

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: HB needs to keep flying the Pride Flag

From: Chris Wacaster <cwacaster@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: HB needs to keep flying the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members, I STRONGLY disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Sincerely,

thanks, Chris

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach pride flag

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

From: Devon Merritt <devonmerritt427@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Huntington Beach pride flag

I know to y'all a flag may seem small, or unimportant, but to us it says that we belong here. It says that no matter who I am, I still deserve to have rights. If you remove the pride flag during June you send a message to every single queer person, that we aren't welcome here.

Please don't remove the Pride flag during June

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:22 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Feb 7 Agenda Item #30 23-109-Support

From: Steve Barnes <stevebarneshb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Feb 7 Agenda Item #30 23-109-Support

No other flags other than those included in Item #30 23-109 should be displayed on City property.

Best Regards,

Steve Barnes

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: LGBTQ+ Flag

From: Maria Brito <mariagudalupebrito@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:30 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: LGBTQ+ Flag

Hi , my name is Maria Brito , I am writing to you today to discuss the importance of keeping the LGBTQ+ flag flying at Huntington Beach. The importance of keeping the flag creates a safe space and great representation for the Huntington beach residence. Removing the flag to fly during pride much is unacceptable and disrespectful due to the lack of representation that we already have in today's society and community. If the flag is removed , it serves a negative message that the city does not support or accept their fellow LGBTQ+ residence. I encourage you to think about your actions and do better for the LGBTQ+ community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Maria Brito

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Josh Grushkin <jcgrushkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Josh Grushkin

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Moore, Tania

From: Chris Wacaster <cwacaster@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:34 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB needs to keep flying the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members, I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Sincerely,

thanks, Chris

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Moore, Tania

From: Tiffany Coyne <tifcoyne@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FLY THE LGBTQ+ FLAG!!!!

Dear Council Members,

I am writing with concern over the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June 2023. I disagree with the effort to take down this flag and think it should be allowed to fly free. The LGBTQ+ community is part of *every* community - yes, this means Huntington Beach! The PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I kindly ask that you keep the Pride flag flying high in order to show that beautiful Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for its LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

Thank you!

Best,
Tiffany

Tiffany Coyne
760-822-8963
tifcoyne@me.com

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Comments for 2/7 meeting

From: imthewizardofroz <imthewizardofroz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 6:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Comments for 2/7 meeting

Please register my comments into the record regarding the following agenda items:

Item 11: Final vote to drastically increase campaign contribution limits, from \$620 per individual to \$5500 per individual. **(AGAINST)**

Item 12: Final vote to ban anonymous code enforcement reports. **(AGAINST)**

Item 30: New flag ordinance to ban commemorative flags to be flown on city flag poles. **(AGAINST)**

Item 32: This item would resume the recently discontinued practice of making council meetings (and city boards/commissions/committees) accessible remotely via Zoom. **(FOR)**

Rosalyn Esposito
18842 Florida Street
#21
HB 92648

All the Best!
Roz Esposito
(she/her)
323-839-7903

"She who can see the invisible can do the impossible." Frank Gaines

Roz Esposito
Singer, Playwright, Composer, Lyricist
www.RozEsposito.com

Rev Dr. Roz Esposito, Intuitive Life Coach, New Thought Minister, Licensed Spiritual Counselor www.YourSoulCode.com

Author
Laughing Your Way To Loving Yourself

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note8.

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Moore, Tania

From: dawn conte <contecrew1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:50 PM
To: citycouncil@surfcity-hb.org; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Important

Dear Council Members,

My name is Dawn Marchette Conte, I have a daughter who came out last year as Bisexual. I have been part of the Catholic Community for 55 years, my kids went to St. Bonaventure and my son went to Mater Dei High School for a year. Being a catholic my whole life Jesus has taught me to reach out to my community and accept everyone for the way that God made them. It saddens my heart to hear that the rights of the LGBTQ+ community are being infringed upon. I wholeheartedly disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. Working in education, I see families of all types of backgrounds, and part of my job is to uplift, encourage, and protect my students and make sure they feel safe and accepted. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Dawn Marchette Conte

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride

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

From: Shannon Kull <shannon.kull@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 6:37 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride

The removal of the pride flag sends a message that our city does not support or accept the LGBTQIA+ residents. This is unacceptable.

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: Eric Gennaro <ericgennaro@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 6:38 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Hello To All,,

I hear that is is a meeting Tuesday February 7th to discuss the issue of The Pride Flag and not displaying the flag in the month of June. I will not be able to attend this meeting, Who and how does this benefit the community of HB? Who benefits from this change?

I would like to understand why this is a issue after the city has proudly flown the flag for the past few years.

Driving on my way to work in Huntington Beach I have enjoyed seeing the Flag Fly and watching people take pictures under it, feeling a sense of welcomeness in a community the has a long history of racist and homophobia.

I look forward hearing back

Thank you

Eric Gennaro

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: agenda items

From: Lynne Deakers <lcdeakers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: agenda items

I am writing as a concerned resident of Huntington Beach. I would like to voice my opinion on several agenda items to be voted on at the Feb 7th meeting.

Item 11: I urge a **NO vote** on this item. Many people in Huntington Beach cannot afford to make such a sizable contribution to the candidate of their choice. What kind of influence would these sizable contributions be purchasing?

Item 12: I urge a **NO vote** on this item. This will harm our community. There are reportable items like code violations in restaurants which will be observed by staff but never reported for fear of retribution. This would likely result in litigation, including lawsuits from the ACLU.

Item 30: I urge a **NO vote**. This is an unnecessary restriction. For example, the rainbow flag is a symbol of inclusion that indicates "are all welcome in our city".

Item 32: I am **FOR** resuming the practice of making city council meetings (and city boards/commissions/committees) accessible remotely via Zoom. It has helped increase civic participation for those who cannot physically attend.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns regarding these items.

Lynne Deakers
Huntington Beach

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag Agenda Item

From: Erica Egan <eaegan97@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:08 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag Agenda Item

Hello City Council,

I understand that on February 7th there is an agenda item regarding not flying the Pride flag. If you were to vote in favor of removing the flag, it would be an egregious wrongdoing on the city's part.

This is in direct conflict with the city's recent push for inclusion.

I am vehemently against the removal of the flag and the erasure of the representation that this city desperately needs.

Huntington Beach is a beacon for tourists and ALL should be welcome, plain and simple.

Thank you,
Erica Egan

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

From: suesy99 <suesy99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sue Sy
HB Resident

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Council Agenda Item #30 - Flag Displays

From: Gino J. Bruno <gbruno@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Zelinka, Al <Al.Zelinka@surfcity-hb.org>; Hopkins, Travis <thopkins@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Council Agenda Item #30 - Flag Displays

Council members . . .

