Golden
5201 Mcfadden Ave.
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Moore, Tania

From: Brenda Garcia <brendajgarcia88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:51 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In favor of item 23

Hello,

I heard you are voting on if the city should continue to fly special interest flags. Please vote to stop doing that. The city should only fly city, state & federal government flags.

Thank you!

Brenda Garcia

Sent from my iPhone

Moore, Tania

From: Kay Irene <kovland55@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:59 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item #23

This will be received by you after your required 2pm cutoff. I still want to say I am for Councilman Burns ordinance regarding the Pride flag. I am a 20 year resident of Huntington Beach and moved here because of the laid back beach atmosphere and community feel. I think Ms. Chang needs to focus on her city of San Francisco that is in such turmoil with drug issues, homelessness, and crime and not worry about Huntington Beach. I don't care if she is the CEO of Blue Shield. The only reason they don't hold their Board of Trustees retreat in San Francisco is because of the state of SF. Please, please, please don't change your stand on this, stay strong. More people are for you than against you!!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Moore, Tania

From: Wayne Byrne <wbfreeg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:00 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In support of item 23

We are Huntington Beach residents and would like our official buildings to fly official flags. It is not representative of all the citizens to fly special interests group flags. Will the city be able to represent every faith, stance or group ? Of course not, therefore the city, state and national flag are the appropriate flags to fly from our city government buildings.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Moore, Tania

From: John Palmer <j_palmer4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:03 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flags

To whom it may concern:

I support the mayor's/ city council amendment to only allow government flags to be flown from city government flagpoles.

John Palmer
627 21 Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

Moore, Tania

From: Joseph Pedick <judahsline@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item #23

I SUPPORT Agenda 23 for our beautiful city of HB

We should only fly Federal, State and City flags on government property.

It is obvious if we were to fly special interest flags the list would be endless.

We have the continued freedom to fly whatever we want on our own property, but it is unfair to force people to agree to allow flags of (special interest) on federal property.

Thank You for keeping HB the great city that it is.

God Bless You and God Bless America.

Kathleen Pedick
HB resident &
Tax Payer

Moore, Tania

From: James Trabilcy <james.trabilcy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:20 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item #23- Flags

Hi Council members my name is James Trabilcy. I am a resident of Huntington Beach and am strongly in favor of agenda item #23. Thank you for your service!

Sincerely
James Trabilcy

Moore, Tania

From: Steve Newsome <steve.newsome1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:21 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item #23 - Flags

Dear Council Members:

My name is Steve Newsome I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for 51 years.

I am strongly in favor of agenda item #23.

Thank you for you're service and attention to this item

Sincerely

Steve Newsome

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item 23

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

From: KIM DONNELLY <kime106@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:45 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item 23

I only support the United States flag us our state flag and our city flag on government property, others can fly their flags on their properties and events.

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: Dianna Orr <dianna1062@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I am in favor of continuing to fly the flag during pride month.

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Fly LGBTQ+ Flags

From: Pat Murphy <murphyat6282@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:58 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fly LGBTQ+ Flags

City Council Members:

Stop promoting fear and segregation.
Huntington Beach is a great, diverse city.
Help make it safe for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item #23

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

From: Teresa Kennedy <tkennedy31@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Casey McKeon <casey4hbcc@gmail.com>; Gracey VanDerMark <gracey4hbcc@gmail.com>
Subject: Agenda item #23

Dear HB City Council Members

We have been residents of Huntington Beach since 1999. We are submitting this email in SUPPORT for Agenda item #23 on the February 21st Huntington Beach City Council meeting agenda.

We have two things to say about the flying of "non - Governmental" flags on Government flag poles:

1). All "cause" flags should not be flown by the Government.... And the issue is not like or dislike of a flag/cause, the issue is showing favoritism to one cause over another 2). The Pride flag (or any other "cause" flag for this matter) is NOT a Government flag, does not represent a Government and it not flown at the request of a Government (i.e. POW/MIA or branches of the US Military), it's a flag that represents a "group of like minded people that are promoting a CAUSE" and therefore should NOT be flown on a city government flag pole, at any time.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sean and Teresa Kennedy
Huntington Beach Ca

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #23

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

From: Chris Byrne <chrisbyrne@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #23

Good afternoon

I am a 55-year resident of this great city.

It's real simple. I support flying Government flags on government property. I do not support the flying of 'cause' flags of any kind on government property.

Pura Vida

Chris Byrne
213-598-5511
chrisbyrne@att.net

Sent from my iPad

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag

From: Lisa R Lanham <lisa367@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag

Please do not fly the gay pride flag. It is divisive and does not unite HB.

Thanks,
Lisa Lanham
Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: I support Agenda Item #23 and No Sexual Preference Flags on our Public Property. Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: I support Agenda Item #23 and No Sexual Preference Flags on our Public Property. Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Special Interest Flags
Attachments: Rhonda Bolton.docx

From: doug hein <JNLDoug@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Special Interest Flags

Council, I would draw your attention to the attachment above that include a sampling of the comments I've seen regarding this matter.

It is precisely because of comments like these that I endorsement the adoption of the resolution to not fly ANY FLAGS on city property other than government flags.

While I expect overheated rhetoric from a political operative, looking to stir up hatred for his opposition to garner votes for his party, it is shameful to see this rhetoric from a council member that is supposed to represent ALL CITIZENS of Huntington Beach.

I am a long time resident of Huntington Beach, I own my home here and have raised my family here and in our schools. I would urge ALL OF YOU to tone down the inciteful rhetoric that invites division and the suggestion that disagreement = hate is hateful in and of itself.

Do not allow yourself to be bullied by special interests using economic ransom tactics. 100,000's of thousands of people are drawn to Huntington Beach for a variety of reasons, weather, the beach, etc. If they don't want to come because we don't fly the flag of their special interest we can live without them.

Thank you.

Resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Rhonda Bolton

@RhondaMBolton

|
Feb 8

Looking forward to the day folks stop believing that recognizing the strength, struggle, pain, grit & dignity of one group of humans does not diminish anyone else. It uplifts us all. Unless — as one member of the audience observed—**you're homophobic.**

Aaron McCall

@MrNeuropolitan

|
23h

This kind of snark is so unhelpful - and not in the "we have to be civil to change minds" kind of way - **it's unhelpful because conservatives want to erase LGBTQ+ people from public life entirely.** That's what they want - and we can't let them have it.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Restoring Pride

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

From: Margaret Williams <magritfarm@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Restoring Pride

I am a resident of HB. I'm saddened by the HB City Council decision to limit the flying of the LGBTQ Pride Flag for four weeks out of the year during Pride month. In essence the council has sent the message that inclusion is not important, and some groups are not worth recognition.

Maggie Williams

Sent from my iPad

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Council meeting on February 21 2023

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

From: john hall <papajohn92649@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Council meeting on February 21 2023

Please have all speakers identify where they live before speaking. Residents should be given priority if there is an over abundance of speakers on any given LOCAL issue. Thank you.

John Hall
16111 warren lane
HBCa, 92649
Sent from my iPad

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag in June

From: Sue Acito <acitosue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag in June

Hello council members,

The proposed discontinuation of flying the Pride flag in June does a disservice to the people in our community AND our military who are queer or are queer allies.

California, and HB, are places our great country looks to for inclusive and caring leadership.

To do away with this gesture of inclusion and recognition puts the physical well-being of allies and queer folks, and other marginalized communities that are foundational to HB and our country, at risk.

Keep the Pride flag flying this June. Don't turn your back on taxpayers and people who love this area.

Warmly,
Sue

--

Sue M. Acito, M.Ed., RYT-200
(she/her)
acitosue@gmail.com
www.sueacito.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flying the United States of America Flag at city hall

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

From: Janet Edwards <jansgarden1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:10 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flying the United States of America Flag at city hall

Dear City Council,

I am writing to you concerning agenda #23 and my support against flying any flag BUT the flag for the United States of America and possibly the California state flag. Any other flag should not be flown at city hall. In a day and age where we are so divided on so many issues lets not make the flying of a flag another way to divide the citizens of Huntington Beach. We all have our own beliefs and concerns. Thats what makes a community so unique. Flying different flags from organizations will show that our city supports what ever cause that flag is for. I sincerely hope that you will be able to see how much this can divide our city. Not flying the flag of organizations doesn't say we don't support people in their cause. It does say that we all can work together as members of a community under one flag, The United States of America flag.

Thank you,

Janet Edwards
Citizen of Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: Linda Large <lindalargehb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

I am a resident of Huntington Beach 92646 for 45 years. I think only USA , State and local city flags should be flown at our government offices. That's it. No others. No special interest flags. Thank you, Linda Large

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Jackie Steele <jackiesteelela@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:35 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Letters in Support of the LGBTQ+ Community (Boeing | Quiksilver | International Olympic Committee and more)

Good evening, HB Council,

We wanted to provide updated letters of support for the LGBTQ+ community from major corporations that do business/drive tourism in Huntington Beach who are prepared to support our community.

BOEING

Sara Bowen, Vice President, Global Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Boeing:

"Our success relies on our ability to honor and celebrate the best in everyone, from every background and country, every race, every gender identity and orientation, disability, and military status. Diversity and inclusion aren't nice to have, they're a business necessity. Guided by our values, we will press forward on the challenging and necessary work ahead of us to create a company and society where everyone is included, respected and supported in reaching their full potential.

OAK TREE CAPITALMANAGEMENT OWNERS OF QUICKSILVER

Jerilyn Castillo McAniff, Managing Director and Head of Diversity & Inclusion at Oaktree:

"Fostering an environment where all people have equal opportunity to succeed is a core belief of Oaktree. We will continue to work with CEI, Oaktree Pride, and the LGBTQ+ community to ensure we are providing a safe and inclusive workplace for all our employees."

VANS

Samantha Feld, Senior Manager social responsibility for the VF Corporations (VANS):

"Being an ally and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community remains a critical way in which we support and uplift our communities both in our backyard and globally."

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The International Olympic Committee provided this statement:

At all times, the IOC recognizes and upholds human rights, as enshrined in both the Fundamental Principles of the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics.

The IOC is committed to improving the promotion and respect of human rights within the scope of its responsibility across its three spheres of activity – as an organization, as the owner of the Olympic Games and as the leader of the Olympic Movement.

The objective is to ensure that people's rights are put at the core of our operations and are respected in line with international agreements and standards – within the IOC's remit.

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Tonight on the 2-21-23 agenda, the City of West Hollywood has the following item on the agenda:

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH'S RECENT MOTION AND FORTHCOMING ORDINANCE TO BAN THE DISPLAY OF THE PRIDE FLAG

this includes:

- Authorizing the City Manager to suspend official travel to the City of Huntington Beach if the proposed ordinance is approved and until such time as the new policy AGENDA ITEM 2.N. Page 2 of 4 is revoked or amended.
- Directing the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to maintain and update the list of states and cities to which the City has suspended official travel due to anti LGBTQ+ policies and/or legislation and make this list available on the City's website**.

This will then be sent to:

California Governor Gavin Newsom, California State Senator Ben Allen, California State Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland, and others as deemed appropriate.

you can read this item fully here under 2N:

https://weho.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=1428&meta_id=249350

**community stakeholders will also take this resolution to nationwide travel and tourism boards.

Please vote down this ordinance.

We look forward to being in dialogue and shaping a brighter future together.

--

Jackie Steele

Switzer, Donna

From: Heidi Barlow <barlow_heidi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag - Item # 23

To the City Council of HB,

I am in support of City, State and Federal Government Flags ONLY. NO special interest flags.

Thank you!
Heidi Barlow, Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Melissa Dunlap <mbeninger09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Item #23

I am in favor of 'only' City, State, and Federal flags to be flown on city government property, and 'no' special interest flags to be flown there.

Thank you,
Melissa Dunlap

Switzer, Donna

From: William H. Haas <whaas2@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:59 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 23-Goby. flags on city porperty

I have been a resident of Huntington Beach since 1974. I am opposed to affinity groups on city property. City Hall is a government entity and not a flag park. Hence the city should only be flying government flags that directly pertain to the city, like the US flag. If private entities want a flag park then they can create one using private funds. People can also fly what flags they want from private party as long as they obey all applicable city ordinances.

William H. Haas.
17882 Shoreham Ln. HB.

Switzer, Donna

From: Kelly Hubbard <kellyhubbard123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:03 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re: In support of Councilman Burns' agenda item number 23.

