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To say that I am shocked that the City Council Board Majority would think that their personal opinion would reflect that of the citizens is ludicrous. This type of statement continues to make this city a point of laughter in Southern California.

This is insane!

Laura Lara

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Pat Burns:

You do not represent me in your desire to express solidarity with Texas on any matter, and especially the on our country's border issue. I vehemently disagree with this agenda item.

Stick to running our city.

Leslie Golson  
HB resident

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
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## A STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH TEXAS????

What on earth is wrong with this city council? Partisanship seems to be the answer. The City Council is supposed to represent the best interests of the people of Huntington Beach, not only the interests of those who vote Republican.

Why, then, is time being wasted composing Democrat-bashing statements of solidarity with a Republican governor in another state intent on taking away the rights of numerous groups — including women, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, and immigrants?

Comparing the Biden administration's purported (not actual) "open border" policy and Governor Newsom's housing mandates to Governor Abbott's horrific treatment of undocumented immigrants is false equivalency. Neither Biden nor Newsom are violating federal law, erecting razor wire that endangers human lives, dumping undocumented immigrants in other cities, or joking about shooting immigrants if only it weren't illegal.

Councilman Burns needs to quit injecting his personal political beliefs into the City Council agenda and concentrate more on

things that actually affect us right here in Huntington Beach — like balancing the budget, **resolving the homeless problem**, maintaining our city streets and sidewalks, and doing something about the speeding/noisy vehicles taking over our streets — threatening our safety and disturbing the peace.

The misguided Statement of Solidarity with Texas should be voted down and thrown in the trash where it belongs. It's one man's opinion, not the general consensus of the majority of citizens in our city. Let's not turn Huntington Beach into another Texas or Florida. Enough damage has already been done with the flag policy and library books. We're becoming the laughingstock of the nation.

Ms. Michele Burgess

Huntington Beach resident since 1961

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I do not support Item 14 - Statement of Solidarity with Texas. I think this item is a disobedient declaration to congress regarding the unlawful use of barbed wire. The city should not partake in this. I believe what has already been approved is adequate & do not believe that natural resources should be used to wall off the Rio Grande River. This item is more like a ponzi scheme that imprisons the boundaries of the country & not a plan for the future. **I think the people behind this initiative arbitrarily do not believe that *alternative space technology* can be discovered & seek to end the world.**

- Ben

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**From:** Meagen Walter <meagen.walter@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Texas.

**Statement of Solidarity with Texas**

On January 24, 2024, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, stated how the federal government has “broken the compact between the United States and the States.” This Statement of Solidarity is to confirm that the City of Huntington Beach stands with Texas Governor Abbott in believing that President Biden has failed in one of his primary duties as President of the United States in protecting our borders and enforcing our federal laws “and has even violated them.”

In this dereliction of duty, President Biden and his administration have exposed the States to undue threat and sent a message that the United States is lawless and the States have no say in how they govern themselves. President Biden and his administration have attempted to suppress Texas from protecting itself from an invasion into Texas that is affecting the whole country in a very negative manner and is threatening the sovereignty of the United States. President Biden is responsible for the federal government’s overreach in its attempt to prohibit Texas from protecting itself in areas where the federal government has grossly failed (or has succeeded if the Biden administration’s goal is the destruction of the United States that we respect and love).

The City of Huntington Beach is familiar with the effects of a higher government interfering with self-governance. Governor Newsom and his administration have demonstrated a lack of respect for Huntington Beach’s quest of self-governance to protect itself from Governor Newsom’s housing mandates; these mandates that threaten the self-governance and well-being of the City of Huntington Beach are similar to the Biden Administration’s open border policy that is threatening the destruction of Texas and the rest of the United States. These acts of higher government unrighteously exercising and enforcing power over smaller governments as both the Biden and Newsom administrations are doing are the acts equal to that of a rogue bully (an analogy: these acts are similar to a 17 year old schoolyard bully slapping down an 8 year old little child and letting him/her know that fighting back will only make life worse for him/her).

