

From: [Karla Tucker](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Comments on agenda items for March 19,2024 HB City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:56:40 AM

Council Members,

Agenda Item 24-197

Who requested this agenda item? Why was this agenda item requested? I have been utilizing our city library services for almost 35 years. I have found all of their programs and services to be excellent. I brought both my children to the Central Park library as toddlers for early reader programs, as elementary-aged children for summer reading programs, and as young adults for research and study programs. Staff were always kind, helpful and enthusiastic. I love reading and often check-out books in person or request books on-line for pick-up. Staff are always efficient and friendly. Why do we need a change? I would be afraid services would only decline when run by non-community staff.

Agenda Item 24-209

As a concerned parent and former elementary school teacher, I am firmly opposed to this ordinance. Parents should be making reading decisions for their own children only. Our library staff do an excellent job of providing age-appropriate materials for the children's and young-adult library sections. Parents and community members should not be allowed to place their personal opinions on the book choices of others. All council members should be required to view the academy award-nominated short documentary titled The ABCs of Book Banning. The children's voices in this film should speak to us all.

Agenda Item 24-208

Why is this being requested? We should be working together with other cities, not isolating ourselves. Isolation breeds divisiveness and fear of others. We need to pursue community alliances and work together for all Huntington Beach residents.

Respectfully,

Karla Tucker

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 3/19/2024

Agenda Item No.: 25 (24-208)

From: [Juana Mueller](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](#)
Cc: [Juana Mueller](#)
Subject: 3/19/24 Council Agenda
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:34:58 AM

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

Item 22:

WHOA! HOLD the horses!! Outsource the management of our Library System? **WHY? TO WHOM?**

This is outrageous. What are you trying to do to our City? Our Library System is not broken. It is a basic pillar of our community. It has a committed base of volunteers to help manage and run the many programs that are offered through our library. It is a beloved place for gaining knowledge, for coming together, for joy of learning, for being introduced to life's possibilities, and so much more.

WHY GUT THIS and give it to some OUTSIDE ENTITY that has no knowledge OR commitment to OUR CITY??

STOP! This is a bridge too far!!

Item 24:

Do not approve ordinance NO. 4318 - (my comments above apply)

Item 25:

Why are we considering isolating our City from the League of CA Cities? Isolation from what goes on in other CA cities is not healthy for our City. Do not approve.

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Next meeting
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:27:21 AM

From: Nancy Bramet <nevonwb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:59 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Next meeting

City Council...

PLEASE, stop trying to fix what isn't broken. I believe the library runs just fine as is... no need to change that. If you must have a "Community Parent Guardian Review Board". Then you MUST include some members of the LGBTQ community on that board as well, it needs to be well rounded not just white, christian parents that are afraid of everything that they don't understand and don't want to understand. Otherwise it is NOT representative of ALL parents in our community. Let's be clear I am not for this community, I believe it to be a complete waste of resources but if it goes thru then it MUST have a group that represents everyone. Not understanding why you want to put together a board when you said we didn't have the resources for them anymore and gutted several boards that were in fact useful. We disagree on that as well but then council you really don't seem to listen to it appears to me most of the citizens in HB.

AND BIG NOOOOOO to leaving the League of California Cities. You all complain about homelessness then when a bill come thru that directly helps with that you don't like it. UNBELIEVABLE!! Also for the Gas Tax... OK... people this is for our roads, WHICH WE NEED!!! I don't like taxes either but I am smart enough to know that taxes pay for things we ACTUALLY need, like police, fire department, roads, bridges etc. I would far rather my tax dollars go to that than the city always suing the state for not doing low income housing, which we actually need. I still don't understand your argument on that. I have asked and your response if you truly believe your reason doesn't hold water. If you can build all this new housing that isn't low income, then you could have built low income housing.

Our library is fine, LEAVE IT ALONE!!! There is no reason to privatize it... even if the "great attorney" has lost all the law suits which he said he would win (I am not an attorney and I realized that was a major long shot even if it was a good attorney) our taxes paid major \$\$\$ on that. We are throwing good money at bad on these law suits... the council seems to think they are above it. YOU ARE NOT! If you don't like living in the state of California or Huntington Beach then leave it like your friend Tito did. I am not being nice here but I find most of you just exhausting. You honestly don't seem to have an idea here what you are doing or you have your own personal agenda which is even worse. You are to work for ALL the people of HB... make it better, safe. All you are doing is trying to change our city and what has made it great. STOP IT!!!