Dear City Council,

My name is Kelly Hubbard and I am a resident of HB and have been practically my entire adult life. I am fully in support of Agenda item number 23 and I commend Councilman Pat Burns for bringing this forward. Government should not be flying any special interest flags or display any political group's symbols on public property. It is NOT the role of local, state, or of the federal government to be displaying flags to appease or promote the agenda of certain groups or causes. Besides that, this particular flag in question is actually a source of more division than some would like us to believe. For many people of faith in HB and for many families and residents in HB who hold strong biblical beliefs, this particular flag is not the symbol of unity as some have claimed it is. I would dare say that for the majority in this town, the Pride flag is not symbolic of unity. Unlike the American flag and the POW flag, this so-called Pride flag does not bring folks together. That said, I oppose the flying of any flag like this because it would be an endorsement by government of a certain agenda and lifestyle that frankly most people in this town probably don't support. As a Huntington Beach resident, I am fully on board with item number 23 and strongly agree with Councilman Burns for bringing this item forward. The only flags that should be flown on city property and in the city hall plaza should be our beloved American flag, our state flag, our city flag and the POW flag. All other flags that are non government related should be left for residents on their own if they so choose to be flown on private property. Thank you - Kelly Hubbard

Switzer, Donna

From: Sandee Freemon <snfreemon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:43 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Item 23

I have lived in Hb for 39 years. I am in favor of item 23. I feel the government buildings should not have special interest flags flown .

Thank you

Sandee Freemon

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: John McRee <surfcitydawg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:06 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support agenda item no. 23

Please note that we support agenda item no. 23. We are Huntington Beach residents

John McRee & Lisa Mundy
5241 Glenroy Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Switzer, Donna

From: jodi.robbins63@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:07 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support agenda item #23

As a resident of Huntington Beach I support and want the council to support agenda item #23.
Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: rsutton163@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:42 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride flag

I fully support taking down the flag. We should only have the American flag and California flag flying
Rich Sutton
Hb resident

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: agatha keller <ricketagatha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:51 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support agenda item 23

Switzer, Donna

From: Valerie Tastad-Grigsby <vtastadgrigsby@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:54 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item 23

We support Agenda 23.

Don & Valerie Grigsby

Switzer, Donna

From: Dawn Koon <dawnkoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:57 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org

I support the council in flying only government and military flags on city property. Private groups should not share this space! If the pride flag is flown then EVERYONE with a flag should be given the same privilege!

Switzer, Donna

From: Sally Cohen <sallyacohen@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:21 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: The Flags That Need to be Displayed by the City of Huntington Beach

Dear Council Members,

I could attend the meeting tonight. I hope you did deny any special interest group a flag display. Where does this stop at Patriots, Christians, Black Lives Matter? We only need the USA FLAG and the California flag on city property. **Nothing else.**

Thank You,

Sally Cohen
Resident of Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: heidi wassef <heidiwassef@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:49 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support agenda 23

I am a HB resident and I support the decision to:

Only allow official government flags to be flown over any Huntington Beach official building.
Flags of political or special interests groups should not be permitted

Heidi

Switzer, Donna

From: Karen Franz <karenfranz222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:35 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flags

I agree with the council regarding the raising of flags other than for federal, state and local governments. They should not be used for advocacy of any specific group. Banning the flags for any special interest group is not bias, racism, or a sign of hatred, it is practical and also a sign of community – that we are all Americans. Those who do not allow for differing opinions or sling names toward those with differing opinions are the ones filled with anger and hate.

Best regards to all,
Karen Franz
Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Karen Franz <karenfranz222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:35 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flags

I agree with the council regarding the raising of flags other than for federal, state and local governments. They should not be used for advocacy of any specific group. Banning the flags for any special interest group is not bias, racism, or a sign of hatred, it is practical and also a sign of community – that we are all Americans. Those who do not allow for differing opinions or sling names toward those with differing opinions are the ones filled with anger and hate.

Best regards to all,
Karen Franz
Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Alice Ellis <akosekellis@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 8:22 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 23

To whom it may concern,
Our current City Council is doing the right thing by flying only the American Flag, state and county flags and the POW/MIA flag. This way we are not favoring any particular group. We are all American citizens. Businesses and homes can fly their own flags according to their preferences and beliefs.

A. M. Ellis

Proud resident of HB for 61 years.

Switzer, Donna

From: Marcia Morrell <morrell967@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:13 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Hate speech

In reading that the CC rejects defamatory speech from ppl who chose to speak at CC meetings, it seems time to cut Mr. Briscoe off! His hate speech toward Gracie is getting old and has no place at these meetings

Marcia Morrell
HB Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Lisa Williams <lwilliamshb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:26 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag Flying Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

As residents of Huntington Beach for almost thirty years, we want to once again write about our **opposition to the Flag Flying Ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns**.

The current flag flying ordinance works perfectly well. The current flag flying resolution allows for diplomacy and requires the council members approval of any commemorative/specialty flags to be flown on flag poles on HB city property. Why would you feel the need to introduce the new flag flying ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns? The only reason you are wanting to change it seems to be an attempt to ban the PRIDE flag.

We ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents, family, and friends and all those who visit and work here.

Council Member McKeon continues to state, "All are represented equally under the flag of the United Stated of America" -- this is simply NOT TRUE. There are millions of Americans every day fighting for their basic human rights and freedoms, like access to healthcare, housing, employment, etc. They face continued harassment, discrimination, violence, and hate. Therefore, the United States Flag **DOES NOT** represent all Americans equally in practice, only in ideological theory and this has been the case historically. Please remember that many of these marginalized and oppressed Americans live, work, and visit Huntington Beach. So, opportunities to fly "specialty" flags like the PRIDE flag are critical for inclusion, representation, equity, celebration, and acceptance.

Again, the current flag flying policy works in Huntington Beach. We don't understand why you would "try to fix something that is not broken" except to push your own entitled, misinformed agenda that promotes oppression and keeps people feeling "othered" and marginalized.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Lisa Williams

Switzer, Donna

From: Florence Pagliassotti <pagfm34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:31 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag Flying Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Huntington Beach for over 20 years, I want to once again write about our **opposition to the Flag Flying Ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns.**

The current flag flying ordinance works perfectly well and allows for diplomacy and requires the council members approval of any commemorative/specialty flags to be flown on flag poles on HB city property. It seems that the only reason you would be in support of Council Members Burns new flag flying ordinance is to ban the PRIDE flag.

Council Member McKeon continues to state, "All are represented equally under the flag of the United Stated of America" -- this is simply NOT TRUE. There are millions of Americans every day fighting for their basic human rights and freedoms, like access to healthcare, housing, employment, etc. They face continued harassment, discrimination, violence, and hate. Therefore, the United States Flag **DOES NOT** represent all Americans equally in practice, only in ideological theory and this has been the case historically. Please remember that many of these marginalized and oppressed Americans live, work, and visit Huntington Beach. So, opportunities to fly "specialty" flags like the PRIDE flag are critical for inclusion, representation, equity, celebration, and acceptance. I ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents, family, and friends and all those who visit and work here.

Again, the current flag flying policy works in Huntington Beach. I don't understand why you would "try to fix something that is not broken" except to push your own entitled, misinformed agenda that promotes oppression and keeps people feeling "othered" and marginalized.

Sincerely,

Florence Pagliassotti

Switzer, Donna

From: Richard Thiel <rthiel@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:58 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item #23

Huntington Beach City Council.

I strongly support the passage of Agenda Item 23 – Only Government Flags on City Property.

In today's society, there are several activist organizations that could take action to request that their flags be flown on the Huntington Beach Government building. If allowed, This could have a very divisive impact on our society as opposed to the Unifying effect that our Country desperately needs. Our City Council has several other important issues that they are spending their time on, that will greatly effect the Citizens of Huntington Beach both now and in our Future.

Dick Thiel
Huntington Beach Resident

Switzer, Donna

From: Kim VanDerHoek <kimvander77@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 2:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I am writing a second time.

Let me ask, what are you afraid will happen if the city continues to fly the PRIDE flag in June? Looking at a flag doesn't turn people into members of the LBGTQ+ community any more than a Texas flag will turn a Californian into a Texan.

You can try to erase the LBGTQ+ community but you will never succeed.

As someone with friends and family members that are part of the LBGTQ+ community I strongly disagree with your efforts to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. LBGTQ+ people are valued members of every community, especially in Huntington Beach. Flying the PRIDE flag signals unity and acceptance of the LBGTQ+ community. I ask that you demonstrate that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for LBGTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here by continuing to fly the PRIDE flag in June.

Sincerely,

Kim VanDerHoek

Switzer, Donna

From: Linda Theile <ltheile@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:46 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In support of agenda item #23

I agree that only government flags should be flown on official Huntington Beach buildings.

There are too many special interest groups that can have their flags flown and/or displayed everywhere else.

Let's keep government buildings here in our city, looking official, not circus like. with every special interest group being represented.

Linda Theile

Switzer, Donna

From: Cheryl H <cherylh6891@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 11:04 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support agenda item 23. Ban the gay flag.

Hi,

I just received info on the city council meeting to ban the flag. It's too late, I would have been there. I will be ready for the next meeting if needed. Please send out an email.

Thank you,
Cheryl Horeczko- H.B. resident

Switzer, Donna

From: marta shively <mjmshively@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:47 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Huntington Beach, you did not represent my voice when you voted to suspend flying the PRIDE Flag and voted in support of the ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns. You were elected to a non-partisan position where you are to represent your constituents' voices. As seen by the emails before, the majority of Huntington Beach residents support the LGBTQ+ community and want the flag to fly during the month of June. I ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ Residents and all those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Bart and Marta Shively

Switzer, Donna

From: adauger <adauger@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:15 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: February 21 meeting item No. 23 and other issues

To the Huntington Beach City Council:

I am sorry to miss the deadline for comments for the February 21 meeting; but I will appreciate the indulgence of our excellent City Council in regard to the following. I enjoyed meeting the four Surf City United council candidates plus City Attorney Michael Gates at a get-together prior to the election. I was pleased to vote for all of them. I trusted that they would move Huntington Beach in the correct direction going forward. But I have been disappointed in their recent emphasis on two divisive issues that may injure the City, its quality of life, and its reputation.

1. The effort to waste City funds on a fruitless fight with the State in regard to adding about 12,000 units of critically needed new housing. The City has plenty of poorly utilized land available for that housing. The funds could be much better spent on professional planning work to incorporate that housing in a minimally impacting, aesthetically pleasing way.
2. The spiteful ordinance to restrict public flag display areas to "government" flags only, thereby preventing occasional recognition of minority groups in our City. It is sad that Surf City United has decided to make a big issue of stopping "woke activism." What are they afraid of?

Thank you for your attention.

Alan Dauger

40 year resident of Huntington Harbour

Switzer, Donna

From: It'sNotEnough <heisgreaterthani.bb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:39 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In support of agenda item no. 23.

I have been a HB resident for many many years and I support Mr. Burns ordinance on the issue.

Sent from my iPhone.

Switzer, Donna

From: Larry Tenney <ltenney1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 7:30 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: press@la28.org
Subject: Huntington Beach Pride Flag Ban
Attachments: Video.mov

I oppose the Council majority's attempts to roll back the clock and ban the LGBTQ Pride Flag on public property.

Their move is purely political and motivated by hate.

During the campaign they were endorsed by Calvary Chapel of the Harbour's extremist cult leader Joe Pedick -- a guy who literally preaches QAnon conspiracies from the pulpit . The MAGA four attended a service where he brought them on stage, endorsed them & then he gave each of them the microphone.

Pedick is a hateful man. He's not a Christian, Godly man. He's a notorious homo/transphobe. He preaches transphobia from his pulpit. Here's an example:

Continue to fly the damn Pride Flag during June to show the world that Huntington is an inclusive forward thinking community.

Also, shame on the Council majority for ever giving hate-filled Pedick the spotlight at a City Council meeting.

Larry Tenney
Huntington Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Jills E Mail <jilldennis@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:50 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item no. 23

I am a Huntington Beach resident for over 25 years.
I whole heartedly support agenda item no. 23 !!!!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Robert Frederickson <grnrmhb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Patrick Burns; Gracey Van Der Mark; Casey McKeon; tstrickland@tonystrickland.com; Robert Frederickson
Subject: I am in support of agenda item no. 23

There is a reason why Huntington Beach voted for "BOLD" leadership. The majority is tired of being bullied by every level of government and all the progressive activists. I'm old enough to remember when America was a "melting pot" ... then, we were all "hyphenated Americans" ... now, we are a "carton of eggs" divided into sub-groups, convinced they are victims and then bully others to cave to their every whim.

Elected politicians should not pick and choose those they support more than others. While I believe nobody should be persecuted, I also believe that nobody should be celebrated more than others.

I hope that our council members continue to be "BOLD" and not cave in to corporate bullying.

Robert Frederickson

8412 Norfolk Dr, Huntington Beach

714 856 9132

Switzer, Donna

From: Mark Urkov <markurkov@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 8:45 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support govt only flags

City services are and only should be city state and federal issues concerned.
Special interest flags can fly in their own special places. Private property.

HB Local 52 years

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Tracey Morrell <t.morell@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 4:07 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

Hello, .

I am Tracey Morell.

If many people do not agree with a flag, then you should never fly that flag. Otherwise, you are excluding others who will never agree with you or your beliefs.

Los Angeles is bleeding money from police departments with their never-ending sins and corruptions. Meanwhile they are not replacing their antique plumbing utilities.