Regarding Item #30 on Tuesdays Agenda (re: flag displays) . . .

Council member Pat Burns is quoted in the press as saying:

"The City of Huntington Beach should avoid actions that could easily or mistakenly be perceived as divisive. We are one community with many different cultures and people. All are equally valued members of our community, and none are to be treated differently or discriminated against." He's right.

Who can take issue or argue with that?

I reviewed some of the emails in opposition received by the City Clerk as 'Supplemental Communications,' and they are virtually all the same 'cut and paste' email generated by residents of God knows where.

I urge your support of the "H" offering of Mr. Burns . . .

Gino J. Bruno
Huntington Beach

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Joanne Shimpock <jshimpock@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Joanne Shimpock

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:30 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: lorireveles@gmail.com <lorireveles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:27 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

I suppose the pride flag being displayed in June! It should be displayed all year long to show our support for all of its residents. 🌈

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:30 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag is necessary

From: Khue Bui <khuethethird@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 11:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag is necessary

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen who spends a lot of time and money in Huntington Beach. If the pride flag is removed from city council, it signals that the LGBTQ community is not welcome, and it will hurt many. I for one would be avoiding your city if so. Please keep the pride flag up.

Thank you,
Khue Bui

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:52 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

From: Greg Ferree <ferreegm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 6:54 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

February 4, 2023
Hon. Members of the City Council
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear Mayor Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember McKeon, Councilmember Kalmick, Councilmember Moser, and Councilmember Bolton

Re: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

My name is Greg Ferree and I'm wife and I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for 57 years.

I am so proud of the city of Huntington Beach for flying the LGBTQ Flag. My family and I support this effort to keep it flying. Huntington Beach has always attracted the best, the unique and the forward thinking.

I hope to always see the city supporting all its diverse residents, artists, and community. Bravo, Huntington Beach!

Sincerely,

Greg Ferree

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:52 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: SallySanders <sally_sanders@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:45 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear city council members.

My name is Sally Sanders and I am writing to say, it's very bigoted of you all if you don't keep the Pride flag for Pride Month. Are we going backwards here in Orange County?? It seems we are making progress, then someone decides LGBTQ+ people need to go back in the closet. We WON'T go back. Please do the right thing. Keep the Pride flag. It sends out a strong message to the community. What do you want that message to be?

Thank you.

Sally Sanders

Sent from my iPad

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:52 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Long Term Resident Request

From: Don Stewart <dtstewart55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:11 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Long Term Resident Request

HB City Council Members

Please read and respect my views on a current topic within the City.

I am a 40 year + resident of Huntington Beach and I fully support the removal of the rainbow flag from Government buildings in Huntington Beach. It is a divisive symbol that has no place on Government buildings. Our Constitution allows freedom of religion in public and private spaces, however, does not sanction one denomination or religion by flying their flag on Government buildings. Our Constitution also allows freedom of expression, including sexual orientations of those recognized by the rainbow flag. Individuals may wear clothing, have signs but our government should not sanction one group by displaying their flag on Government buildings. It is a divisive symbol because it conflicts with many people's moral beliefs. Most religions, including Christians, Muslims, Judaism and others consider the practice a sin although not illegal. I want to add that the rainbow flag has acquired different groups to widen its attraction. What started out as gay and lesbian members has now grown to include transgenders and some will include minorly attracted persons (which is pedophiles). Pedophilia is illegal and is a serious mental disorder that needs to be treated and not displayed as acceptable. Please remove this flag immediately and unify our city under the US, State and POW flags.

Don Stewart
6402 Sligo Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:53 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: Dani Pickard <danielle2dgo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:16 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Hello!

Please leave up the pride flag for pride month! In every group on the planet there are good people and bad people, so don't hate a whole group! Pride month is essential especially for young people who are feeling, "hmm, I'm nervous that I may not be straight..." because it can validate their identity and introduce them to a joyful community that destigmatizes education on safe sex and mental health. Be one of the good people in your group and help unify humanity.

Thank you!

Dani Pickard

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:53 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: please keep the Pride flag flying

From: Gen K. Maciel <genkramer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: please keep the Pride flag flying

Dear Huntington Beach City Council-

Please keep the Pride flag flying in June to celebrate Pride month. It is a symbol of hope and acceptance and inclusion. In flying the Pride flag, you are letting countless kids, and maybe even adults, know that they are seen and worthy here in our great city. For the sake of the mental health of our kids and their peers, this is a message Huntington Beach should continue to promote. Putting the flag up is a very small price to pay to keep our LGBTQ kids from feeling isolated or depressed, and all the negative consequences that can come from those feelings.

Thank you for your time,
Genevieve Maciel

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:54 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Public comment re PRIDE flag

From: Stephen Boniface <skb488@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:55 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Public comment re PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members, I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Sincerely,

Stephen Boniface
(Frequent HB visitor)

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Stephen Boniface
(Please excuse any dictation errors!)

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Moore, Tania

From: Adriana Bertero <adribertero@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Regarding agenda for upcoming Tuesday meeting

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Adriana Bertero

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:56 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the Pride Flag Flying in June

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

From: Sophie Hansing <suh300@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 12:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag Flying in June

To whom it may concern,

I am a SoCal resident who has been to Huntington Beach many times. I am also a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Huntington Beach deserves to have the Pride Flag flown during Pride Month this June. The Pride Flag is a small yet powerful symbol of inclusion. Removing it would be an act of erasure of Huntington Beach's LGBTQ+ community. The flag deserves to be displayed proudly like it is in so many cities across the country.

Huntington Beach is a popular tourist destination, and I encourage you to consider the message that removing the flag will send to those considering visiting. I know its removal would discourage me and my family from visiting and spending money, and I would make sure that others around me know what Huntington Beach stands for, and what it does not.

The removal of the Pride Flag sends a message that Huntington Beach does not accept or support its LGBTQ+ residents, which is unacceptable. Please voice your support in maintaining the Pride Flag during June.

Thank you,
Miles

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: KEEP THE PRIDE FLAG FLYING DURING JUNE

From: christina suarez <suarezchristina6@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 1:10 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: KEEP THE PRIDE FLAG FLYING DURING JUNE

To whomever it may concern,

I am a SoCal resident who has spent many summer days in Huntington Beach. I am also a member of the LGBTQ+ community and enjoy seeing the pride flag flown in June around Huntington Beach. The pride flag may be small but it is a symbol of your support for members of the LGBTQ+ community who have been experiencing high levels of violence and attempted erasure more and more. Flying the pride flag in June notifies your LGBTQ+ community members that they are safe, heard, seen and appreciated which is what every human being deserves regardless of race, gender, class, and sexual orientation.