Here is something to do, work on our homeless and helping them. That is not an easy problem but well worth finding a solution for.

And do a better job of balancing the budget... although I know that is hard with all the lawsuits we have lost. But learn when to fight and when to just do what is actually right. Not putting in low income housing was wrong!!!! Giving in to the AirShow people was wrong.. and then hiring them on a 10 year contract are you kidding me. They are using our beach, they should be paying us for that privilege.

I hope you all have read this completely because I know it isn't nice. But you know, you have made the last few years not great for me, because you seem to what to change everything that HB is. I am begging you please STOP IT!!

Regards,
Nancy Bramet

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Please vote NO on Item #25, March 19, 2024 city council meeting.
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:35:18 AM

From: Dan Jamieson <danjamieson4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:40 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please vote NO on Item #25, March 19, 2024 city council meeting.

Dear HB City Council:

Please vote NO on Item #25, the proposed "Withdrawal from the League of California Cities" at the March 19, 2024 city council meeting.

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is a respected association of California cities. Some 500 cities are represented in the league, which lobbies at the state level for the interests of California cities. Cal Cities also provides valuable expertise, education and networking opportunities for city leaders and staff.

Obviously, not all city councils in the state agree on state policy. But in matters of getting fair funding from the state, and dealing with state laws and regs, cities share many common interests. Huntington Beach should not turn its back on advocating for its interests, whether at the county or state level. Vote NO on Item 25.

Dan Jamieson

Roxanne McMillen

Huntington Beach

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting 3/19/2024
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:40:09 AM

From: K Carroll <kcrissie7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 3/19/2024

Greetings Mayor Van Der Mark, Pro Tem Pat Burns, Councilmen McKeon and Strickland:

Congratulations on the very successful results of the A & B Charter Amendments in the most recent elections! Thrilled to see the results! Thank you so much for bringing these items forward. You truly mean it when you say you speak for the majority. And, Congratulations on being the popular vote on County Central Committee 72nd Assembly District. The results represented all but two of my votes. Most importantly, what my vote for Pat Burns for the County Central Committee. Disappointed; but, darn close! You have to feel proud though Pat, especially as you said when you first ran for council people were saying 'who is Pat Burns'. You have made a huge impact in such a short period of time.

I would like to briefly relay my thoughts on the following for the upcoming meeting agenda items:

24-204: **Council Liaison** - SUPPORT.

24-180: **AB1999** SUPPORT for all reasons outlined in communications shared.

24-197: **Request for Proposals for managed Library Services.** SUPPORT. However, strongly oppose Michael Posey being anything close to involved in this. He was the one that initially proposed CCE and ultimately deceived the residents. Along with many other detrimental outcomes of the council's actions during his term. He never supported the majority of residents as well as continuously attacked and clearly had a vendetta against Michael Gates.

24-209: **Ordinance 4318** - Parent Guardian Review Board. SUPPORT. Very comprehensive. I think we all need to reflect on what got us here in the first place. Graphic sexual books (blow jobs, sexual positions, cartoonish graphic sexual books being available to children and minors. These are grooming tools. There was no oversight. We need parent involvement because the system in the library did not work.

24-208: **Withdrawal from League of California Cities.** SUPPORT for all the reasons outlined in Casey McKeon's Memo.

And, finally I would like to ask that the City Council maintain decorum in the Chambers. Each person has an opportunity to talk. No one should be heckled or bullied. I know, first hand from attending

the meetings. What you see on You Tube or the City Channel does not show the intensity of what you experience when attending the meeting in person. In person is much more amplified. It has gotten out of hand and frankly, I do not feel safe attending these meetings in person because of the mob hateful behavior and actions. I have seen others being verbally attacked while the meeting is going on. Please, institute a no tolerance policy for this type of behavior and have anyone who cannot adhere to the no tolerance policy or decorum policy removed.

As always, best regards and thank you for all you do. You truly are making HB better for all of the majority.

Best regards,

Kris Carroll

From: [Natalie Dassian](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Do Not Privatize Our Libraries
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:03:09 PM

Dear Council,

I am exhausted that our libraries continue to be a topic of debate. They are fine as is and do not need extra policing or "book reviewing." Our libraries should NOT be privatized, especially considering these are taxpayer funded and have been for decades. I don't understand why our libraries are a constant topic of debate when we should be caring about other things, like housing affordability, homelessness, and community service. I beg of you to not follow in the footsteps of places like Florida where they have banned hundreds of important books. In addition, it does not seem like a wise decision to leave CALCities, especially considering the embarrassing budget issues that the airshow has left the city with.