****Any form of corruption leads to spiritual self-destruction. Homosexuality is a sin.****

In my opinion, first you should remove that cursed flag and burn it in a trash can. Then you should help Los Angeles to straighten out, before that city will fall into great disrepair and destruction, within 150 years.

Really, I am suggesting to you, that being a neighbor to Los Angeles will become bad for you, if you do not help those people to straighten out. It will prove really bad for you if Los Angeles becomes a big stink hole next door to you.

I do hope that your city will improve. I really do.

Tracey Morell

Switzer, Donna

From: Lloyd Edwards <guardian521hb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 4:51 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag Proposal and Blue Shied Response

I support the ordinance to only display State and Government Flags. AS to the letter from Debbie Chang of Blue Shield of CA, I would suggest the City of HB cut all contracts with Blue Shield and file a formal complaint with the National office. We have choices in health care options (of which there are many) and we should not be subject to extortion or bullying by or any other organization.

Lloyd Edwards
HB

Switzer, Donna

From: Vickie Hamilton <bigvickster@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 7:58 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: I support for Agenda Item 23

I strongly support Agenda item 23. I am a long-time resident and homeowner in Huntington Beach, and respectfully submit this email for consideration.

Thanks

Victoria Hamilton
Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Katelyn Vinh <katelynvinh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:36 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB City Council + PRIDE Flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but this city has been a part of my life since childhood as it is our family's go-to beach. I support inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the PRIDE Flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive or safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision of where I want to go to spend the day at the beach or where to bring my family, I look for cities that value equality as it makes me feel safer, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the PRIDE flag in June. Although I am not a part of the LGBTQ+ community myself, I am completely in support and realize the importance of unity and inclusivity of a community that deserves the same amount of love and respect as everyone else. I ask that at the next City Council meeting, you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of acceptance and solidarity. Please vote to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all those who visit here to enjoy all that Huntington Beach has to offer.

All my best,
Katelyn Vinh
katelynvinh@gmail.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Stephen Marcin <sjmarcin@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 6:28 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support of Agenda Item 23

My name is Steve Marcin. My wife and I are residents of Huntington Beach and have been for the past 38 years.

We support Agenda Item 23 because it is simply the separation of church and state. Government flag poles don't (and shouldn't) fly flags representing Black Lives Matter, Knights of Columbus, Pro-Life, Alcoholics Anonymous, or the Thin Blue Line. It's a principal foundation of government to remain impartial. To lose sight of this or yield to politically driven influences is a sell out to special interest groups. This is contrary to a fair government that looks upon everyone as equal.

Please approve Agenda Item 23 to demonstrate that Huntington Beach government treats everyone with due respect and without preference regardless of one's race, creed, color, sexual orientation or any other political belief.

Sincerely,
Steve Marcin
Huntington Beach, CA.
(714)497-6376

Switzer, Donna

From: Qarin Van Brink <qwiggle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 2:37 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Do not ban the pride flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the PRIDE Flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision where I will go to spend the day at the beach, where I will go to shop, where I will go to vacation, I look for cities that value equality, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the PRIDE flag in June.

Banning flags is fundamentally different than simply choosing not to fly them- banning is a direct action against those the flag represents: it's personal. Banning also sends a message into the future about inclusivity and acceptance (specifically, a lack of it), creating barriers to people not yet in charge in an effort to force them into your current belief systems and preferences. This is bad law.

-Qarin Van Brink
Buena Park, CA

Switzer, Donna

From: ALISA LITE <allylite@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE Flag

Dear Council Members,

As a longtime resident of HB, it extremely concerns me that the City Council would vote to ban the PRIDE flag and support the ordinance proposed by Council member Burns. You were elected to represent the residents of HB and this directly contradicts the wishes of the majority of residents including myself. It's my understanding the office is non-partisan and it's shameful to see this happening to our great city. Many residents have worked hard to change the city's negative reputation of being non-inconclusive. Most residents support the LGBTQ+ community and it's not okay to ignore the voices of the majority of HB residents. Thank you for your time.

Alisa Lite

Switzer, Donna

From: Eitan Schechtman-Drayman <eitans@uci.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:56 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Raise the Rainbow Flag 🏳️🌈 high this June!

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the PRIDE Flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision where I will go to spend the day at the beach, where I will go to shop, where I will go to vacation, I look for cities that value equality, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the PRIDE flag in June.

Sincerely,

Eitan

Eitan Schechtman-Drayman

Assistant Professor
Dept. of Neurobiology & Behavior
Cntr for Neurobio of Learning & Memory
University of California, Irvine
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Switzer, Donna

From: trisha rohn <trisha.rohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:03 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: agenda item no. 23

Pat Burns I fully support and want only official government flags to be flown in HB.

Natalie Moser- I am disappointed in your choosing to support a blue cross foundation for wasting non profit money with an over priced vacation at a luxury hotel. Where is the accounting oversight on such a waste of money. This is what you support?! How are you wasting HB tax payers money in the same fashion?

--

Trisha Rohn

92647

Switzer, Donna

From: Ted Ross <tedross_0077@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:43 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 23; City Council/Public Financing Authority on 03-07-2023 - Gov't Flags on City Property

Members of the Huntington Beach Council & Staff members,

It is time to provide a counter-balance view of HB resident opinion to "the partisan crowd that appeared at the last HB CC Meeting" and show our support for this bold and courageous agenda item.

- I am a 37 year resident of Huntington Beach, so I speak with some knowledge about the "the Surf City" we've come to love.
- It is not only good policy but good governance to only display the flags of our country, state, Armed Services of the United States, and the POW/MIA.
- Flying other special interest flags is not only bending toward divisiveness of our wonderful inclusive community but promotes possible controversy which is not the role of city government.
- It is time we focus on the major issues and responsibilities of local government: Public Safety, Irresponsible High-Density Development, Homeless/Transient issues, Sober Homes Issues and not just led around by the hand by all the loud, woke and divisive activists that seem to pander for a progressive agenda.
- Agenda item 23 is a responsible action and *does not limit* any group from displaying any personal flag of choice at their own home, Activist meeting locations, or businesses

I strongly indorse this proposed ordinance for the city of Huntington Beach

Ted Ross
Huntington Beach Resident

Switzer, Donna

From: Jasmine Duckworth <JDuckworth@weho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:02 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: John Erickson
Subject: Supplemental Communication | March 7th Council Meeting
Attachments: MPT Erickson - Letter Denouncing Huntington Beach - 03.01.23.pdf; City of West Hollywood - Resolution 23-015.pdf

Dear City Clerk Estanislau,

I am reaching out on behalf of Mayor Pro Tempore John Erickson of the City of West Hollywood. We are requesting that the attached letter, denouncing the City of Huntington Beach's recent decision to no longer fly the pride flag be included as part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting on March 7, 2023.

Best,
Jasmine Duckworth
Community Programs Coordinator
☎: (323) 848-6559
✉: jduckworth@weho.org

E-mail correspondence with the City of West Hollywood (including any attachment) is a public record under the California Public Records Act, which may be subject to public disclosure under the Act.



City of West Hollywood

City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA
90069-6216
Tel. (323) 848-6460
FAX (323) 848 6562

From the desk of
JOHN M. ERICKSON
Mayor Pro Tempore

March 1, 2023

Hon. Tony Strickland, Mayor
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street, #5,
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Re: **RESOLUTION No. 23-015 DENOUNCING THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH'S RECENT DECISION TO BAN THE DISPLAY OF THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG**

Dear Mayor Strickland,

On February 21, 2023, during its regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood unanimously adopted Resolution No. 23-015 denouncing the City of Huntington Beach's homophobic decision to no longer fly the rainbow pride flag during the annual pride celebrations in the State of California.

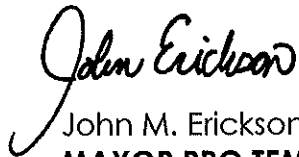
Since its incorporation in November 1984, the City of West Hollywood has been a beacon of inclusion and compassion and has welcomed and celebrated people of diverse backgrounds and sexual orientation. The City of West Hollywood, unlike Huntington Beach, celebrates diversity and makes strides to make everyone feel welcome.

At the time of adopting the above-referenced resolution, the City Council also directed the City Manager to include the City of Huntington Beach on the list of towns and states for which City-sponsored travel is restricted. Thus, City of West Hollywood elected officials and staff will not be allowed to travel to Huntington Beach, at the City's expense until the City rescinds or amends its discriminatory policy.

Homophobia, transphobia, or any kind of discriminatory rhetoric or actions have no place in our society, and much less in West Hollywood, a city known around the world for its acceptance, advocacy and support of LGBTQ+ people. As elected officials and proud members of the LGBTQ+ community, we cannot stay silent. As elected officials, too, we must always advocate for more inclusion, tolerance, and

acceptance, and do our very best to make our communities more livable, for all. Huntington Beach's actions are not just reprehensible, they are also dangerous, particularly at a time when hate crimes against minorities, including the LGBTQ+ community are on the rise.

Sincerely,



John M. Erickson
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

C: City Clerk, City of Huntington Beach

Enclosure: Resolution No. 23-015

RESOLUTION NO. 23-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENOUNCING THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH'S RECENT MOTION
AND FORTHCOMING ORDINANCE TO BAN THE
DISPLAY OF THE PRIDE FLAG

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Beach at its February 7, 2023 City Council meeting, passed a motion requesting an ordinance to limit flag displays at City of Huntington Beach facilities to only the American, POW/MIA, State, City, and County flags, which would in effect ban the City from displaying the Pride flag representing the LGBTQ+ community.

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance is expected to be presented to the Huntington Beach City Council for adoption at its February 21, 2023 City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, the City of Huntington Beach has displayed the Pride flag for six weeks each spring in honor of Pride Month in June; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Beach's motion claimed to be initiated to avoid actions that could easily be mistakenly perceived as divisive however, the removal of the Pride flag sends an unwelcoming message that the City of Huntington Beach does not support its LGBTQ+ community members; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has previously taken action to suspend travel to states that have adopted anti-LGBTQ+ laws, as well as states that adopt legislation that restricts access to abortion, discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression and states that adopt significant restrictions on voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood aims to support the LGBTQ+ community, and foster inclusion, acceptance and equality and the Pride flag has become a part of the LGBTQ+ identity, culture and society; and

WHEREAS, since the City of West Hollywood's incorporation in 1984, the City has advocated for measures to support LGBTQ individuals and has been in the vanguard on efforts to gain and protect equality for all people on a state, national, and international level.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby denounces the City of Huntington Beach's recent motion and forthcoming ordinance to ban the display of the Pride flag at its City facilities, as well as

Resolution No. 23-015

Page 2

adds the City of Huntington Beach to the City's list of states and cities with a ban on official travel.

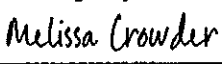
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 21st day of February, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Byers, Heilman, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and Mayor Shyne.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

DocuSigned by:

708419D65AF8448...
SEIPI SHYNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

20727CE2529D4B5...
MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK

Switzer, Donna

From: Jordie Dugan <jordiechuuu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:03 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag - We Just Want to Exist

To whom it may concern,

The original pride flag had eight stripes, each with its own meaning. However, over time, the flag has been simplified to six stripes. Each of the six colors in the flag has its own significance

1. Red: represents life
2. Orange: represents healing
3. Yellow: represents sunlight
4. Green: represents nature
5. Blue: represents harmony
6. Purple: represents spirit

Together, these colors symbolize the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the unity of its members. The flag is a way for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to show their support and solidarity with the community and to promote acceptance and equality for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The pride flag is also a symbol of the progress that has been made in LGBTQ+ rights and a reminder of the ongoing work that still needs to be done to achieve full equality and acceptance for the community.

To remove the use of the Pride Flag during pride month, you are invalidating the experience of those who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies that live within your community. LESBIAN PEOPLE EXIST. GAY PEOPLE EXIST. BISEXUAL PEOPLE EXIST. TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXIST. QUEER PEOPLE EXIST. STRAIGHT PEOPLE EXIST. AND YOU READING THIS, YOU EXIST. YOU CAN NOT ERASE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Please do not ban the Pride Flag during Pride Month. People within the LGBTQ+ community face discrimination everyday. Pride Month represents the progress made in LGBTQ+ rights and to promote continued advocacy and activism for full equality and acceptance.

LETS CO-EXIST.

Switzer, Donna

From: Bernadette Cortez <src10710@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB... Florida of Ca!

You people are so ignorant and disgusting the way you're throwing around the "woke" word like a bunch of far right, white nationalists, homophobes!!!
The fact that you sent that ridiculous and dangerous email out to every single HB resident is exactly what causes these lunatics with guns to act out and hurt innocent people. I do hope more events are canceled throughout the city until you all can get your heads out of your a**!