The removal of the pride flag sends the message that Huntington Beach does not support its LGBTQ+ residents which is unacceptable. Please keep flying the pride flag this June.

Sincerely,
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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Feb 7 Meeting Agenda Items

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

From: James Taylor <jtaylor2@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 4:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Feb 7 Meeting Agenda Items

Dear City Council Members:

As a 45-year resident of HB, I have comments on several of the agenda items on the February 7 agenda:

Item 11 — I don't support the idea of allowing more money in politics, particularly from out of the City. This increase will allow special interests to have even more influence on our City affairs. A broader contribution base of relatively small donors would be much more representative of our community. Please do not approve this increase.

Item 12 — Requiring in-person complaints will discourage people who have the most visibility into code violations from pointing them out. For example, restaurant workers who observe dangerous health code violations may be hesitant to report them for fear of losing their jobs. Also, neighbors who observe violation of building codes may not report them for fear of retribution. This proposal sounds like a very bad idea.

Item 30 — I support this one. We should not be flying special interest flags, which we may not all agree with, on city flag poles. POW/MIA flags should be OK and non-controversial, but all others should not be allowed.

Item 31 — Although I do not support the State housing regulations being challenged, spending more City money to challenge them seems like a waste of taxpayer money and staff time. The current City Attorney has not had a record of success with these challenges, and there is no reason to believe the same City Attorney will do any better in the future. We should accept the fact that these regulations exist, and try to find a way to comply with them in an absolutely minimal way. Money could be more productively spent by exploring how we could best comply with the letter (if not the spirit) of the rules.

Item 32 — Given that the COVID threat is much reduced (especially for people who get the available boosters), I see no reason to reverse the Mayor's decree.

James J Taylor
16851 Phelps Lane
Huntington Beach

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:08 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item #30 City Flags

From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 6:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item #30 City Flags

Most Flags and made to unite behind and bring people and causes together. The Rainbow Flag is a Social Engineering Policy of one's sexual preferences and only divides the people in our community. All one needs to do is read the HB Community Forums, these Social Policy Flags just divide our community, some for religious reasons and some for political reasons. Why on earth would we want to Divide our community over a Social Policy Flag? Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity? Does that not open up our city to include other sexual preference flags like the NAMBLA Flag? if they declare July as Man Boy Love Month are we obligated to fly their flag? This all started as a political stunt in 2021 when one group had the majority, it is time to end this stunt and stop the further division in our community. In our city, we have gone for over 100 years with the American Flag, the State Flag, and our City Flag leave well enough alone and stop with the Social Engineering Policy of division.

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag Discussion February 7 Meeting - Please Continue to Display Publicly

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

From: Melissa Waters <msimply3@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:01 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag Discussion February 7 Meeting - Please Continue to Display Publicly

Hello Huntington Beach City Council Members,

Please do not remove the Pride flag from public display. The flag is a symbol of inclusion and of caring and love. Those are things to encourage and cherish. Huntington Beach is celebrated throughout the country as Surf City. It would be a shame to have that fun image tarnished by close minded hatred.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Waters

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride

From: Robyn Ngo <robynheingo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:48 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Robyn Ngo

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:10 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the Pride Flag Flying in HB

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

From: Tiffany Le <tiffany.nm.le@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:03 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag Flying in HB

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tiffany Le, a resident and educator in Orange County, and former student of Huntington Beach Unified School District. I want to express my concern about the agenda item for the next city council meeting to not have the Pride flag displayed during Pride month. The impact and message of not having the Pride flag up can be detrimental to our LGBTQ+ community, including LGBTQ youth who are at a much higher risk of suicide. The simple act of having the Pride flag up during Pride month can show our community that every individual matters, and that they deserve to be proud and loved. Please reconsider keeping the Pride flag flying in Huntington Beach as it is important for all LGBTQ+ community members!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Le

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:13 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: pride flag

From: joseph olsen <joepaulolsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:18 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: pride flag

Dear HB city council members

The removal of the pride flag sends a message that your city (I live in Anaheim) does not support nor accept its LGBTQIA+ residents, which is unacceptable. Please voice your support in maintaining the pride flag during June.

Sincerely,

Joseph Paul Olsen Jr.

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:43 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

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

From: Erin Spivey <erinisalibrarian@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 11:30 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Dear City Council,

I recently read that there is a motion to remove the Pride flag from being flown this June. I am extremely disappointed that our council would consider such a divisive and hateful move. To remove the flag would signal to residents, businesses, tourists, etc that members of the LGBTQ+ community are not only not welcome, but completely rejected by this city. Does this city really want to turn back a message of welcome for millions of Americans?

I hope not.

I urge you to keep the Pride flag flying and send the message that all are welcome in Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,
Erin Spivey

Sent from my iphone, please excuse any typos

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:43 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: REMOVE THE RAINBOW FLAG

From: Alex Bennett <abenedettini@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: REMOVE THE RAINBOW FLAG

HB City Council Members

Please read and respect my views on a current topic within the City.

I am a resident of Huntington Beach and I fully support the removal of the rainbow flag from Government buildings in Huntington Beach. It is a divisive symbol that has no place on Government buildings. Our Constitution allows freedom of religion in public and private spaces, however, does not sanction one denomination or religion by flying their flag on Government buildings. Our Constitution also allows freedom of expression, including sexual orientations of those recognized by the rainbow flag. Individuals may wear clothing, have signs but our government should not sanction one group by displaying their flag on Government buildings.

It is a divisive symbol because it conflicts with many people's moral beliefs. Most religions, including Christians, Muslims, Judaism and others consider the practice a sin although not illegal

Please remove this flag immediately and unify our city under the US, State and POW flags.

Alex Benedettini

6091 Tyndall drive

Huntington Beach 92647

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:44 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: PRIDE flag

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

From: Najla <najlasamaan1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear council members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June .

The LGBTQ+ Community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance . I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for the Huntington Beach residents and all of those who visit them , Sincerely, Najla Samaan

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:45 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Councilmember Item #30 at the 2-7-23 council meeting.

From: Dan Jamieson <danjamieson4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Vote NO on Councilmember Item #30 at the 2-7-23 council meeting.

Dear City Council:

Please vote NO on Councilmember Item #30 at the 2-7-23 council meeting.

We wish to reiterate the comments of the Anti-Defamation League of Orange County/Long Beach. As the League notes, the Pride Flag is not an insult to any group. It simply signals that the city is welcoming to people who have been harassed, discriminated against, fired, abused and even murdered based on who they are. The Pride Flag is an important symbol for Huntington Beach to support.

Also note that for many, the city has a national reputation as a home for hate groups and their sympathizers. As HB residents, we do not believe this image is accurate. But if the council votes to ban the Pride Flag, you will play up this image and receive press and social-media attention. This kind of attention will cause serious harm to the image of "Surf City U.S.A." as a welcoming place for residents and visitors.