I sincerely hope that the council listens to its citizens. Do not create even more of a headache for your constituents - we want our libraries to remain as they are.

Best,

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Let's connect on [LinkedIn](#)

From: [David Rynerson](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public Comment for 3/19 Meeting
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:44:58 PM

City Council majority –

I have a question. Why is it that the four of you, who ran on a platform of greater public engagement and input, keep taking actions that do just the opposite? For example, you cancelled that ability to comment at city council meetings by Zoom, you have repeatedly and arbitrarily reduced speaking time from three minutes to two or even one minute, and now you've chosen to prevent citizens from entering their intention to speak in advance, either by email or in person. All actions that reduce public input and engagement.

Similarly, you spent an additional \$300,000 of our tax dollars to ensure that your charter amendments wound up on the primary ballot, rather than the general election ballot. This, despite well-documented evidence that primary elections have lower and less representative turnout than general elections.

You also ignored massive, expressed opposition to said amendments delivered both in person and by email. You essentially eliminated the boards and commissions where public citizens actually gave input. You took the minority council members off almost all liaison positions despite the fact that they too were elected by the citizens of Huntington Beach.

In short, you've done almost everything in your power to suppress public input and to stifle any voices that don't agree with you.

Just as you are now doing again with your directive to have the staff draft an RFP to outsource our library services to a for-profit organization.

Just as you are now doing again with a proposal to withdraw from the California League of Cities.

Nothing you have done so far in your tenure has increased public engagement and input – rather, it has demonstrated that you really don't want to hear or consider what any constituent who doesn't agree with you has to say.

In short, you have demonstrated that you really don't believe in democracy, you only care about getting your way, and are willing to say or do almost anything to get it. That you care more about sucking up to Donald Trump than you do about serving Huntington Beach and that you are willing to spend our tax dollars to do it, rather than using them for city services as your duty requires.

Huntington Beach used to be a welcoming city where people of all stripes could enjoy the beach and the weather in peace. Now it is an international pariah.

I can only hope that the damage you are constantly inflicting on our city is not permanent.

David Rynerson
6272 Newbury Drive
Huntington Beach, CA

From: [Judith Lewis](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Privatization of Library, (Item 24-197) Resignation from League of California Cities (Item 24-208)
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:04:12 PM

Privatization. A favorite word of the right wing political ideology. They'd privatize all government functions because their belief is that government and anything not for profit is bad. Unfortunately while capitalism is a good system, it has many failings and must be regulated to work. Likewise, sometimes government functions need revisions or improvements to work. But the government is not for profit—and libraries are not for profit.

Privatizing these functions to save money inevitably leads to reduced services and benefits. You offer nothing in your proposal explaining just how a private service is going to both do a better job and reduce costs. It won't happen. STOP with the right wing ideological agenda that wastes time and taxpayer money.

League Membership You give no justification for your proposal to cancel your membership in the League of California Cities. Historically the League has helped develop legislation supporting local control and provided education and advice to local city councils. I think this city council could use that advice instead of going berserk with unneeded and inadvisable policies and actions.

Judith Lewis
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Masters Degree Public Administration USC

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: 3/19/24 City Council Comments
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:06:22 PM

From: Chris Varga <christopher.j.varga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: 3/19/24 City Council Comments

Agenda Item 22 (24—197) – I do not support this request for proposals for outside companies running our libraries. I support keeping the city run library system as is. Don't waste time and money with this proposal.

Agenda Item 24 (24-209) – I do not support the proposed community review board for books. Let our city librarians do their job!

Agenda Item 25 (24-208) – I do not support pulling out of the League of Cities. We need to work together and not isolate.

Chris Varga
Huntington Beach

From: [Pat Goodman](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: March 19, 2024 Agenda Item 19 Vote No
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:47:51 PM

I'm curious about this item and appreciate the attachment provided by Councilmember McKeon to explain his rationale why HB should withdraw its membership from the League of Cities. I don't know if there is another vehicle where HB could receive the same level of training for elected officials and staff. I'm sure it's invaluable. I hope there is an alternative group that provides training for elected officials and staff. It seems it would be a good system of support with networking opportunities especially for like cities. I'm sure that city staff will do and expo. Please vote no on withdrawing from the League of Cities.