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Duncan McCulloch <polodunk@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:50 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In support of agenda item #23

Hello,

I am a 40-year resident of HB and appreciate your fight for free choice and limiting special interests from dictating our city's charter and law-making ability.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Special interest flags

From: Charlene Shepard <charshepard427@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Special interest flags

Special interest flags have no business on our city's flag polls. People can fly these flags on their own property. I'm not against special interest groups flags, they just don't belong on city property.

I thought this issue was settled?

Sincerely,

Paula Shepard

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda #23

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

From: Kay Montgomery <monty7s@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:36 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda #23

We are AGAINST flying ANY special interest flags outside the Huntington Beach city offices. Thank you for listening to the citizens of Huntington Beach. James and Kay Montgomery

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: dianna orrnorton.com <dianna@ornorton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:36 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Regardless of intent of this ordinance, the general interpretation will be that HB is not a city welcoming to the LGBTQ community. This will cost the city revenue via the cancellation of events, conferences and conventions. If the council passes this ordinance, then they must own the results. This will have a negative financial impact on Huntington Beach's hospitality industry.

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

From: Renae <renaegeier@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:40 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Hello,

I am a resident of Long Beach, CA who regularly visits Huntington Beach. I'm emailing you today in support of flying the rainbow pride flag. I hope you do not prohibit flying the flag in the future.

Thanks,
Renae Geier

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda #23

From: Michael Eckard <sogccc@reagan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:19 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda #23

My name is Michael Eckard. I've lived in Huntington Beach for more than 30 years. I served as a member of the US Army Special Forces from 1970 to 1981.

I am a combat veteran that believed I was fighting to help maintain the right of every individual to have their voice be heard. That right is for all, not just a few.

I am in favor of Pat Burns proposal Agenda #23 for this reason, if you make an exception for the flying of one special interest flag you have to include all special

Interest groups or your discriminating.

Thank you,

Michael Eckard

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

From: Ernest Cornish <ernestecornish@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Once again, we vote for a flag to restrict different flags, which is discrimination to those flags that have been flown in the past. I'm not sure why you people continuously attack people, and groups and others that have impacted in the community. The LGBTQ community every June has been represented and now you're saying no shame on you shame shame it is time to get your priorities straight and that is not an important as other items that should be on your agenda.

Sincerely,

Ernest E. Cornish,
Pronouns: He/Him/His
NPPA Member

COVID-19 Compliance Officer
Owner Cornish_LA_Photography™
www.ernestecornish.com
407-761-0746

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The information contained in this e-mail is intended only for the recipient, and may be a confidential communication or may otherwise be privileged and confidential and protected from disclosure. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, please be aware that any dissemination or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by replying to the message and deleting it from your computer. © 2022-2023 The Official home of Ernest E. Cornish - All images subject to copyright at Cornish_LA_Photography™LLC

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Linda Macdonell <genelinhb@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Please reverse your decision to eliminate flying this flag. Your decision reflects poorly on our city. Linda MacDonell

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #23

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

From: Megan Lantz <megan.o.lantz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #23

Hello,

I am a current resident of Huntington Beach and would like to voice my thoughts against agenda item #23 to allow the Pride Flag to be flown at government agency buildings. It is clear that the only people who support this matter are clearly bigots who do not want to recognize the LGBTQIA+ community. There is truly no reason to be against these flags being flown other than personal malice and political beliefs. The pride flag flying does not hurt ANY citizen of this city. As a newer resident of this city it is truly disheartening to see some of the matters that countless hours and taxpayer dollars are spent bickering over. Limiting the flags flown does not improve the lives of ANY HB residents and I urge the city council to find more important matters to spend time on.

Sincerely,

Megan Lantz

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag Flying Ordinance

From: Lisa Williams <lwilliamshb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:25 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag Flying Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

As residents of Huntington Beach for almost thirty years, we want to once again write about our **opposition to the Flag Flying Ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns.** The current flag flying ordinance works perfectly well. The current flag flying resolution allows for diplomacy and requires the council members approval of any commemorative/specialty flags to be flown on flag poles on HB city property. Why would you feel the need to introduce the new flag flying ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns? The only reason you are wanting to change it seems to be an attempt to ban the PRIDE flag.

We ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents, family, and friends and all those who visit and work here.

Council Member McKeon continues to state, "All are represented equally under the flag of the United Stated of America" -- this is simply NOT TRUE. There are millions of Americans every day fighting for their basic human rights and freedoms, like access to healthcare, housing, employment, etc. They face continued harassment, discrimination, violence, and hate. Therefore, the United States Flag **DOES NOT** represent all Americans equally in practice, only in ideological theory and this has been the case historically. Please remember that many of these marginalized and oppressed Americans live, work, and visit Huntington Beach. So, opportunities to fly "specialty" flags like the PRIDE flag are critical for inclusion, representation, equity, celebration, and acceptance.

Again, the current flag flying policy works in Huntington Beach. We don't understand why you would "try to fix something that is not broken" except to push your own entitled, misinformed agenda that promotes oppression and keeps people feeling "othered" and marginalized.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Lisa Williams

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag Flying Ordinance

From: Florence Pagliassotti <pagfm34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:30 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag Flying Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Huntington Beach for over 20 years, I want to once again write about our **opposition to the Flag Flying Ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns**.

The current flag flying ordinance works perfectly well and allows for diplomacy and requires the council members approval of any commemorative/specialty flags to be flown on flag poles on HB city property. It seems that the only reason you would be in support of Council Members Burns new flag flying ordinance is to ban the PRIDE flag.

Council Member McKeon continues to state, "All are represented equally under the flag of the United Stated of America" -- this is simply NOT TRUE. There are millions of Americans every day fighting for their basic human rights and freedoms, like access to healthcare, housing, employment, etc. They face continued harassment, discrimination, violence, and hate. Therefore, the United States Flag **DOES NOT** represent all Americans equally in practice, only in ideological theory and this has been the case historically. Please remember that many of these marginalized and oppressed Americans live, work, and visit Huntington Beach. So, opportunities to fly "specialty" flags like the PRIDE flag are critical for inclusion, representation, equity, celebration, and acceptance. I ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents, family, and friends and all those who visit and work here.

Again, the current flag flying policy works in Huntington Beach. I don't understand why you would "try to fix something that is not broken" except to push your own entitled, misinformed agenda that promotes oppression and keeps people feeling "othered" and marginalized.

Sincerely,

Florence Pagliassotti

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Regarding your 4-3 vote on removing the Pride flag from City Hall

From: lynda <lynda@ralphhernandezco.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 9:16 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Regarding your 4-3 vote on removing the Pride flag from City Hall

Dear H.B. Council Members:

I read the letter in the Daily Pilot from previous H.B. Council members who strongly believe in the inclusion message that flying the Pride flag brings to our beautiful city. I strongly agree that removing it advertises the exact opposite message and is exclusionary. It also signals a message to the local community and other cities and states that we do not support 10% of our population. These individuals work in our community, pay taxes and are part of our families.

Please reconsider this 4-3 vote and fly the Pride flag proudly.

Thank you!

Lynda A. Hernandez
8232 Munster Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Over 39 years in Huntington Beach and counting

Lynda A. Hernandez
CFO
The Ralph Hernandez Co., Inc.
1446 E. Chestnut Ave.
Santa Ana, CA 92701-6319
714/539-7270
Fax: 714/539-7269

Over 35 years in business and going strong!



Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Horrified by your ban on flying the gay pride flag

From: Kathy Cadigan <katcad@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:10 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Horrified by your ban on flying the gay pride flag

Huntington Beach is becoming an embarrassment. WHY are we so far behind the times? The 50's are long gone!

Count me as one of many citizens who is against your unfeeling ban on flying a gay pride flag.

Kathleen Cadigan (senior citizen who ALWAYS votes, but rarely writes messages like this)
92647

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: What the Pride Flag means to me.

From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:08 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: What the Pride Flag means to me.

This is for those who stand with the LBGQT people in society Dan Kalmick, Natalie Moser, Rhonda Bolton, and the Freak Show that was displayed on Tuesday Night.

I want to tell you the story of a young boy at the age of 10 years old. He lived in a normal community and attended a Southern Baptist Church where the pastor spoke of Hell and Brimstone and the Fornicators, Sodomy, and Homosexuality and how it was against Christianity. For a young boy at 10 who did not understand anything about one's sexuality, this was a confusing sermon. This boy became a paper boy who delivered newspapers throughout his neighborhood, on his route, there was a house where two men resided, for a young boy the fact that two men shared a house meant nothing to him but he did recognize one of the two was the piano player from the church he attended and the other man he saw wearing a robe and a hood on occasion like used in the catholic church as some leaders wore. The one man from our church when I came to their house to deliver his paper offered to drive me on my paper route to deliver my papers, I thought it was a kind gesture from a church member so I accepted the ride. While we were driving through the neighborhood the man asked if I had hair under my arms or on my pubic area (my balls). I thought that was an odd question but I did not understand, then he began reaching for my leg close to my genitalia like he was tickling me, and I rebuffed his efforts. When I got home my mother said she got a call from a neighbor to tell her she saw me in the car with our new Gay Couple Neighbors and not to get near them and never get in their car, I did not understand gay or even what it meant, but now I know I was being Groomed by a Gay Man for his sexual pleasure. That Young Boy was me.

Growing up in the 1960s as a teen I Hitch Hiked and was a normal form to get around, and I hitchhiked to get to friends' house, I had called my friend to let him know I was coming over to see him, and I hitched a ride and was picked up by a man who asked where I was going and I told him the cross streets, while in the car he was patting me on my chest and legs very close to my genitalia and asked did I play sports because "I was built very firm" WTH? during the ride he asked me if I knew of any Gay Bars on the way and invited me to join him, at 13 I knew I could not enter a bar? When I arrived at my friend's house his older brother asked how did I get there so fast? I responded I hitched a ride with a guy who was looking for a Gay Bar (a fun place to drink?) the older brother said Gay Bar? are you stupid that guy was a queer! still unaware that some people in our society have deviant sexual desires for men and boys and men of the same sex I continued to hitchhike and found many unwanted male men's unwanted sexual advances. Yes some will excuse this behavior, and some will say this is different from Pedophile behavior, where do we draw the line? when a young male is reaching puberty what divides a sexual predator's actions for looking for a Mate or a Pedophile's Lust for Pre-puberty boys? Can you draw this line when we see the many in our community who are confused as to their own sexual identities and behave in strange sexual practices?

This is a very personal story and did not stop there, I purchased a 4-plex apartment and rented it to many people over the years. One tenant a single male moved into one rental unit, soon after he got a male roommate and I later found out they were a Gay Couple, OK different strokes. This came to a head when they would make out with the door and windows open and there was a Middle School next door and many children walked by. Then they inviting these young boys into their apartment while they kissed and made out on the couch for them to witness this behavior and it took me back to my own youth experience with Gay Men I was appalled, but I did not evict them as they had a lovers quarrel and one Shot the Other and that was the end for them in my complex.

Ok, so now you have heard my story and why many in the community reject our city flying the Pride Flag to support people's sorted sexual preferences and how their Religions have influenced their reactions. I can tell you I was Disgusted when the LBGQT group used a young boy of the age of 12 as a Prop who at 12 could not even understand what he was?

being groomed to say on their behalf. Appalling Behavior but expected as they have a warped sense of what our youth should be expected to deal with, and Natalie Moser gave them her approval for using this young child as a Prop for their sexually deviant behavior.

For those who try to blur the line between Homosexuality and Pedophilia and people's weird sexual desires, I would ask like Natalie Moser likes to say "Connect the Dots" Open your eyes as to why for Religious reasons and the sake of our Youth many if not most are Offended by our city raising a flag on their behalf. So now these city council members have added to the Division in our community and the public debates and the False Premise people will avoid our city and businesses, Just in Orange County alone there are 34 cities in the OC and only 7 of them display the Pride Flag on public property and I do not see them suffering from loss of business.

While I have grown tolerant of the LBGQT's rights to do what they do behind closed doors, I will Not Fly a Flag to Celebrate Them.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Loud and Clear

From: Mike Lewin <mmml Lewin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:17 PM
To: Strickland, Tony <Tony.Strickland@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Loud and Clear

Dear Mayor Strickland and Councilmembers Burns, McKeon and Van Der Mark:

For the last 13 years, my wife, my children and I have spent 10 days each June vacationing in Huntington Beach. As we plan this year's trip to California, we will not be staying in Huntington Beach and have chosen to stay in Laguna Beach instead.

Your decision to ban the pride flag is nothing more than thinly veiled attempt to perpetuate hate, animus and further stigmatize an already marginalized community. Your decision is not, as stated by Councilmember Burns, born of a desire "to unite people." It is born of hatred and homophobia and it communicates a clear message that Huntington Beach is not the inclusive and welcoming community we once envisioned it to be.

Your vote was intended to send a message and this family heard your hurtful message loud and clear.

Regards,

Michael and Maria Lewin

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: League of Women Voters Observation Report
Attachments: Huntington Beach City Council of February 21.pdf

From: Susan J Knight <leebknight@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Estanislau, Robin <Robin.Estanislau@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: League of Women Voters Observation Report

Please find attached the League of Women Voters Observer Corps Report for the City Council meeting of February 21, 2023.