Please vote NO on item #30.

Sincerely,

Dan Jamieson

Roxanne McMillen

Huntington Beach

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:46 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow Flag

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

From: Michael Myers <michaeljmyers@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:37 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow Flag

In complete support of this powerful symbol of diversity, hope, inclusion, resilience and welcome.

Ideals that Huntington Beach should continuously espouse.

Thank you.

Michael Myers

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:47 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please keep the Pride Flag flying in June, for HB's youth

From: cmoramar@aol.com <cmoramar@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 3:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please keep the Pride Flag flying in June, for HB's youth

Good afternoon,

I am writing because I have found out there might be a vote to not put up the Pride Flag during the month of June. I can't tell you how sad this makes me. I was so happy last year to hear about the flag being raised during Pride month. I work with Huntington Beach's youth and I know how happy it made all of them, not just those in the LGBTQ community, to know their city was moving towards inclusivity and that they knew all members of HB's community are welcome and recognized. I myself was proud of the city. I thought, finally, the city is doing something about its terrible reputation as a place of racism, homophobia, and exclusion of others. We are a beautiful city with a population that wants to move forward and represent all of our population. The LGBTQ community lives and works here. They are part of our community. Let's show them we recognize the struggles many in that community have endured and show we are working together to ensure all members of Huntington Beach are welcome here.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Christina Moramarco

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:48 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: The Flag

From: En Mar <cleanupmama90@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:00 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: The Flag

Hello, I am writing to please request that the PRIDE flag no longer be displayed at the pier. I have lived here most of my life and was so disappointed to see the focus of our Surf City to go from city, state and country to highlighting sexual preferences.

I'm not sure if you are aware of the talking amongst the Junior Lifeguard parents. There were so many that were so bothered and angry, many saying they didn't want to continue with the program. Parents bring their kids down to the program for a wholesome time of learning how to respect the ocean, Now there is a flag flying high celebrating the sexual leanings of adults. This is so bothersome because it is forcing parents to have conversations with young children about things that they are not mature enough to digest. I noticed this happening in our library, too. In the last few years, this culture is pushing the sexualization of children. FYI, one of the groups of people that the flag represents is MAP (minor attracted persons). Even the LGBTQ people in my life do not support advertising these lifestyles in family areas. We can let people who identify to be part of this group to have their private lives in peace without needing to advertise what they prefer to do behind closed doors on our public pier. Honestly, the best way to encourage acceptance for any group of people is not by force.

Instead of flying the PRIDE flag, why not consider flying a flag that honors our military or veterans that have fought for this country's freedom? It is ironic that our veterans get one day to celebrate but fluid sexuality gets a month?

This summer, I vote for letting our kids focus on fun in the sun and talk about kid things, not what the flag flying above them on the beach stands for. Let's not let this family beach town turn into another Venice Beach.

Please remove the flag from our pier. It is provoking anxiety for so many families with young children. These are kind and loving families who just want their kids to grow up without agendas and sexuality being forced on them.

Thank you for considering the position of so many of our families.

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:49 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: vanessa berry <forvanessab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:05 PM
To: Strickland, Tony <Tony.Strickland@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fw: Pride Flag

Sorry,

HB has lived without this flag since it's formation,
it can live without it.

Is it really a city's duty to wave a sexual flag?
Is it really necessary to only fly one perspective on sexual preference
if they were to fly a sexual flag?

It seems more discriminatory then inclusive esp. to family and friends
who are living organic, natural, God's design for humanity.

I say no to the Pride Flag.
Never voted on it going up anyway.
Mrs. Berry

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:49 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

From: Jane Dunn <buwanen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Jane Dunn

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:50 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag at HB Pier

From: Karen Askenaze <truthandbeautyseeker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Strickland, Tony <Tony.Strickland@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag at HB Pier

Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council Members,

As leaders and public servants, I know that you all take your roles very seriously, and I thank you for your dedication and service to our community. As a native of Huntington Beach, an alumni of Edison and parents to two Edison High students, I have long held Huntington Beach and its beautiful culture close to my heart.

We all know that times are rapidly changing and there are many divisive issues facing our city, nation, and even our world, I know we all agree, though, that we want to make our city as wonderful as possible.

A few years ago, when I first saw the pride flag waving at the HB Pier, I honestly felt dismayed. The beach should be a place for recreation and relaxation--not a place for political statements. I don't believe that displaying the pride flag makes our beach safer for anyone. People of all creeds, colors, and orientations can access our beaches safely. We do not need what feels like virtue signaling and political grandstanding at our beach. There are no policies or practices at our beaches which are discriminatory. I challenge you to name one.

Last summer during Jr. Guards, my ten year old son was told by another child, who pointed to the flag, about how the flag represented gay marriage and gay equality. This led to a conversation about sexual orientation, sexual positions, details about how gay people have sex, and other sexual issues that my son was not ready for. My son shared this with me when he came home, and we talked about it, but I wish he had not had such early exposure to that information. I believe that this topic never would have come up had the flag not been there. Exposing children to sexual topics is a form of grooming and should not be happening.

While we all love the idea of inclusion, love, and harmony, no one can deny that the rainbow flag primarily connotes concepts of sexuality and sexual identity, despite the brown and black stripes which were added recently. I don't know any straight people of color who identify with the rainbow flag, yet it seems primarily to be a banner of pride in the LGBTQ community. Topics of sexual preference and identity are not appropriate to emphasize at a public beach, particularly one that focuses on hosting children's events.

Let's keep politics out of our beaches and stick to surfing, sunbathing, and shaved ice.

With respect and gratitude for your service,
Karen Askenaze
Mom, teacher, beach lover, and Huntington Beach native

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Karen Askenaze

"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work." -J.Trainer

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Inclusion

From: bergen.tomlinson@gmail.com <bergen.tomlinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:50 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Inclusion

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Bergen Tomlinson

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag
Attachments: IMG_20230206_071812.jpg

From: Amber Sides <asides1010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 7:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: Pride Flag

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Amber Sides** <asides1010@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 6, 2023, 7:27 AM
Subject: Pride Flag
To: <tony.strickland@surfcity-hb.org>, <citycouncil@surfcity-hb.org>

Dear City Council,

Please reconsider flying the pride flag on the pier for the month of June (or any time of the year).

Though we want to be inclusive and love all people, the pride flag is not about inclusion. This flag is about sex. Can we please just leave our pier free of such divisive symbols?

We should only fly the American Flag and California flag. We don't need to fly flags about sex or about skin color. Where does this end anyway? Our society is trying to cause so many divisions with all these symbols and pronouns. Please keep the beach free of political statements.