Pat Goodman
Huntington Beach, CA

From: [Buffie Channel](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: AGAINST -- Agenda Item #22 / 24-197, Item # 24 / 24-209 and Item 25 / 24-208
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:27:40 PM

To City Council Members:

Regarding Item 22 / 24-197: **NO**

Here are some quotes about libraries. I hope you read them and ponder why you are making it your mission to decimate our libraries and attack our librarians.

The profiteering of library services is a solution for weak leaders and weak readers.
-- Buffie Channel, HB Taxpayer

The only thing that you absolutely have to know,
is the location of the library.
—Albert Einstein

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience:
this is the ideal life.
—Mark Twain

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.
—Marcus Tullius Cicero

Yo, que me figuraba el Paraíso / Bajo la especie de una biblioteca.
I have always imagined Paradise as a kind of library.
—Jorge Luis Borges, from Dreamtigers

You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, that has been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.
—Graham Chapman

The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man.
—T.S. Eliot

I ransack public libraries, and find them full of sunk treasure.
—Virginia Woolf

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.
—Walter Cronkite

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.
—Sidney Sheldon

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

—Henry Ward Beecher

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

—Andrew Carnegie

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.

—Neil Gaiman

When in doubt, go to the library.

—J.K. Rowling, from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future. Just ask Ray Bradbury.

—Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl, from Beautiful Creatures

A library is a miracle. A place where you can learn just about anything, for free. A place where your mind can come alive.

—Josh Hanagarne, from *The World's Strongest Librarian: A Memoir of Tourette's, Faith, Strength, and the Power of Family*

One can never have too many librarian friends.

—Jennifer Chiaverini, from *The Wedding Quilt*

Good librarians are natural intelligence operatives. They possess all of the skills and characteristics required for that work: curiosity, wide-ranging knowledge, good memories, organization and analytical aptitude, and discretion.

—Marilyn Johnson, from *This Book Is Overdue!: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*

When the going gets tough, the tough get a librarian.

—Joan Bauer, from *Best Foot Forward*

I don't think I'll be able to help you find that.

—No librarian, ever.

Perhaps you should listen to scholars, scientists, teachers, authors, and respected intellectuals - *if you won't listen to the citizens who you claim to represent and who are your bosses.*

My tax dollars for the past 35 years have paid for the books, the contents, the upkeep, the programs and the stellar reputations of the libraries in the city of Huntington Beach. The fact that you want to privatize library services is a slap in the face of the taxpayers, the children of this city, and all patrons of our renowned libraries!

Here is what we know (and you can save your unhinged and unprofessional replies - telling me how you have lived in HB longer than me or how the building will still belong to the city because we know the truth)

- Yes, the building and the books will still be the property of the city.

HOWEVER, YOU WILL FIRE THE LIBRARIANS OR ONLY ALLOW THEM TO KEEP THEIR JOBS WITHOUT THEIR PENSIONS or BENEFITS, FOR A MUCH REDUCED PAY, WITHOUT THEIR AUTHORITY TO MANAGE BOOKS AND SERVICES. So save us your lies. Your semantics and mumbo jumbo about what is really happening may work on your low information supporters, but it won't work on US!

- The company Library Systems and Services is the ONLY company that is privatizing library services across the country - AND WE KNOW THAT MIKE POSEY IS ON THE BOARD! So your lies about putting this out for a study or a "bid" is smoke and mirrors since you are being lobbied by Posey. LSS is known to decimate library programs, push out experienced librarians and staff, and reduce book choices to best sellers and mainstream mediocre vanilla content.

- Most of the cities that have opted for this takeover have regretted it or are suing their city councils for blatant negligent profiteering.

- Library services and programs will be eliminated with a FOR-PROFIT corporate model.

- Say goodbye to the beloved Seed Library
- Say goodbye to the Gift Shop
- Say goodbye to Storytime (award winning in the county)
- Say goodbye to historical tours
- Say goodbye to the Friends of the Library and their donations
- Say goodbye to the 1000 citizen volunteers because who wants to volunteer when a corporation has fired everyone and decimated the programs
- Say goodbye to the Art displays upstairs and future expanded art installations
- Say goodbye to the Fountains
- Say goodbye to the coffee cafe
- Say goodbye to the Teen Center (well that's already gone)
- Say goodbye to the Libby e-books
- Say goodbye to the kids summer reading programs
- Say goodbye to Beanstack (do you even know what that is? I doubt it)
- Say goodbye to Lego KidsClub
- Say goodbye to Toddler and Big Kids Craft Storytime
- Say goodbye to Crafter's Corner because that will definitely be chopped because that might cut into their profits
- Say goodbye to the Tween STEAM Team (that's definitely on the chopping block)
- Say goodbye to the program called Life Skills for Teens (because why do teens need life skills, or puberty books, or a place to hang out at the library?)