Thank you,

Susan J Knight
Anne Stone
League of Women Voters Orange Coast
Observer Corps



Huntington Beach City Council of February 21

General Meeting Information

Did the meeting start on time? Yes

Were all members present? Yes

Did the members appear to have done their homework? Yes

Were members courteous to each other and the public? No

A councilperson was openly hostile to another. Also, a different councilperson was addressing another member in non courteous, sarcastic manner.

Brown Act

Was the agenda sent/posted 72 hours before this meeting? Yes

Did items clearly describe what was discussed? Yes

Was there adequate opportunity for public input? Yes

Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session? No

Was background information available to the public? Yes

LWV Action Item

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWVC positions or programs? Yes

Agenda item 12. 23-147 was approved 6-0 with Mayor Strickland recusing himself. This was for "Affordable Housing Agreement for 19070 Holly Lane".

Agenda item 23. 23-165 was passed 4-3 with Kalmick, Moser and Bolton voting no. This approves the introduction of an ordinance amending municipal code to limit flags that can fly on city property. Only certain government and military flags are permitted. Public comments on this item focused on removal of the pride flag that has flown on city property for 2 years.

Agenda item 26. 23-172 was passed 4-3; with Kalmick, Moser and Bolton voting no. This directs the city attorney to take any legal action necessary to challenge SB 9 and SB 10 and the laws that permit ADU's.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these items? Yes

Keep apprised of any legal action by city attorney

Do you have other concerns or comments? Yes

Many times citizen's public comments were loudly interrupted with yelling and otherwise disruptive and intimidating outbursts by some members of the public. These disruptions were never addressed by the Mayor or other councilmembers in accordance with SB 1100. Also, two separate speakers used expletives with many children present with no admonishment.

Was there discussion on homelessness or affordable housing? Yes

Item number 24. 23-176 (public conduct in city parking structures) and item number 25. 23-177 (specifics on use of tents and vehicles within city parks) were in regards to homelessness. These both passed 7-0.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flying the proper flags

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

From: Becky Coleman <jbccjkc@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 3:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flying the proper flags

Dear Members of the City Council:

Although I am a resident of Irvine, I still want to congratulate and support you for your recent decision to not fly the pride flag. It's a correct and reasonable move. It's a sad commentary on current times that such a logical resolution has to be regarded as "brave."

Thank you.

Becky Coleman

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: Amy Opfell <aopfell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 3:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Dear HB

I strongly oppose any flags other than the American flag and the HB flag to be flown on Public property.

Stop the nonsense,

Amy Opfell

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: Peter <petercrisafulli@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 3:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

To whom it may concern,

I cannot stress enough how important it is to continue flying the Pride flag during Pride season in Huntington Beach. An entire community suffers right under your noses and this is but a small bit of peace you can give them. I URGE you to consider voting in favor of keeping the Pride Flag up. It's one month out of the year and a flag in the sky doesn't hurt anyone but its absence sends a clear message that we are secondary to the city of Huntington Beach. Please make the right decision.

A proud OC resident,

Peter Crisafulli

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Disappointment in the flag policy change being discussed by City Council members

From: Dani Ganley <danirganley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Disappointment in the flag policy change being discussed by City Council members

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of Huntington Beach, I am writing to express my disappointment in seeing that the City Council Members would vote to remove the Pride flag, which was raised in 2021 in support and solidarity of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The OC Human Relations Commission put out the annual hate crime report in September which showed an 83% increase in hate crimes against the LGBTQIA+ community in 2021. Why would you spend your time and money working to repeal the flag when it is an acknowledgement of safety and support of this vital community, especially when hate crimes are so high?

In a city where things have been especially tumultuous for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and other minorities, it is sad to see this happen. To those of you who voted to remove nongovernmental and nonmilitary flags, I urge you to reconsider and to continue to support the LGBTQIA+ community by continuing to fly this flag which shows you stand in solidarity with them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Danielle Ganley

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda #23 Flags

From: Eric Halsey <ehalseyhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:19 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda #23 Flags

I support the councils decision to ban non gov't flags.

Thanks,
Eric Halsey
16292 Arlington Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: marta shively <mjmshively@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Huntington Beach, you did not represent my voice when you voted to suspend flying the PRIDE Flag and voted in support of the ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns. You were elected to a non-partisan position where you are to represent your constituents' voices. As seen by the emails before, the majority of Huntington Beach residents support the LGBTQ+ community and want the flag to fly during the month of June. I ask that at the next City Council meeting you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of unity and acceptance. Vote to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ Residents and all those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Bart and Marta Shively

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Removal of Gay Pride Flag

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

From: Alice Brewer <abrewer3@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Removal of Gay Pride Flag

Thank you for removing the Gay Pride Flag. Those of us who feel family life needs more focus are most appreciative.
Alice Brewer

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

From: Joan Lind <joanlind25@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

I am saddened and appalled at your decision to take down the pride flag. Elected officials are supposed to represent all of the people in their areas and not promote your own agenda. I am straight by the way and feel this is a decision made from ignorance. If your reasons are religious, have you ever considered that you are criticizing God's work? A small group of people should not have the right to pass judgment on things that you should put effort into learning about. Or put effort into examining what it means to love and care for all people and represent the totality of your community. If you can't do this, you should reconsider being in a political position.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach Flag Controversy-A Prospective of Safety
Attachments: HB Human Dignity Policy.pdf

From: Steve Barnes <stevebarneshb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:47 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Gates, Michael <Michael.Gates@surfcity-hb.org>; Steve Barnes <stevebarneshb@gmail.com>; Lisa Barnes <laneg01@msn.com>
Subject: Huntington Beach Flag Controversy-A Prospective of Safety

Dear Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council Members,

A frequent theme of many public speakers on both February 7th and 21st was the notion that certain individuals would "feel unsafe" in Huntington Beach if the Pride flag were not displayed on City properties. While I agree that the safety of all Huntington Beach residents and visitors is of paramount importance, I question the validity of protection from a flag or other similar symbol.

Perhaps a more viable and measurable guardian would be efforts by the City to take direct action to impact acts of hate and violence against individuals typically singled out because of race, religion, lifestyle, etc.

Below is a portion of the history of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council from their website. <https://www.ghbic1.org/our-history>

Attached is that document mentioned in paragraph 2, "A Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity".

One could argue that this document and its intentions foster more protection within our City that any flag or symbol could impart. It clearly demonstrates that Huntington Beach has already penned and committed to an "inclusiveness", even before the term was widely adopted.

I submit that no additional displays are necessary since they would only offer a "symbolic" gesture of safety, when in fact our stance has been clearly stated for the past 27 years.

I welcome your comments and invite you to share this document with others in the event that you have not previously viewed it.

I thank you all for serving our community.

DURING THE SUMMER OF 1996, A SERIES OF HATE CRIMES OCCURRED IN HUNTINGTON BEACH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT THAT TIME, THIS WAS VERY DISTURBING, AND THEY DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SITTING MAYOR SHIRLEY DETTLOFF, AND SUPPORTED BY MAYOR PRO TEM RALPH BAUER, THEY TOOK A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. ON MAY 6, 1996, THE CITY PRESENTED A "DECLARATION OF POLICY ABOUT HUMAN DIGNITY", WHICH SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE INCLUSIVE NATURE OF THE CITIZENRY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING HATE CRIMES.

MAYOR SHIRLEY DETTLOFF REMEMBERS AFTER HEARING REPORTS OF THE BEATING OF A NATIVE AMERICAN, AND HEARING THAT HUNTINGTON BEACH IS THE "CAPITAL OF SKINHEADS", AND OTHER HATE CRIMES, DETTLOFF REPORTS "AT THE TIME I WAS THE MAYOR... OF COURSE, I WAS HORRIFIED, AND IMMEDIATELY WENT TO RALPH AND SAID WITH OUR HISTORY WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WE CONTACTED THE O.C. HUMAN RELATIONS GROUP, GOT TOGETHER WITH OUR POLICE CHIEF, AND PROCEEDED TO WRITE THE HUMAN DIGNITY STATEMENT. IT WAS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL WITH A FULL AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE AND EVERY COUNCIL MEMBER SIGNED THE DOCUMENT. THIS HAS BEEN A TRADITION WITH EVERY COUNCIL. WE THEN DECIDED IF THIS WAS NOT JUST A PIECE OF PAPER THAT WE HAD TO HAVE CITIZENS COMMITTEES TO BACK IT UP AND TO KEEP UPDATED ON ANY ACTS THAT WERE COMMITTED AGAINST OUR CITIZENS BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, COLOR. WE CREATED A GROUP THAT CONTINUES TODAY, THE HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE AND THE GREATER HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERFAITH COUNCIL WHICH ARE STILL WORKING ON THESE ISSUES.

Best Regards,

Steve Barnes
714.267.4835

A Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity

by the Huntington Beach City Council

Huntington Beach is a city whose residents represent every walk of life, come from many nations, share varied lifestyles, and hold different religious beliefs. This diversity brings to our city a rich and varied cultural heritage. Our citizens honor and respect the diversity that exists in Huntington Beach. When acts of hate are committed against any citizen, it is considered an act against the entire community.

The Huntington Beach City Council declares that everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of their racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender or disability status. It is the right of all citizens to pursue their daily lives with the knowledge that they will not be physically harmed or verbally abused.

The Huntington Beach City Council states in the strongest terms that it will vigorously fight criminal activity known as "hate crime" with all of the resources at its disposal. A hate crime is any criminal or attempted criminal act which is motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability status. It may involve a verbal, written, or physical action that is intended to create emotional suffering, physical harm or property damage.

The City Council warns those who advocate or perpetrate hate not to test the community's resolve to oppose them. It is the city's stated policy to vigorously pursue a course of investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, and incarceration of all those who participate in hate crimes.

In support of this declaration, the City Council sends these messages:

To the community we say, "Believe in the interdependence of all people. Participate at your places of worship and community meetings and lend your voice in opposing hate."

To the schools we say, "Continue your programs and curricula which promote respect towards those who are different. Call on resources of the city, the county, the state, and the nation as you engage in the educational process to battle hate."

To the parents we say, "Act as positive role models for your children by demonstrating tolerance towards those whose race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability status may be different from yours. You are the most powerful influence on your children's behavior."

To the young people we say, "Educate yourself to the ways of the world and the lessons of history. Develop sensitivity toward the feelings of others. Thus, as you grow into adulthood and become society's leaders, you will be more effective in the fight to preserve man's humanity toward man."

We must all remember that a great war was fought in which millions of innocent people lost their lives as a result of one of the greatest hate crimes in history. It is the martyrdom of those people who should serve to encourage all of us in the fight against hate. We must all become activists in this battle as a living memorial to those who lost their lives. Let us not forget the millions who came before, who but for the absence of strong opposition at an early time, would have lived long, happy, and productive lives.

Remember that silence and apathy are the greatest allies of those committing hate crime. If you are a victim or a witness of a hate crime, go to the nearest telephone, call 911, and say "I want to report a hate crime." With those seven words, you will instantly have as an ally the full resources of the city of Huntington Beach and the nearly 200,000 citizens of our city. You are not alone!

Together, the city of Huntington Beach and its citizens will succeed in their efforts to permanently eliminate all hate crimes. The Huntington Beach City Council declares that it will not tolerate any hate crimes in our community.

The foregoing declaration of policy about Human dignity was unanimously adopted by the Huntington Beach City Council on May 6, 1996.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Carol Daus <caroldaus@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

After the conservative majority voted on Feb. 7 to remove the Pride flag from city buildings (for just 1 month in June!), I have spoken to many Huntington Beach friends (I've lived in Huntington Beach for over 25 years) as well as colleagues across the U.S. and Canada that I work with in the home improvement market (manufacturers of high-end patio furnitures, outdoor kitchen equipment, and fireplaces). Every person I have spoken to about this unpopular ruling couldn't believe that Huntington Beach has chosen to remove a flag that symbolizes inclusion and compassion. I asked my corporate contacts if they would host an event in Huntington Beach, and they told me they would prefer to be represented in other Southern California cities that are LGBTQ-friendly. They were shocked that in this day and age, a city the size of Huntington Beach would make such a move. Some of my Huntington Beach friends have mentioned that they now shop in Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa because they don't want to support Huntington Beach. What's going on? Two years ago, the City Council (which included conservative members) voted 6-0 to fly the Pride flag. How could we have changed so drastically in 2 years?

Carol Daus

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Restricting Pride Flag

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

From: Dianne Felton <ladydiofnb@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 6:09 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Restricting Pride Flag

Thank you, HB City Council, for being courageous and restricting the flying of the gay pride flag. How could a small group of people have the importance of flags for US, California and Huntington Beach? I applaud your boldness in standing up to bullying. It is a good message that we are all inclusive and do not divide by celebrating our differences.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please revise flag policy

From: Joe Crompton <joecrompton213@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 7:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please revise flag policy

Good evening, Members of the Huntington Beach City Council:

I write tonight to ask you to please revise the policy of flying flags on city property. I know, I know you may be tired of hearing about this, especially since Blue Shield of CA just pulled an event from your city over this matter.