Please see the clip of all the different pride flags. Where does this ever end? Where is the flag for heterosexual? If we were to fly a flag for that, we would be considered close minded or hateful. There are no signs on the pier or Beach that say people who choose that lifestyle are not welcome. Why do we need these flags flying? Can we consider a flag free community, that way no ones feelings are hurt.

Thank you for considering the entire community!

Amber Sides
Costa Mesa Resident
Huntington Beach native and beach lover
Parents of 2 teenagers

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Many groups within the LGBTQIA2-S community have their own Pride flags. There are specific flags celebrating the identities of transgender, bisexual, lesbian, pansexual, asexual, and other communities. Still, the rainbow-striped flag has historically been the most used and recognized symbol representing Pride for the LGBTQIA2-S community overall.



Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Support of the Pride Flag

From: Angela Mills <poor.angie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:26 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Support of the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Angela Mills (Registered Nurse and mom of 3)

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: PRIDE Flag

From: Sarah Poor <smalltowngal81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:29 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: PRIDE Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sarah Poor

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: PRIDE flag

From: Rita Pinkerton <rdpinkerton1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:29 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,

Rita Pinkerton

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."
MLK

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: The Beautiful and Important Pride Flag

From: Elana K. Arnold <elanakarnold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: The Beautiful and Important Pride Flag

Hello,

I am a local author of children's books and parent. I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the Pride flag. LGBTQIA folks are part of our community, and flying the rainbow flag sends an important message of belonging to them.

Please don't bow under the pressure of a few bullies. The wave of the future is expansive, joyful, and inclusive, and Huntington Beach has the opportunity to be part of it.

All My Best,

Elana

Elana K. Arnold
Bestselling & Award-Winning Author of Books For & About Children & Teens



www.elanakarnold.com

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:35 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW:

From: Judy Tomlinson <judyatomlinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:28 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Rev. Judy Tomlinson

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Rev. Judy Tomlinson
She, her, hers
Minister Emerita
Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair, NJ
retired to Huntington Beach, CA

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 30: New flag ordinance to ban flags to be flown on city flag poles.
Proposed by Pat Burns

From: pamela mcinroy <pmcinroy@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:57 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 30: New flag ordinance to ban flags to be flown on city flag poles. Proposed by Pat Burns

I feel that this city has more important matters than banning flags from government buildings. Why are we moving backwards? We, as a city, have a lot of things that need to get done, banning the pride flag (as well as other city flags and others) is a waste of time. Also, why pick the MIA/POW flag to include? This proposal is not necessary and not something that the residents of Huntington Beach want. Let's get back to the things that need our attention.

Dr. Pam McInroy, a resident of Huntington Harbour.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: john wacaster <johntwacaster@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:34 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB needs to keep flying the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members, I STRONGLY disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Sincerely,
john

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john

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Susanna Vesco <txsueves3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:12 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep Pride Flag Flying

To whom it may concern,

The removal of the pride flag sends a message that the city does not support or accept its LGBTQIA+ residents, which is unacceptable.

Please continue to fly the pride flag showing support of ALL citizens.

Thank you,

Susanna Vesco

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: mikayla conte <mikaylamconte@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: LGBTQIA FLAG

Dear Council Members,

My name is Mikayla Conte, I have lived in Orange County my whole life and have been enrolled in school in Huntington Beach for over 12 years. I went to St. Bonaventure Catholic School for 9 years (K-12) and then Huntington Beach High School for 4. I came out as Bisexual last year and I am so grateful that my community and friends have accepted me and made me feel safe in expressing myself. I am emailing you today to share with you a very important thing that I learned from Catholic school which is to love thy neighbor. Not only me and my community, but many other allie's wholeheartedly disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, and to stop the flying of the flag would be an infringement upon everyone's rights. It hurts my heart to hear what is up for discussion, and to feel unsafe in a community I grew up in and still live in. The PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance, if these values are not values that Huntington Beach aligns with, this should be a huge eye opening moment. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for every LGBTQ+ resident and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely

Mikayla Conte

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023
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Moore, Tania

From: Kristina Mahan <momofbgk1974@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:07 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride flag

Dear city council members,

I am a long time resident of HB and I am writing to implore you to keep flying the pride flag during pride month. It goes a long way to make people feel included and supported in our community. We have made good progress, please do not move us backwards. I would also like the city to explore hosting a pride parade in June. Many cities do this in support of the LGBTQ community, and it would bring in revenue for local businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristina Mahan

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Moore, Tania

From: Sabrina and Lexi Sing <sabrinabouck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:24 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep the Pride flag flying

Keeping the Pride flag flying let's everyone know that HB is an inclusive, love-filled community. It helps show our youth that they are loved and protected as they are. The LGBTQ+ face so many threats to their safety including an increased likelihood of self-harm/suicide. The biggest indicator of the risk for suicide is whether or not an LGBTQ+ person is given love and acceptance. The city flying the flag is like a beacon of hope.

Allow HB to be a lighthouse!

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: suesy99 <suesy99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:17 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sue Sy
HB Resident

Sent from my Galaxy

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Spoon Maiorca <evocatorsamurai@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:55 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Thank you for your time,
Spoon Maiorca, Lord of Spoons

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: Joanne Shimpock <jshimpock@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:22 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Joanne Shimpock

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Gen K. Maciel <genkramer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:41 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please keep the Pride flag flying in June

Dear Huntington Beach City Council-

Please keep the Pride flag flying in June to celebrate Pride month. It is a symbol of hope and acceptance and inclusion. In flying the Pride flag, you are letting countless kids, and maybe even adults, know that they are seen and worthy here in our great city. For the sake of the mental health of our kids and their peers, this is a message Huntington Beach should continue to promote. Putting the flag up is a very small price to pay to keep our LGBTQ kids from feeling isolated or depressed, and all the negative consequences that can come from those feelings.

Thank you for your time,
Genevieve Maciel

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Stephen Boniface <skb488@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:56 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public comment re flying Pride flag

Dear Council Members, I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Sincerely,

Stephen Boniface
(Frequent HB visitor)

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Stephen Boniface
(Please excuse any dictation errors!)

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: FromKrista <fromkrista@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; Krista
Subject: Ordinance for Intro. 23-109 of the 02.0.23 City Council Agenda

Dear Council Members,

The LGBTQ+ Community are your constituents, tax payers, community leaders, neighbors and friends who deserve the same inclusion as every other community member. I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June as it is an important symbol of unity and acceptance in our city. Furthermore, the flag serves as a reminder to those who want to keep Huntington Beach UNSAFE for LGBTQ+ community members that hate has no place here in Surf City. If you agree, please do not allow this movement to proceed forward.