If you are looking to LIBRARIANS and their salaries and pensions to make up for your short falls and poor governing and giveaways to your rich Air Show buddies and inevitable losses in court - you are simply ineffective representatives and you underestimate the value that the community places on our libraries, access to books, and our esteemed librarians and the services that ONLY they can provide because they are educated and trained far beyond the incredibly insulting offer that LSS will make to them to retain their jobs..

Regarding agenda item 24 (24-209): **NO**

Rarely have I seen such a sophomoric and immature proposal riddled with unworkable

procedures and a flagrant disregard for the First Amendment, parents and their judgement, and a total lack of understanding of how anything works in a library! It's alarming and ignorant and ripe for a lawsuit.

Regarding Agenda Item 25: (24-208): **NO**

And regarding the proposal to leave the League of Cities organization - no surprise there. Any organization that may scrutinize this council and is against privatizing library services is naturally on this Council Majority's chopping block. (Casey - save your canned and insulting "Bless your Heart" response, mmm kay?)

This City Council majority continues to show a complete lack of care for the concerns of the tax paying residents of this city.

Hands off our libraries and our librarians!

I'll leave you with one last quote. One that exposes your plans of underestimating our citizenry.

**Libraries are full of ideas—perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons.
—Sarah J. Maas, from Throne of Glass**

Sincerely,
Buffie Channel
35 year resident and homeowner

From: [Linda Moon](#)
To: [Judith Lewis](#)
Cc: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Re: Privatization of Library, (Item 24-197) Resignation from League of California Cities (Item 24-208)
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:54:43 PM

Very well said.
Linda

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024, 5:04 PM Judith Lewis <judilew22@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: diannef22@yahoo.com
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Subject: Oppose Agenda Item 25
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:59:32 AM

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,
I strongly oppose item #25.

The statement written by Councilmember McKeon is simplistic and uninformed. Leaving the League of California Cities because it opposes the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPGAA) is shortsighted. As an elected official, one would hope the Councilmember understands that the city functions because it receives tax dollars. Backing a measure that would drastically reduce funding to the city (when the city is already running a future deficit) is blatantly irresponsible. Just because a measure is backed by Jarvis, doesn't mean it's a good thing.

The League of Cities supports issues that support cities. As an individual, Councilmember McKeon may dislike a tax that he may have to pay as an individual, but if we all stop paying those taxes, how will the city provide the services we have come to expect?

The League appropriately backs measures that help cities function and provides (non-financial) resources to help Council and staff in the roles. Without that backing, I fear for the future of Huntington Beach.

Sincerley,
Dianne James

From: [Tim Channel](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Opposed to Agenda Items 24-197, 24-208, and 24-209 (3/19/2024)
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:14:24 AM

City Council Members,

I am a 34 year resident and homeowner in Huntington Beach and I am writing to voice my opposition to Agenda Items 24-197, 24-208, and 24-209. Ever since the slate majority has come into office, they have done NOTHING but HURT our city. It is obvious that Van Der Mark, Burns, Strickland, and McKeon are more interested in furthering their own political agendas at the expense of the citizens of Huntington Beach. Grandstanding your conservativeness, hoping others of your kind will notice how extreme you are, and heap their praises on you?

Is your goal is to go down in history as the master book banning, library destroying, worst city council in the country then you are definitely on the right track. At the expense of the rest of us.

OPPOSED TO:

24-197 Request authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for Managed Library Services for the Huntington Beach Public Library system

If you want to talk about obscenity at the library, THIS is it. Why would you want to privatize our award winning library except that you think you can? Did the librarians fail to live up to your conservative ideals? Give me one reason why this could possibly be good for the citizens of our city. What non-problem are you trying to fix this time?

OPPOSED TO:

24-208 Item Submitted by Council Member McKeon - Withdrawal from the League of California Cities

Here we go again with the “we hate California” nonsense. If you hate it so much here, why didn’t you pick a city in another state to cause your mischief in? Somewhere where they might actually like it, because great many of your Huntington Beach constituents definitely do not.

OPPOSED TO:

24-209 Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4318 adding Chapter 2.66 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Community-Parent Guardian Review Board for Review of Procurement of Children’s Library Material

What is your obsession with banning children’s books? And stop trying to fool us by with the “no books have been banned” nonsense. We aren’t that stupid. Some of us even graduated from high school.