As a law abiding, taxpaying citizen of the United States of America, I do not see this action as an effort to unite Huntington Beach. It is part of a national effort to pander to the Republican Party's increasingly Christian nationalist base.

I'm not a resident of Huntington Beach so of course at least four of you will disregard my letter (though if I showed up in a suit and tie aged 51, I appear so white and Anglo-Saxon you'd probably talk to me ... until I started talking). I do however spend money. And until your return to the generally statewide policy of acknowledging that people who are not white heterosexual Anglo Saxon Protestants are worthy of community-wide recognitions and participation, I will not be spending a dime in your city. Blue Shield isn't going to be the last organization to boycott your city either.

Joe Crompton
Santa Ana, CA

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Virginia Richards <jimandvirg@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members

Although we are not residents of Huntington Beach, we are residents of Orange County and we appreciate you so much for your stand to not fly the "pride" flag from City buildings. Those who wish to have "statement" flags on display at their place of business or their home is a personal matter; government buildings should be politically neutral and not fly any flags that represent a specific group. It's not always easy to go against the latest political or social current, but thank you for doing just that.

Jim and Virginia Richards
Santa Ana, CA

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please fly the LGBTQ flag

From: Polly Pitsker <pdp422@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:48 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please fly the LGBTQ flag

I am an 87 year old resident of Huntington Beach and I hope you will support flying the LGBTQ Pride flag in June to show our city supports inclusion. Even though the American flag includes all people, there are times when we need to show extra support for people who are excluded in our society.

Thank you,
Polly Pitsker
610 22nd Street
HB, CA 92648

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pro Pride Flag

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

From: Pam Carrie <pamanddoug@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 9:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pro Pride Flag

Dear Members of the HB City Council,

As a retired elementary school librarian, I am very concerned about your quest to remove the PRIDE flag from Huntington Beach.

Flying the pride flag is a symbol of acceptance that many young people need at a time of their lives when being different makes them feel hopeless. Suicide is a big problem for gay and lesbian students. If you could save one life by flying the flag, it will be well worth it as a gesture of love for humankind.

It does not mean you want to promote a gay/lesbian lifestyle. To me it means if you were born with a DNA that caused you grow into a person of this persuasion, you will not be ostracized nor bullied in Huntington Beach.

The PRIDE flag should be seen as a flag of kindness. I do fear that removing it will be seen as a sign of hate.

Thank you for considering this point of view.

Mrs. Pam Carrie
grandmother of five

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: mradammantell@gmail.com <mradammantell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 10:55 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: RE: Pride Flag

To Whom it May Concern,

I am deeply troubled by your decision to reverse flying the pride flag in my home city. I grew up here, went to HBHS and love Huntington Beach. When I saw the flag last summer flying, it sent a message for the first time that hate and intolerance does not belong in HB and that the city was going to move forward from its long history of intolerance and bigotry. That it would strongly step in the direction of inclusion, acceptance and love for ALL backgrounds, ALL people. Huntington Beach should not be publicly known as a "white supremacist capital" of the United States. We should be showing our children and the community that all walks of life are worthy of Gods love. To me, flying the pride flag shows the community that whether or not your neighbor is white, black, gay, straight, religious, or atheist— all are welcome here and all are safe.

It is much more than the simple flag being flown. It is symbolic to the intolerance that is happening in our city. By flying the flag, it is sending a clear message that Huntington Beach honors all of its citizens and that Huntington Beach is not a city of intolerance and hate, but one of inclusion, community and respect for all its citizens.

I sincerely hope the city council will reconsider this disgraceful decision that made news in all the wrong ways. It is my hope that when we look back in years to come, we will remember that Huntington Beach did not waiver in its commitment to move forward as a community of Inclusion- that it continued to fly the flag to ensure its minority population of gay citizens felt safe and were acknowledged as members of the community.

Please do the right thing. Continue to fly the pride flag each year as a sign of solidarity and inclusion for all people. Gay people are here in Huntington Beach and the mere eradication of the flag will not deter them from demanding to be included in the community. It will only be a matter of time until the council will have members of the gay community for this very reason.

Warm Regards,
Adam Mantell

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Honor love by lighting our pier for Pride Month

From: Isabella Ford <issyford@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 7:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Honor love by lighting our pier for Pride Month

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

If this is really just about the flag, and you still support love of all, please find a way to show support in June during Pride month. My suggestion is to light up the pier with rainbow lights... in December, we light up the pier with snowflakes. We could even do a lighting ceremony the night of May 31st, maybe take donations to pay for the lights that can be put up in honor of a loved one.

It would really show support and help unify our community.

Thank you
Isabella Ford

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Thank You

From: Steve Linton <lintonllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 7:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Thank You

It was great that you stood up to the flag of the day bullies from Blue Shield. I am one of their card carrying members.

BLUE SHIELD should not be taking expensive junkets to HB. I am covered by them a pay in the excess of \$2,000 per month for my wife and I. LET ME REPEAT, \$2,000 EACH MONTH.

I am requesting that the city and its businesses not enforce any legal remedies to enforce payment penalties for their non-performance, as this would only increase its "members" premiums.

I can only assume they will move it to a more inclusive city such as Laguna Beach. Unfortunately by now most of the affordable venues will be full so they may be left with the Montage or Ritz Carlton. Possibly a welcome cocktail party at The Deck also in Laguna Beach.

You watch, that's where they will end up under the duck and cover of inclusiveness, a 5 star resort.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: SallySanders <sally_sanders@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:28 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Pride flag

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 20, 2023, at 3:58 PM, SallySanders <sally_sanders@cox.net> wrote:
>
> Dear council members,
>
> I'm writing to ask that the Pride flag be continued to be displayed during Pride Month.
> By not putting the flag up, you are communicating to the community that the LGBTQ folks are unwelcome. People who say, "if we put that flag up, we have to put other flags up" are just being obtuse. Some people are saying, "why do they have to be flamboyant?" In other words, go back to being in the closet. We will NOT go back and Huntington Beach needs to keep up with the times. Please don't be bigoted. Do the right thing.
>
> Thank you,
> Sally Sanders
> 564 Cliff Dr. #8
> Laguna Beach, California. 92651.
>
> Sent from my iPad

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Limit Flags on public property

From: Mike Keller <mike@california-rancher.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:52 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Limit Flags on public property

Dear City Council,

I wholeheartedly support your decision to limit the types of flags flown on City and public property. The ultimate acceptance and respect of a group is being treated the same as everyone else.

Do not acquiesce to the woke corporations who are threatening the City. You are doing a fantastic job of representing your constituency. We are tired of being bullied by the woke flavor of the day. Let's all be citizens and treat each other equally.

You are a model city and city council for Orange County, I also appreciate you fighting against the gutting of local zoning control by the state. Hopefully other Orange County cities will join you in all of these issues.

Respectfully,
Mike Keller

--

[Mike@California-Rancher.com](mailto:mike@california-rancher.com)
www.California-rancher.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: The New Flag Policy

From: Evelyn Grace <sweetev.grace@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 9:14 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: The New Flag Policy

Dear HB City Council Members,

I'm writing to you as a life-long resident of Huntington Beach, and a straight, married woman. I'm shocked and disgusted by the new policy to exclude representation and support of certain human beings who are just as loved by God as you are. This decision also makes our beloved city appear to be inhabited by uncaring, selfish citizens. I've always been so proud of my city, until now. It's truly embarrassing and appalling that we have resorted to this behavior. Please reconsider allowing the Pride Flag to fly with the other flags to show that not all of our residents are hurtful and rejecting of other human beings.

Thank you,

Evelyn Grace
Huntington Beach Resident Since 1967

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Sumi Yata <sumiyata@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:12 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Pride Flag

I saw that Huntington Beach is, again, in the news because of our resistance to follow California's affordable housing requirement rules! These efforts to evade state housing laws will be both fruitless and costly for the city of Huntington Beach! I, as a resident of Huntington Beach, **strongly oppose these efforts!**

On Sun, Feb 19, 2023 at 8:51 PM Sumi Yata <sumiyata@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello! I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I am writing to express my dismay at our city council's proposal to not fly the Pride flag at City Hall! As the numbers of letters to the Daily Pilot illustrate, this is sending a negative signal to all that everyone is not welcome in our city. The LGBTQ community has been discriminated against in so many ways, it would be a welcome sign to see the pride flag flown at our City Hall! In this day of racism and extremism, it seems to me that it is a small but significant way to show that Huntington Beach welcomes all, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity. I hope that you will oppose this proposal and show the community and the world that we are a city that wants to be a city of diverse communities and equal rights

Please do not allow this to happen!

Thank you!

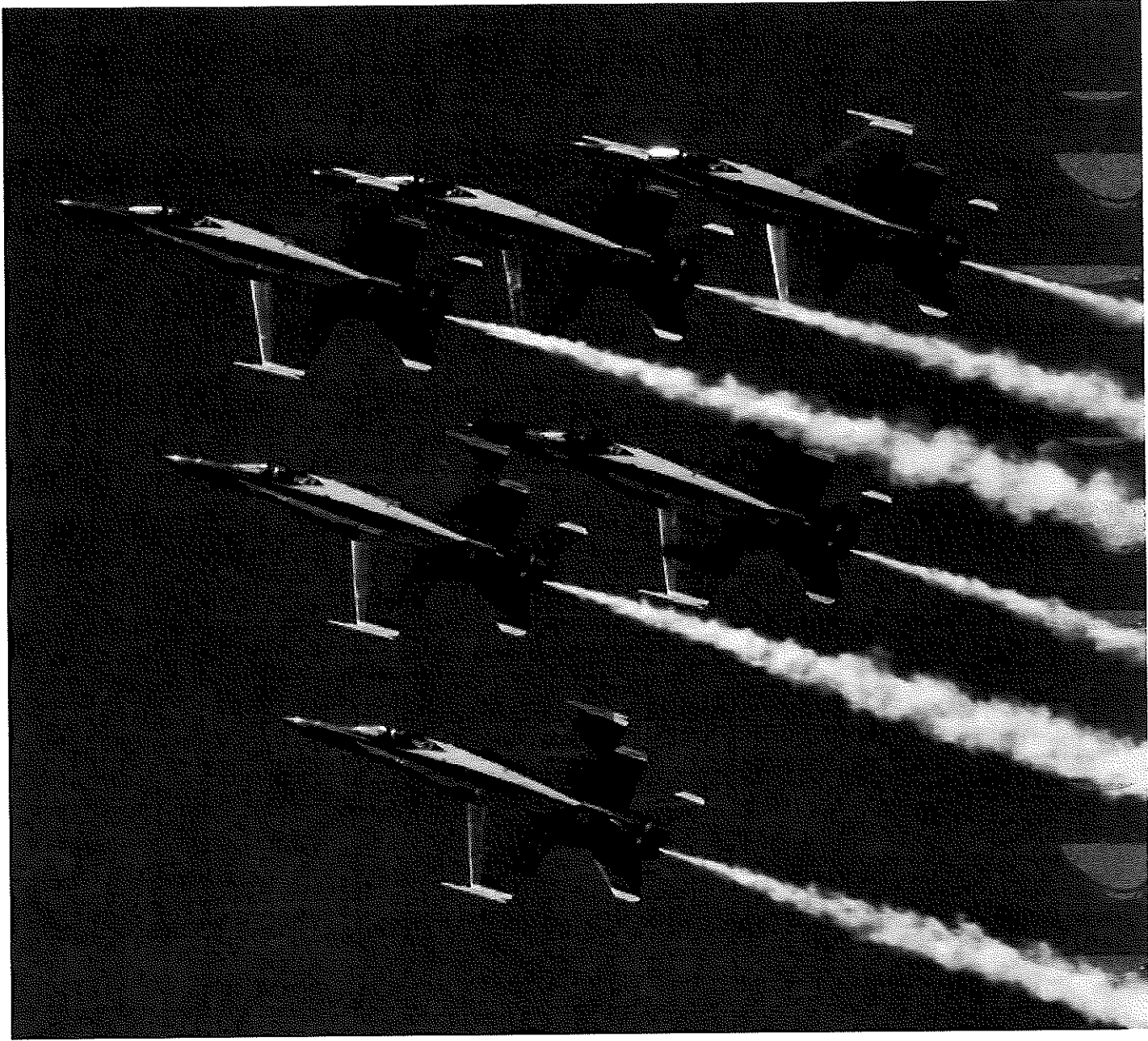
Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:15 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow Flag
Attachments: Temp HB4 (2021_09_04 01_20_13 UTC).webp; Temp 1.jpg

From: SouthlandAN@Cox.Net <SouthlandAN@Cox.Net>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 2:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow Flag

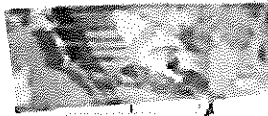
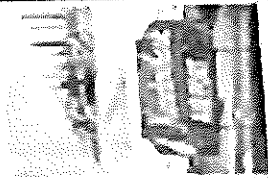
I and the vast majority of Orange County citizens support the Huntington Beach city council in banning the rainbow flag. It is an offensive symbol to me. It glorifies a deviant lifestyle. Many supporters of the rainbow flag are mired in hate and division. Some of them support a pedophile lifestyle. Many of them spew hate toward people of faith in God. No thanks. We need to be rid of this poison.