Most Sincerely,
Krista LaMonica, Voting Constituent

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Sara Cary <sarakelly79@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

I've heard that the city may be considering no longer flying the pride flag in the month of June. I really hope this is not true. The flag is excellent way to show the community our love and support for the LGBTQIA+ members of our community. Removing it sends a message that these individuals are not safe and not welcome here.

As a long time resident of HB I really hope you all keep our city inclusive and accepting.

Best regards,

Sara

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Nathan Schneekluth <n.schneekluth@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 11:14 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Motion to Stop Flying the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance.

Huntington Beach already has an infamous reputation outside of Orange County as an enclave for regressive bigoted people and behavior. By entertaining the motion to cease flying the pride flag - something that nearly every other country, city and corporation does in the month of June - you are verifying that negative perception of Huntington Beach as a hateful place to live.

I understand that the rationale for not flying the flag is to avoid being divisive, but it is the year 2023. Ru Paul's Drag Race is one of the most popular shows on television, Laverne Cox - a trans woman actress - is a household name, Andy Cohen and Anderson Cooper - two openly gay men - host a new years eve show that is broadcast internationally, and 16 to 20 percent of Generation Z identifies as LGBTQ+. For you to think that NOT flying the flag is somehow less divisive than flying it is at best out of touch and at worst a bad faith argument to justify capitulating to the intolerant vocal minority that is so damaging to our city's image.

It costs you next to nothing to fly this flag. To rescind this infinitesimal symbolic gesture of tolerance sends a very dangerous and damaging message to the LGBTQ+ folks who live here. It validates the ridicule and scrutiny that many LGBTQ+ kids face growing up in this city. It says, "I don't care about you faggots enough to even fly this piece of fabric with six colors on it." Is that the kind of message that we want to send not only to our city, but to the rest of the world?

I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. And I ask that you make Mr. Burns remaining term in the city council as unpleasant as humanly possible. At best, this man is dangerously out of touch, and at worst he's actively pandering to the hateful vocal minority that is a source of our city's infamous reputation.

Sincerely,
Nathan Schneekluth
AKA René

Best,
Nathan S.
(714) 955 1224

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Tom Watson <popstack52@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 12:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fly the PRIDE flag in June!

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my dismay to learn that the city council is considering a motion to stop flying the PRIDE flag during June. Why would you do this? Why would Huntington Beach withdraw its solidarity from this movement?

I am not LGBTQ+ but I lost my younger brother who was gay to AIDS in 2006. I also have many LGBTQ friends and know that members of this community still face many obstacles in our society. As with civil rights in general, the struggle for equality and the pursuit of happiness in our society is far from over, while many gains have thankfully been made. I will always want a society that is more accepting of people like my brother. Had society in the 80s supported gay marriage, for example, my brother would quite likely never have contracted AIDS. Also we would have quite likely given AIDS research higher priority early on.

Flying the PRIDE flag during June is one way we can stand in solidarity with LGBTQ+ members of our community. We are already doing the right thing. There is no good reason to stop and I truly hope we will not.

Respectfully,
Tom Watson

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Allison D. Smith <allidsmith@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 2:47 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Allison Smith

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Blake Williams <blake.a.williams@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 5:14 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

Hey city council,

Keep the Pride Flag Up!!! I've grown up in this city, and it's wonderful to have a pride flag here, even if it's just for pride month.

-Blake Williams
<http://blakeaw.ca>

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Mark Rosenberg <markrosenbergmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 6:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Personal comment to the City Council

Hello City Council,

My name is Mark Rosenberg and I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for about 8 years now. I chose to move to this city because of its natural beauty and the acceptance and open mindedness that seemed to be growing in town. This is why I am emailing you today.

I feel it is vital to continue flying the rainbow pride flag. I feel this way, as a Jewish person, a n ally, and someone with multiple family members who identify as lgbtq.

I know what it's like to been targeted as someone that does not fit. I grew up on a town in Connecticut that, while it was relatively accepting, was not remotely diverse and had VERY few Jewish people. I suffered from attacks, verbal and occasionally physical, just because I was different. This was in a climate where it is widely (at least publicly) shunned to be antisemitic (the good old days...). As for my lgbtq friends and family, they did not have that part. There is no common understanding that picking on someone for being lgbtq is wrong. In fact, this group is targeted by countless folks, from religious groups to politicians and legislators. This why a public show of support for this group is vital. The targeting of young lgbtq children has had devastating effects on the safety (emotional and physical) of these children, and if even only one child sees that flag and feels included, it is well worth it.

Now let's move to the obvious: it's already been up. To remove the flag now would boldly suggest that the city of Huntington Beach, via a city council without a supermajority, does not support and welcome these folks (children included). Now you might argue that flying it in the first place is unequal treatment. "What about other groups?" I would argue that that is a moot point as again, the flag has already been flying, so the only statement you can make now is either keep it up as is, or take it down and set a precedent that the city does not show that support. It's been mere months since the massacre in Colorado Springs, only years since pulse. This is no time to be playing around with this narrative.

Additionally, I might ask, who does this flag harm? Does it intimidate people? It certainly doesn't suggest anything other than acceptance and unity. I have love believed that the only real opposition to lgbtq rights and support is religious groups and there is no shortage of legal precedent to show that those religious groups and their beliefs have no place among legislative sessions. Our constitution very clearly states the founders' intentions (especially Jefferson) to keep particular religious beliefs out of our legislation in order to protect the religious freedoms and all other freedoms of all Americans.

So for these reasons and out of the decency of your hearts, I beg of you to take the Hebrew saying to heart, tikkun olam which is to make the world a better place. Make the world a more accepting place and protect the vulnerable. Please keep that flag flying for our friends and family that need to see it today, tomorrow, and in the future.

Thank you for your time,

Mark Rosenberg

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Proud Huntington Beach Resident

Moore, Tania

From: Robyn Ngo <robynhelngo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:49 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Robyn Ngo
Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Nicholas Dilando <n.dilando@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 4:58 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Fwd: Keep The Pride Flag Up

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nicholas Dilando** <n.dilando@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Feb 5, 2023 at 4:56 AM
Subject: Keep The Pride Flag Up
To: <supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.com>, <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please continue to fly the PRIDE Flag, and furthermore I strongly encourage you to provide support for all of your constituents. Please be inclusive to all. Your support for the LGBTQ+ Community is extremely vital and your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Di Lando
Concerned Citizen

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Karen Hight <karen@karenhight.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 6:26 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag Support for keeping it flying🏳️🌈

Hello,

I am writing to you, the City Council Members of Huntington Beach to express my support for the Pride Flag to continue to fly.

You are stirring up unnecessary controversy by wanting to take it down.

Why wouldn't you want to make/keep the global destination of Surf City USA INCLUSIVE?

Costa Mesa tried this and the flag flies.