This is a critical time in our history across the country that we (every citizen and all levels of government) need to come together, respectfully work together, and stand together for the future and well-being of the United States of America. We need to stand strong and resolute together as citizens and as governing bodies in respecting the rights of all citizens and in the powers of every level of governance to do what is best for our communities.

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Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor

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Tony Strickland, Council Member

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Casey McKeon, Council Member

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Natalie Moser, Council Member

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Dan Kalmick, Council Member

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Rhonda Bolton, Council Member

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Pat Burns, Mayor Pro Tem

This is NOT TEXAS. You guys are so embarrassing to the city of Huntington Beach and we are so damn upset any of you were elected. Focus on the problems in the city. Shame on you. Your kids have nothing to be proud of, only to be fearful of people finding out they're any of your offsprings. Hitler as hell you all are. Do not texas our California with their THIRD WORLD CITIZEN RIGHTS. Humiliating. God said

“Give me your tired. Your poor. Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”

We DO NOT STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH TEXAS. Focus on our children’s education. OVSD is garbage. Fix it.



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**Subject:** Statement of Solidarity with Texas

Dear Mayor Stricklin and City Council members,

I am in support of your Statement of Solidarity with Texas letter. I believe this letter is warranted, our open borders affect every city in the United States. President Biden's open border policies are dangerous. This invasion of illegal immigrants includes human traffickers, drug dealers, terrorists, rapists and killers, this needs to stop.

Please support Article 4 Section 4 of the U.S Constitution by signing your Statement of Solidarity letter with Texas.

Concerned citizen of Huntington Beach,

Wendy Tochihara

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Paula Shawa](#)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 14 / City Council Mtg. / Feb. 6 - NO on this embarrassing opinion piece  
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No on this embarrassing opinion piece from Pat Burns, filled with self-pity and grievance. It has nothing to do with the city council's job and is a waste of time and resources. It is not right that one city council member is using the council, and the city, as a platform to formalize their personal opinions. I was not given an opportunity to weigh in on this frivolous drivel. It does not speak for me, and I'm sure many others, and we would appreciate it if you did your job instead of whining about everything.

Paula Shawa, HB resident

**From:** [Kevin M Sanford](#)  
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**Subject:** CC Meeting 2/6/24 Statement of Solidarity with Texas  
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Dear City Council,

Please do not sign this **Statement of Solidarity with Texas**. It's divisive and unnecessary. It will do nothing but tarnish our reputation and very likely even deter people from wanting to associate with Huntington Beach. This is the kind of thing that can affect Tourism, Meetings/Events and overall commerce in a very negative way.

And all for what? So that you can rile people up and show them HB is now a MAGA governed city?

It's an unnecessary waste of your time and our \$ to do this. Please grow up and start doing positive work for our city.

Thank you,

Kevin Sanford  
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**From:** [Kathryn Smith](#)  
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**Subject:** Protest Statement of Solidarity with Texas  
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly protest, your statement of solidarity, with the state of Texas. You do not speak for the city of Huntington Beach. We do not have consensus on this issue at all.

I stand for humane policies that treat asylum seekers as human beings. I am saddened and disappointed with the city council. You can guarantee that I will be there at the polls to vote out every member of the council who supports this statement.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Smith  
8933 Biscayne Ct. Unit 221C  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Judy Brusslan](#)  
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Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach concerned about the City Council Liaisons List linked to item 24-112. The council members are not represented equally: Bolton, Kalmick and Moser are severely underrepresented. All viewpoints must be represented in a democracy, and this list should be revised prior to acceptance.

I am also greatly concerned about item 24-101. Why is the city council of Huntington Beach voting in Solidarity with the State of Texas? This is a political issue of national concern and there are multiple viewpoints on the best path forward for immigration reform. Each of us may have an opinion, but the City of Huntington Beach does not have ONE opinion, and more importantly, it is not in the purview of the City Council to show solidarity with Texas.

Thank you for welcoming and respecting a wide range of opinions as an elected City Council member for the City of Huntington Beach!

Judy

Dr. Judy Brusslan  
Professor of Biological Sciences  
Bridges to the Doctorate PI  
California State University, Long Beach