I and many of my friends happily spend time and money in Huntington Beach (live in south Orange County) and will continue to do so as long as the city is not woke. We avoid those cities. For HB, we go to the air show, the surf contests, the 4th of July parade and more. My best friend and in laws, among other friends / associates live there. We may someday move there.



LA Dodge Dealers Association Celebrate Hometown Traditions

LA Dodge Dealers Association Celebrate Hometown Traditions



Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:15 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: As a member of blueshiel, please stay out of city politics

From: dkannen@aol.com <dkannen@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 3:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: dkannen@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: As a member of blueshiel, please stay out of city politics

Here is my response to BlueShield and my apology for being associated with such a misguided organization. I love Huntington Beach.

Donald

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

From: dkannen@aol.com
To: rachael.kagan@blueshieldcafoundation.org <rachael.kagan@blueshieldcafoundation.org>;
guy.zakrzewski@blueshieldcafoundation.org <guy.zakrzewski@blueshieldcafoundation.org>;
debbie.chang@blueshieldcafoundation.org <debbie.chang@blueshieldcafoundation.org>
Cc: dkannen@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Feb 24, 2023 3:22 pm
Subject: As a member of blueshiel, please stay out of city politics

Ms Kagan, Mr Zakrzewshi, Ms Chang,

I have been a member of BlueShield for over a decade and right now I am extremely irate with your policy of interfering with Huntington Beach local politics. Less than 5% of the population is LBGTQ+ and you are pushing your weight around about a flag? I am restraining myself writing this. I have a Masters Degree from USC so I don't think I am stupid, so with that said, I don't see any reasonable rational why BlueShield is getting involved with this political discussion.

Why not a white pride flag, why not a pedophile pride flag, why not a Black Lives Matters flag, why not ... and the list is endless. WHY ARE YOU EVEN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSION ????

JUST DO YOUR JOB AND PROVIDE MEDICAL COVERAGE. STAY OUT OF LOCAL POLITICS!!!

There are a number of Medicare providers out there and if this is the mentality that runs this organization, I likely should change.

By the way, I am still suffering from not having a gay child in which to have pride. I am so sad!!

Donald Kannenberg
61 Lakeshore
Irvine, CA 92604

dkannen@aol.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Thank you for Flag

From: Shane Peters <smpipefitter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 4:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Thank you for Flag

Thank you Council for doing the right thing The Flagpole is for our American Flag at Government offices
Thank you
Shane Peters

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please Vote No on Flag Ordinance - Targets Pride

From: Ashley Williamson <piscespolarity@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 11:07 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please Vote No on Flag Ordinance - Targets Pride

Lgbtq hate crimes and anti-trans legislation is on the rise. Pride flags fly during Pride month over federal buildings all the time. There's no reason to change the whole play book just to prohibit one flag.

Since the first vote, anti-gay bigots have been emboldened to say harmful and derogatory things about the Lgbtq community. The owner of two popular restaurants in town has publicly commented that he wishes gay people back in the closet... the reason that the closet existed in the first place was to protect us from harm, assault, and murder. Two very big conservative talking heads, Donald Trump and Matt Walsh, have both advocated for the eradication of trans individuals.

Neutrality during times of Injustice always sides with the oppressor.

This is why we need the pride flag to stay.

I am a resident of Huntington beach, I have lived here 12 years. My kid is 12 and has lived here all their life. The recently came out to me and just began middle school. The Trevor Project reports that the majority of unreported bullying happens in middle school. If whole adults are emboldened to be publicly anti-gay and anti-trans, how do you think their children will treat my child??

This is why Pride needs to stay.

Lastly, Mr. Burns should have his gay nice and nephew come to make a comment instead of tokenizing their existence in his life to justify his clearly anti-pride ordinance. He's brought them up multiple times in OAN interviews and in front of the city. Prove to us you aren't putting words in their mouth. Mr Burns has also stated how he feels like there is no discrimination in our city and that we have achieved equality. Very interesting perspective from a wealthy, white male ex cop! So glad he uses his own life as a default to judge any other experience!

THIS IS WHY WE NEED PRIDE TO STAY!!

Thank you.

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: flags representing government

From: Mary Godwin <mgodwins@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:57 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: flags representing government

To the members of the Huntington Beach City Council,

Thank you for limiting displayed flags to government and military flags. I just saw an article criticizing your decision to display only government and military flags on city owned buildings. It takes strength and courage to make unpopular decisions, but it is greatly appreciated and I applaud you for it. You have not allowed individual groups to bully you into making publicly owned property the billboard for this or any other group. Thank you.

Mary Godwin

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Continue to fly PRIDE Flag

From: Teray Stephens <teray@stephensconsultinggroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Teray Stephens <teray@stephensconsultinggroup.com>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Continue to fly PRIDE Flag

I strongly support the city of Huntington Beach flying the PRIDE flag in June. I am a proud resident and want to ensure all members of our community feel welcomed and included.

Theresa Stephens

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Valli Febbraro <vkfebraro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:51 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members:

My husband and I voted for all of you. Congratulations. We felt the previous Council members were not representing the majority of people of Huntington Beach.

I read an article in the OC Register yesterday and it was very disturbing to us.

I currently have Blue Shield of CA. as my insurance company. I was not aware that Blue Shield was acting as an advocacy group. The article in the OC Register wrote Blue Shield foundation said the plan to "ban flying the Pride flag would be antithetical to our mission and values as an organization and a funder." I looked up Blue Shields mission statement. "**Our mission** - To ensure all Californians have access to high-quality health care at an affordable price."

I agree with Blue Shield's mission statement. I do not agree with their view that it would be antithetical; nor do I believe they should make demands with regard to the Pride flag or any other flag for any type of group, how a person identifies themselves. I believe that, especially, in our government organizations we should represent all Americans. I believe in equality for all that doesn't mean I want to see flags for di

If you have contact information for the foundation members of the Blue Shield Foundation, I would appreciate it if you would forward it to me as I would like to contact them.

Please add our votes No on the Pride Flag.

Thank you
Sincerely,

Valli Febbraro & Michael Keefe

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag Huntington Beach

From: Lucinda Muro <lucindamyrealtor@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 2:09 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag Huntington Beach

To the City Council,

As part of the LGBTQ+ community, I am asking in support to keep the pride flag to stand strong in the city of Huntington Beach. Our community has been fighting for equal rights for many years and taking the flag down will be a step back from what we are trying to achieve. Please help us in our fight - keep the pride flag up.

Thank you
Lucinda Muro

--

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Injustice

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

From: Dan Saito <dansaito21@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 2:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Injustice

To the City Council,

It is my understanding that there is discussion in your meetings to discontinue the flying of the Gay Pride flag at City Hall.

The Gay Pride flag is only flown during June, Gay Pride Month. This discussion is led by a few hateful, ignorant people who seem to enjoy hurting people who are different from them.

Please do the right thing and stop the victimization of the LGBTQ community.

Sincerely,

Danny Saito

Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:18 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item 23

From: Ray Scrafield <octoolguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 10:50 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Agenda item 23

You are welcome. Thanks for doing a great job.

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023, 10:44 AM Ray Scrafield <octoolguy@gmail.com> wrote:

It is time to stop dividing our nation, and especially our city. We need only to fly flags that represent all of our residents. The U.S. flag, the California State flag and the P.O.W. flag are all that is necessary. Any other flags will only serve to separate us. Please support Agenda Item 23 at tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Ray and Barbara Scrafield

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach Pride flag

From: charles@transientconsulting.com <charles@transientconsulting.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 7:02 AM
To: Burns, Pat <Pat.Burns@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: Huntington Beach Pride flag

Good morning, all.

I am responding to the below email from Huntington Beach Councilperson Pat Burns who initiated the removal of the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach. The irony and audacity of the message is absolutely astounding to me but I shouldn't be surprised by the response.

These elected officials have touted their love of God and country as they make these bigoted and divisive decisions. As such, my best response is the well known bible passage "A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction..."

The community response to the decision can not be misconstrued as retaliation. It is accountability. This decision is the precipitation of regressive thinking that makes the city and its governance seem ignorant and self-serving. When you represent a diverse community, you need to protect the interests of all of the constituents - especially those who are not part of the majority.

With three more of my corporate relationships now outraged by this decision, more movement is coming. The decision needs to be retracted **and** there should be a public acknowledgment from the four city councilors who voted in favor of this unmitigated garbage. Each one should respond publicly to this blatant bigotry and their part in it.

I will not be responding further. I have, however, copied local news and media outlets on this response. I've also copied Mr. Burns' more evolved council colleagues so they have the opportunity to see his response. What kind of leader sends an email like the below message?

Media representatives, I am traveling but will respond as promptly as possible.

Charles Stanton
Chief Innovation Officer
Transient Consulting
www.TransientConsulting.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Burns, Pat" <Pat.Burns@surfcity-hb.org>

Date: February 26, 2023 at 12:39:17 AM EST

To: charles@transientconsulting.com

Subject: Re: Huntington Beach Pride flag

I just ask that you find it in your heart to treat them equally and not segregate them as being outcasts or "different". Once people start thinking we're all equal, we'll move forward without so much hate as so many have shown that insist that the flag makes them equally valued members of our community. Pat

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 21, 2023, at 10:56 AM, charles@transientconsulting.com wrote:

Greetings, Huntington Beach Council.

It is so unfortunate that I need to send this message given my company's significant business relationships in and surrounding Huntington Beach.

My company, Transient Consulting, is dual-headquartered in Connecticut and in Orange County. We have served as a contractor to the Olympics and have served as a sponsor and a crucial marketing and philanthropic collaborator for 11 of the annual events that happen in your community.

My business partner, Miguel Ramos, and I also personally sponsor numerous annual events in Huntington Beach and generally in Orange County. Nearly \$50,000 contributed last year alone in addition to significant work and business brought to the region. We are a company that is built on the idea that diversity brings richness and depth to our community.

Given the significant racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious diversity represented in Huntington Beach, I was shocked to see this Pride Flag decision being considered. It makes the beautiful Huntington Beach community seem as though it does not welcome diverse guests despite a very diverse population.

Miguel and I have already been in touch with our senior executive friends at Nike, VANS, Boeing, quicksilver, the Olympics committee, as well as numerous other privately-owned businesses headquartered in Huntington Beach. In each and every instance, those decision makers have been shocked and appalled by this proposal. We currently have the verbalized support of 15 community business partners who are ready to retract all support from Huntington Beach events and activities.

It is our sincere hope that we will not need to leverage our many Orange County relationships since our goal has always been BUILDING the community.

That said, should this Pride Flag decision move forward, Miguel and I will not rest until the decision-makers are held accountable for this bigotry. Thanks to my company and our many business partners, there certainly would be financial repercussions if this decision moved forward.

As a reminder, every business listed above, including my own includes LGBTQ+ Pride in our annual acknowledgments and support. The diverse community your council is charged with representing and the businesses that thrive in your community will not tolerate discrimination of any kind.

Choose wisely and continue to welcome diverse communities and the business and resources we bring to your city.

Kindly,
Charles

Charles Stanton
Chief Innovation Officer
Transient Consulting

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: flying and displaying gay pride flag

From: Hilarie Kelly <hilarie.kelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 7:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: flying and displaying gay pride flag

As a resident of Huntington Beach for 35 years, I oppose legal restrictions on flying or displaying the gay pride flag at City Hall or on other city property. Such an exclusionary policy is inherently discriminatory and needlessly provocative. As long as our national, state, and city flags are flown high on city property, I see no harm in the flying or display of additional flags that represent positive, cross-community values of friendship and acceptance, especially when such displays are seasonally or situationally appropriate. It is disturbing that a handful of elected council persons, whose service is inherently limited to the terms for which they are elected, would take steps to actually ban expressions of diversity, equity, and inclusion - in deliberate defiance of the ethical movement across the country to honor these positive principles. To what end and for what purpose? What positive return will such a discriminatory action bring to our city's residents? I oppose public servants taking such steps that embarrass our community as a whole and damage our city's reputation.