Please leave the flag as is and move onto more important issues within your city.

Thank you,
Karen Hight

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Gary Tarkington <garytarkington@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 8:48 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda 30, the flag!

Importance: High

In part, this was taken from another's response, however it also represents how I feel also...

"I am writing in support of Agenda Item 30. As Council Member Burns correctly notes, it is inappropriate to fly any flag of a partisan or divisive nature on City property. Limiting flags to be flown as he recommends is obviously the correct policy.

Beyond that, we cannot avoid noticing that the only other flag people are clamoring for is the so-called Pride flag. This particular flag celebrates diverse forms of sexual practices that deviate from the conventional, Bible-based morality. Flying it is an attack on that morality."

I strongly feel that ANY city should only fly flags pertaining to the Country, State, Military, and City, NOT any personal preference (I don't care what month it is) pertaining to any sexual anything! This is not what we represent. If people want the pride flag, or anything else along those lines, they can fly it at their private residences!

Also, I strongly believe that people who are NOT residents of our community of Huntington Beach have no business expressing their preference as to what should be flown here, and should NOT be allowed to speak to this!

Thank you for your time,

Ann Tarkington

Huntington Beach

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Moore, Tania

From: H Meyers <hmeysan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 9:18 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: In support of flying the rainbow flag

I have lived in Huntington Beach for 27 years. I support the flying of the rainbow flag during the LGBTQ celebration of pride.

Saying that the flag is divisive just endorses discrimination against LGBTQ people. Huntington Beach has seen its reputation suffer with frequent demonstrations of intolerance and fomenting of misinformation. Flying the rainbow flag asserts our city's affirmation as a welcoming place.

Thank you,
Hildy Meyers

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: christopher.j.varga@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 10:10 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Public Comment CC 2/7/23

Huntington Beach City Council,

The following are comments to agenda items for the City Council Meeting on 2/7/23

Agenda Item 30 (23-109) - The Pat Burns' Flags on Display agenda item, if passed, is an alert to all, that the LGBTQ+ people and their supports are not welcomed in Huntington Beach. This banning of the Rainbow flag on city property is wrong in so many ways but for now I'll just address the anti-business signal this represents. I thought this City Council was pro small business? The LGBTQ+ segment of the population and their supporters has money, and love to spend it going out, fixing up their Huntington Beach homes, etc. Removing the Pride flag sends the wrong message. The press is already jumping on this negative act of exclusion and not inclusion. The City of Huntington Beach needs to show it welcomes all. Tourism is a big part of the Huntington Beach economy. Flying the Pride Flag encourages all to come and enjoy Huntington tremendously more than any negativity by fly the Pride flag. Support small business. **"NO"** ON THIS AGENDA ITEM!

Agenda Item 32 (23-119) – Reinstatement Remote Citizen Participation at Public Meetings – I am in favor to reinstate the Remote Citizen participating at Public Meetings. **"YES"** on this agenda item. There are Huntington Beach residents that are not able to attend City Council meeting for various reasons. No able physically or have a medical condition that do not allow them to attend large gathering as well many others. We as a City should allow these citizen the same right to vocalize their thoughts as those that can attend. This capability should be available to all citizens.

Sincerely,

Chris Varga
508 18th St
HB, CA 92648

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Gregory Cline <cligregaz@googlemail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:13 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Objection to your non-inclusive legislation

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for its LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Gregory Cline
Seminarian
Starr King School for The Ministry
Chaplaincy Institute
cligregaz@gmail.com
480 277 1915

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: cmoramar@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 3:54 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please continue to support and include all youth in our community

Good afternoon,

I am writing because I have found out there might be a vote to not put up the Pride Flag during the month of June. I can't tell you how sad this makes me. I was so happy last year to hear about the flag being raised during Pride month. I work with Huntington Beach's youth and I know how happy it made all of them, not just those in the LGBTQ community, to know their city was moving towards inclusivity and that they knew all members of HB's community are welcome and recognized. I myself was proud of the city. I thought, finally, the city is doing something about its terrible reputation as a place of racism, homophobia, and exclusion of others. We are a beautiful city with a population that wants to move forward and represent all of our population. The LGBTQ community lives and works here. They are part of our community. Let's show them we recognize the struggles many in that community have endured and show we are working together to ensure all members of Huntington Beach are welcome here.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Christina Moramarco

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: alene taber <alene.taber@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 8:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public Comment Letter for February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 30
Attachments: 2023-2-5 ltr to City Council Agenda Item 30.pdf

Please provide a copy of this letter to the City Council before the meeting on February 7, 2023.

Thank you,
Alene Taber Capeci

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COMMUNICATION**

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Alene Taber Capeci (alene.taber@gmail.com)
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

February 5, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY
(City.Council@surfcity-hb.org & SupplementalComm@Surfcity-hb.org)

Mayor Tony Strickland
Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark
Council Member Pat Burns
Council Member Casey McKeon
Council Member Dan Dalmick
Council Member Natalie Moser
Council Member Rhonda Bolton
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Subject: February 7, 2023, City Council Meeting Re: Agenda Item 30 – Request to Prepare an Ordinance that Limits Flag Displays at City Facilities

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Members:

Council Member Burns requests that this City enact an ordinance to remove from public display on City flag poles, the Pride Flag. He claims this action avoids divisiveness and would be in the “true spirit of unity.” Nothing is further from the truth. There should be no question that this proposal is intended as a mean spirited, divisive action aimed at marginalizing members of our community solely because of their sexual orientation.

Flags are important symbols of community membership, unity, and visibility. Every person in our community deserves to be visible, to be treated with respect, and welcomed as an equal and valuable member of society. The flying of the Pride Flag shows that our community is inclusive and welcoming to all persons. Civilized, modern society does not provide space for bigotry, hate, and discrimination to grow.

The community and the 11 million annual visitors to our City are watching. Are you going to vote to show that this City is inclusive and welcoming, or that it is fine with intolerance and hate? I ask you to stand on the side of inclusiveness and welcoming.

Sincerely,


Alene Taber Capeci

Moore, Tania

From: bergen.tomlinson@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:51 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Inclusion

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Bergen Tomlinson

Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Angela Mills <poor.angie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:27 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support of the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Angela Mills (Registered Nurse and mom of 3)

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Sarah Poor <smalltowngal81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:29 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sarah Poor

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Rita Pinkerton <rdpinkerton1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:31 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Rita Pinkerton

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."
MLK

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Moore, Tania

From: Carolyn Healy <healy.carolyn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:38 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely, Carolyn Healy

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Moore, Tania

From: Casey Brown <casey.lee37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:01 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag

This is an email in support of keeping the Pride flag proudly displayed by the city of Huntington Beach during Pride Month in June. The Pride flag is a symbol of acceptance and tolerance for all, and to not wave it in support of a marginalized community that exists and lives in Huntington Beach would unnecessarily keep people out of the beautiful city we all love. Please show respect and inclusion for all by keeping the Pride flag waving in June.