Oh, and Bless your Little Hearts,

Tim Channel
Huntington Beach

From: [Leslie Golson](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Library Privatization and League of Cal Cities
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:22:02 AM

Let the record show that I oppose both library privatization and leaving the League of California Cities. This council's reckless settlement and payout to the Airshow and their EIR, along with failed litigation opposing state mandated housing, have created the mess that is our financial outlook. This council wants to pull out of the League because of their opposition to measures that would directly fund our city!

Don't fund your mistakes with our library and funding of city services!

Leslie Golson
Huntington Beach resident and voter

From: terrylaurenrose@gmail.com
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: city council meeting 031924 please include in tonight's agenda items.
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:25:26 AM
Attachments: [city council meeting 031924.docx](#)
Importance: High

Please include my comments on each of the agenda items.

If I need to send separate documents later, I will.

Thank you.

Terry Rose

City Council Meeting Agenda
03-19-2024

Terry Rose, resident since 1983, homeowner

I recently saw an unreleased as yet documentary at the Palm Springs Film Festival called Bad Faith about Christian Nationalism (the “moral” minority) whose mission is to destroy democracy as we know it today and establish a theocracy.

I believe that it is quite possible that Tony Strickland, Gracey Van Der Mark, Casey McKeon & Pat Burns are all Christian Nationalists as I truly believe they are trying to destroy Huntington Beach, are not interested in working for the good of the whole but only interested in serving themselves and driving our city into bankruptcy thus destroying it.

From their campaign lies to “no changes to our city charter” to their changing the protocol on who becomes our mayor and when to paying their “buddy” millions for an oil spill the city was not responsible for and for not sharing with the public the loss of income to the Pacific Air Show or the city to the proposed expansion of the Air Show including building a runway on the beach to what they led by so-called moralist Gracey Van Der Mark, in particular, are doing to our public library to the out and out political speech by the pastor of the Calvary Chapel of Huntington Harbor, they have proven, at least to me, that they do not believe in our democracy but only in their personal agendas.

I wish to go on record for the following:

File #: 24-204 Version: 1 Council Committee Appointments and Liaison Reports

Oppose Gracey Van der Mark’s amendment because it is prejudicial and clearly favors the members of her buddies with Moser & Bolton only being assigned to one committee and Kalmick being assigned to none.

File #: 24-194 Adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 revising and restating Resolution No.2016-01 related to implementing Charter Section 805 and Municipal Code Chapter 5.90 regarding the number of permits issued for Safe and Sane Fireworks from fifteen (15) to sixteen (16)

Oppose I would like to see Huntington Beach ban all fireworks in the city. The amount of illegal fireworks has more than tripled since the city approved the sale of “Safe and Sane Fireworks.”

File #24-197 24-197 Request authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for Managed Library Services for the Huntington Beach Public Library system

Oppose Too many unanswered questions:

- Will the library staff lose their jobs or be forced to take a reduction in their salaries in order to keep their jobs?

- If the private company decides they are not making enough money, will they just close the library completely?
- Will there be fees for everything?
- Who will make the final decision on what books the public has access to?
- How much will this cost the city?
- Is the company friends with the foursome?

File #: 24-209 Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4318 adding Chapter 2.66 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Community-Parent Guardian Review Board for Review of Procurement of Children's Library Material

Oppose This is taking away the rights of parents to make the decisions for their children and because each council member can select 3 people, this committee will be skewed in favor of Tony Strickland, Gracey Van Der Mark, Casey McKeon & Pat Burns' choices.

- What are the criteria to be on this committee?
- Will members of this committee be paid?
- Will this committee have the final say as to what books are in the library or will their suggestions be put to vote so that every citizen of Huntington Beach has a say so in the matter?
- Will teens be reduced to reading Dick & Jane?
- Will all people regardless of their ethnicity and sexual identification be represented in the books that are available to young people?
- Who decides what is pornographic?
- Too many questions
- Let the library be – let the parents decide

File #: 24-208 Item Submitted by Council Member Casey McKeon to withdraw from the League of California Cities

Question: Why?

In answer to expanding the Air Show, I suggest we expand the Surfing Championship which brings people from all over the world to Huntington Beach. We could add everything the air show wants to add, except for landing the plane on the beach, and continue our legend as Surf City USA vs Pacific Air Show City USA. Let the Pacific Air Show try to find another beach in Orange County – I doubt they will be able to accomplish that.