Hilarie Kelly

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: HB City Council + PRIDE Flag

From: Katelyn Vinh <katelynvinh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:36 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB City Council + PRIDE Flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but this city has been a part of my life since childhood as it is our family's go-to beach. I support inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the PRIDE Flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive or safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision of where I want to go to spend the day at the beach or where to bring my family, I look for cities that value equality as it makes me feel safer, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the PRIDE flag in June. Although I am not a part of the LGBTQ+ community myself, I am completely in support and realize the importance of unity and inclusivity of a community that deserves the same amount of love and respect as everyone else. I ask that at the next City Council meeting, you vote to keep flying the PRIDE flag as a symbol of acceptance and solidarity. Please vote to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all those who visit here to enjoy all that Huntington Beach has to offer.

All my best,
Katelyn Vinh
katelynvinh@gmail.com

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Vote No to Limiting Flags to Government Only

From: Zell Vidal <zellortizvidal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:18 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Vote No to Limiting Flags to Government Only

Hi Huntington Beach City Council - My name is Zell Vidal, and I am a member of the Huntington Beach community. Please vote "No" for limiting flags to government flags only at the next HB city council meeting.

This piece of policy is poorly written and would prevent the flying of important flags like the Olympic flag and the flag of our sister city Anjo in Japan in a timely manner. It would also prevent the flying of the Pride or rainbow flag during Pride month in June or the Pan-African flag during Black History Month in February. All of these flags are symbols of positivity, community, and safety, and it would be a shame to lose these beacons of inclusivity.

Once again, please vote "No" on limiting flags to government flags only at the next HB city council meeting.

Thank you,
Zell

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item #23

From: Linda Large <lindalargehb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item #23

Large <lindalargehb@gmail.com>
Date: February 21, 2023 at 3:51:38 PM PST
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flags

I am a resident of Huntington Beach 92646 for 45 years. I think only USA , State and local city flags should fly in our HB city. No special interest flags.
Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag Ordinance

From: J Davenport <judydav1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:45 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag Ordinance

This is the text of the letter to the editor that I sent to the Register. It may not get published, but it should be.

The City of Huntington Beach is advancing an ordinance that limits the type of flags that can be flown over city government buildings. It does not, in any way, affect an individual's right to fly or display any flag of their choice over their own property. The last city council, now out of office, choose to make a political statement by flying the flag of a favored group on city flag poles, and they did this over the stern objections of the residents in the city. Now that favored group seeks to maintain preferential treatment in the flying of their banner. The practice of flying flags of politically favored groups should not have been started in the first place and the new ordinance is the only way end it.

Dennis Davenport
Huntington Beach

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag and LGBTQ support in Huntington Beach

From: Laura Camp <campsjc@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag and LGBTQ support in Huntington Beach

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the pride flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. **This is the kind of decision and image that stays with a community for a very long time - your decision sets a tone of either inclusion or intolerance.**

When I make the decision where I will go to spend the day at the beach, where I will go to shop, where I will go to vacation, I look for cities that value equality, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the pride flag in June.

Sincerely,

Laura Camp

San Juan Capistrano, CA

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Disappointed in your recent action on the Pride Flag

From: Cindy Ashley <cindy.ashley@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Disappointed in your recent action on the Pride Flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I live in Orange County. You can be sure I will not spend one dime in Huntington Beach following your actions to ban the flying of the pride flag which shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. It is sad that you have chosen to politicize acceptance of those in the LGBTQ+ community. They are frequent targets of hate crimes. Your argument that you shouldn't show favoritism means that you find yourselves incapable of differentiating which groups need different types of support in your city. Rates of suicide and depression are flying the Pride Flag says to the LGBTQ+ members & their family members and other concerned persons that we accept you the way you are, and we stand with you in your quest for freedom to live your lives in peace without being a target. It is sad to see a city in our county go backwards the way that Huntington Beach is. I hope you reverse your decision and show that you can learn and make better decisions for your community.

Sincerely,

Cindy Ashley

References:

<https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth.htm>

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2022/>

<https://nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog/September-2017/It-s-Time-to-Talk-About-Suicide-in-LGBTQ-Communiti>

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Diana Tomei <diana@dianatomeidesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 2:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the pride flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision where I will go to spend the day at the beach, where I will go to shop, where I will go to vacation, I look for cities that value equality, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the pride flag in June.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Diana Tomei

Diana Tomei
Diana@dianatomeidesign.com
Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:24 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Banning the pride flag

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

From: Qarin Van Brink <qwiggle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 2:36 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Banning the pride flag

Dear City Council Members,

I do not live in Huntington Beach, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the PRIDE Flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When I make the decision where I will go to spend the day at the beach, where I will go to shop, where I will go to vacation, I look for cities that value equality, such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel. Those cities are just as easy for me to go to, AND they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city, unlike Huntington Beach, by flying the PRIDE flag in June.

Banning flags is fundamentally different than simply choosing not to fly them- banning is a direct action against those the flag represents: it's personal. Banning also sends a message into the future about inclusivity and acceptance (specifically, a lack of it), creating barriers to people not yet in charge in an effort to force them into your current belief systems and preferences. This is bad law.

-Qarin Van Brink
Buena Park, CA

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Autumn and Gail Topete-Harmeier <agflorals@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:58 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Huntington Beach, you did not represent my voice when you voted to suspend flying the PRIDE Flag and voted in support of the ordinance proposed by Council Member Burns. You were elected to a non-partisan position where you are to represent your constituents' voices. As seen in the emails before, the majority

Sincerely
Gailann Harmeier
Sent from my iPhone

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: wave the pride flag! Please read this ALOUD.

From: Linda Grunnet <lindaeg6468@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 8:54 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: wave the pride flag! Please read this ALOUD.

To the city council,
Whomever presented this idea to this council is living in the past. What hypocrisy. This is a free country as many of you spout, if we're discussing **YOUR** ideas! This rainbow stands for many different types of people, you being one of them.
Step back, take a breath, and look into **YOUR** own family. Are you really that intimidated? It is very possible you are hurting one of your own kids. Is this what you want? Suicide is high in this group since support and love are absent, due to lack of acceptance. I taught high school so I know of what I speak. You are **AFRAID** of unfamiliarity. Call it what it is. ITs **YOU** not the flag to fear.

Linda G.

rainbow colors have no meaning unless you add fear instead of love

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: LGBTQ+ & Pride Flag

From: Ellen Eber <eeber13@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 11:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: LGBTQ+ & Pride Flag

I'm not a Huntington Beach resident, but I support inclusivity and the LGBTQ+ Community. Voting to pass an ordinance that would ban the flying of the pride flag shows that Huntington Beach is not an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the LGBTQ+ community. When my friends and family come to visit from the East Coast, I consider what beach we'll go to, and where we'll shop or eat. I avoid cities that don't value equality at all costs! Instead, I support cities that do such as Long Beach, Costa Mesa and Laguna Niguel because they show that they value the LGBTQ+ members of their city by flying the pride flag in June. I hope that Huntington Beach will reconsider this important ordinance. Love and acceptance conquers Hate and fear.

Sincerely,

Ellen Eber
Laguna Niguel

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting

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

From: Sophia Ramos <ramos.sophia.e@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting

Hi, my name is Sophia Ramos. I'm emailing because I feel it is very important to keep the pride flag hanging during Pride Month. As someone who grew up visiting Huntington Beach, and with a mother who grew up there, it breaks my heart to hear about the proposed ordinance. I understand that some consider the pride flag just a political statement, but it's not. Queer people, like me, see that flag and know it is a safe community for us to be open about our identities. It's a reassurance that we are guaranteed safety in Huntington Beach. Please vote to keep the pride flag hanging.

Thank you for your time.

Sophia

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

From: Jeff Illeck <jeffsilleck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Huntington Beach City Council,

I have been a resident of Huntington Beach since 1993 and a homeowner since 1995, I am a practicing OB/GYN, who has been taking care of Huntington Beach and the surrounding communities for almost 30 years.

I have taken care of and delivered babies to all kinds of blended families, including LGBTQ families.

I can honestly say that I have been thinking of moving over the last number of years, starting with all the anti-vax protests.

Huntington Beach has become an embarrassment.

Now, the decision to not display the Pride flag during Pride month is one more reason that I don't want to claim Huntington Beach as my home.

As cities, counties, and states, throughout the US, continue to pass anti-LGBTQ legislation, this move by our city council is just one more example of our city moving in the wrong direction.

If for just a month a year, for our city to say, "Welcome Queer families. We see you and are happy that you have chosen Huntington Beach to be your home. "

As a father of a gay child, this decision is even more hurtful. Knowing what my child has had to endure over the years. Bullying and condemnation from supposed friends.

This decision has nothing to do with trying to be equal. For a member of the City Council to go on OAN Network, you know who your audience is.

I want to live in a community that promotes our diversity and our ability to include marginalized groups. If that means we celebrate Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Women's History Month and Pride Month, then we should be proud to hang whatever flag symbolizes our support.

Thank you for time,

Jeffrey Illeck, MD
Beach Obstetrics and Gynecology Medical Group

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:29 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: The Impact of the Pride Flag - WE EXIST

From: Jordyn Dugan <jordyndugan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: The Impact of the Pride Flag - WE EXIST

To whom it may concern,

The original pride flag had eight stripes, each with its own meaning. However, over time, the flag has been simplified to six stripes. Each of the six colors in the flag has its own significance

1. Red: represents life
2. Orange: represents healing
3. Yellow: represents sunlight
4. Green: represents nature
5. Blue: represents harmony
6. Purple: represents spirit

Together, these colors symbolize the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the unity of its members. The flag is a way for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to show their support and solidarity with the community and to promote acceptance and equality for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The pride flag is also a symbol of the progress that has been made in LGBTQ+ rights and a reminder of the ongoing work that still needs to be done to achieve full equality and acceptance for the community.

To remove the use of the Pride Flag during pride month, you are invalidating the experience of those who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies that live within your community. LESBIAN PEOPLE EXIST. GAY PEOPLE EXIST. BISEXUAL PEOPLE EXIST. TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXIST. QUEER PEOPLE EXIST. STRAIGHT PEOPLE EXIST. AND YOU READING THIS, YOU EXIST. YOU CAN NOT ERASE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Please do not ban the Pride Flag during Pride Month. People within the LGBTQ+ community face discrimination everyday. Pride Month represents the progress made in LGBTQ+ rights and to promote continued advocacy and activism for full equality and acceptance.

LETS CO-EXIST.

Jordyn Dugan

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please keep the Pride flag flying

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

From: MARTIN HARDLUND <mhardlund@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please keep the Pride flag flying

Dear HB city council,

I am a retired grandfather living in Huntington Beach. I am concerned that people of all race creeds and orientation are fully accepted and feel valued and welcome in our town.

Please do not prohibit flying the Pride flag on city buildings. Our city needs to signal inclusiveness and love for all.

Sincerely,

Martin Hardlund
4700 Warner Ave 114
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: We Just Want to Exist

Importance: High

From: Jordyn Dugan <jordyndugan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Moser, Natalie <Natalie.Moser@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: We Just Want to Exist
Importance: High

Casey McKeon,

The colors on the Pride Flag symbolize the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the unity of its members. The flag is a way for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to show their support and solidarity with the community and to promote acceptance and equality for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The pride flag is also a symbol of the progress that has been made in LGBTQ+ rights and a reminder of the ongoing work that still needs to be done to achieve full equality and acceptance for the community.

To remove the use of the Pride Flag during pride month, you are invalidating the experience of those who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies that live within your community. LESBIAN PEOPLE EXIST. GAY PEOPLE EXIST. BISEXUAL PEOPLE EXIST. TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXIST. QUEER PEOPLE EXIST. STRAIGHT PEOPLE EXIST. AND YOU READING THIS, YOU EXIST. YOU CAN NOT ERASE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Please do not ban the Pride Flag during Pride Month. People within the LGBTQ+ community face discrimination everyday. Pride Month represents the progress made in LGBTQ+ rights and to promote continued advocacy and activism for full equality and acceptance.

LETS CO-EXIST.

Jordyn Dugan

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: We Just Want to Exist

Importance: High

From: Jordyn Dugan <jordyndugan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:17 PM
To: Bolton, Rhonda <Rhonda.Bolton@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: We Just Want to Exist
Importance: High

Hi Rhonda,

The colors on the Pride Flag symbolize the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the unity of its members. The flag is a way for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to show their support and solidarity with the community and to promote acceptance and equality for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The pride flag is also a symbol of the progress that has been made in LGBTQ+ rights and a reminder of the ongoing work that still needs to be done to achieve full equality and acceptance for the community.

To remove the use of the Pride Flag during pride month, you are invalidating the experience of those who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies that live within your community. LESBIAN PEOPLE EXIST. GAY PEOPLE EXIST. BISEXUAL PEOPLE EXIST. TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXIST. QUEER PEOPLE EXIST. STRAIGHT PEOPLE EXIST. AND YOU READING THIS, YOU EXIST. YOU CAN NOT ERASE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Please do not ban the Pride Flag during Pride Month. People within the LGBTQ+ community face discrimination everyday. Pride Month represents the progress made in LGBTQ+ rights and to promote continued advocacy and activism for full equality and acceptance.

LETS CO-EXIST.

Jordyn Dugan