Respectfully,
Casey Brown

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: Kim Gordon Amaral <kgordon81@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:18 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Allyship is a verb!

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Kim Amaral

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: Buffie Channel <hbbuffie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:04 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 30 - Limiting Flag Displays

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COMMUNICATION**

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To Huntington Beach City Council,

I am writing to express opposition to Limiting Flag Displays and support to continue flying the Pride flag for merely 6 weeks and during Pride month.

The Pride Flag shows an expression by our city of inclusion and safety for its residents and visitors. It is a fitting sign of support, respect and recognition for those, who because of their sexual identities, have faced unfair and hurtful discrimination, ridicule and ostracism. Flying the rainbow flag is a reinforcing sign of a community's humanity toward one and all. It represents human dignity and equality for all people.

Continuing to fly the Pride flag and respect for other commemorations is appropriate as a way to raise public awareness, show support and reflect a community's moral and social compass. Flying the Pride flag is a beacon for members of the local LGBTQ community to let them know Huntington Beach recognizes and values them and is committed to protecting their rights and safety.

This is of particular importance to the young people of Huntington Beach who identify as LGBTQ+. A temporary symbol during the month of recognition should be celebrated as helping our youth feel safe, supported and acknowledged by their city. If Huntington Beach is truly concerned about its students and its youth, the Council should vote in support of flying this flag that symbolizes inclusion. As you may know, disproportionate rates of bullying, harassment and mental health issues continue to plague LGBTQ+ youth and voting to end that symbolic support will be a blow to that affected population of our city.

A survey by The Trevor Project, an LGBTQ youth suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization, found that 42 percent of the nearly 35,000 LGBTQ youths who were surveyed seriously considered suicide within the last year. More than half of transgender and nonbinary youths who were surveyed seriously considered suicide, it also found.

A separate survey conducted by The Trevor Project found that LGBTQ youth who reported having at least one LGBTQ-affirming space also reported lower rates of attempting suicide. Huntington Beach should be that affirming space.

The argument about "if we fly this flag, we have to fly all flags requested" is a cop out. Settled law establishes that city governments are free to fly, or not fly, flags on city property as long as it's clear that the city is expressing itself rather than opening up a public forum. City leaders who want to express support for the LGBTQ community should raise the Pride flag without fearing that they'll have no control over which flag is raised next. Show some backbone and support those members in our community by recognizing that love is love, everyone is valued, and our city is a modern one. Let's not go backwards. Voting to remove the flag during Pride month will be a slap in the face to important members of this community.

Does this Council want to be known to our youth, our community and our tourists as the city that went backwards and banned the Pride flag? That is going to be some bad press and will likely make national news.

I can see the headlines now: "New Surf City Council brings *wave* of backwards policies, a slap in the face to LGBTQ+ residents and tourists"

What do we want the world to know – Is Huntington Beach an inclusive, modern, innovative city - or an archaic, divisive, prejudiced city?

This decision WILL make headlines.

Sincerely,

Buffie Channel

34 year Resident

Moore, Tania

From: Denise Giardina <denisegiardina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:25 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: A request regarding tomorrow night's City Council meeting

Dear Council Members,

I have lived in Huntington Beach for forty-nine years, and I can honestly say that I had never felt prouder of my city than the day that it was decided that the PRIDE flag should be flown. This not only was in support of the LGBTQ+ community but also a huge step toward being more outwardly inclusive of human beings.

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here, including members of my own family.

Sincerely,

Denise Giardina
Resident of Huntington Beach for 49 years

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Moore, Tania

From: Kelly <kptman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 1:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Tuesday's Vote on discontinuance of Pride Flag

Hello HB City Council Board Members,

I am a resident in the Huntington Beach area and heard there will be a vote this Tuesday on whether to discontinue flying the Pride flag during the month of June. I wanted to voice my concern with the fact that time is being spent on this matter—which essentially is an attempt to move backwards NOT forwards in terms of promoting equality—and is taking time away from focusing on issues that matter towards bettering our community for everyone in it.

I am frustrated that this decision, were it to pass, would appear as a way to further discriminate and marginalize a group of people who are routinely victims of hate crimes and other forms of disrespect and discrimination on the basis of their sexual identities. I strongly encourage elected officials who will be voting on this matter to vote to continue flying the Pride flag during the month of June, and even beyond that. I would encourage board members to focus on things that bring us all together and unite us as a community. I believe those things include making sure that all people feel safe, especially those that have routinely not been safe. I think flying the Pride flag is a great way to show that our community cares about protecting and respecting everyone.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration on the correct course of action and love in this matter.

Sincerely,
Kelly P. Troutman
Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 1:11 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag at City Offices is Divisive-Vote NO

From: cindy bongiovanni <cindybongiovanni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag at City Offices is Divisive-Vote NO

Dear Council Members:

As a taxpayer and citizen of Huntington Beach, I pay for the operation and maintenance of the city offices, as well as the salaries of our leaders. I object to our city (or any government) office buildings or city property being used to promote 'special' groups. I ask you to vote against continuing with the divisive tradition of raising the rainbow flag on city property.

This flag does not represent the majority of citizens. As a government office, the only flags that should be flown are those of the city, state, and country, which represent ALL of us. To single out and embrace one group (LBGTQ or any other) for special privilege and representation is divisive. One could say then, that seniors, people of color, the poor, and the homeless should be equally recognized. But that would only serve to further divide us into groups. What groups should not be included? Lets get back to being the UNITED States of America. Please stand up for what is right, and stop this senseless favoritism and pandering.

Thank you,

Cindy Bongiovanni
Huntington Beach, CA
714-936-9000

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag at City Offices is Divisive-Vote NO

From: Steve Garcia <stevegarciainspections@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 1:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag at City Offices is Divisive-Vote NO

Hello Council Members:

As a happy resident and business owner of Huntington Beach, I would not want to explain to my grandchildren what a rainbow flag represents and why it would be flying in our city government office building or city property. I ask you to please vote against continuing with the divisive tradition of raising the rainbow flag on city property to promote 'special' groups.

The rainbow flag does not represent the majority of citizens. The only flags that should be flown are those of the city and state. To single out and embrace one group (LBGTQ or any other) for special privilege and representation is not the American way. Please vote for us that just want to live in a City that does not succumb to people that want everyone to be like them, and not free of pressures from others.

Thank you,

Steve W. Garcia,

California Real Estate Inspection Association Master Inspector
Cell # 714-264-5071
www.inspectionsbysteve.com

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:05 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Special Group Flag Flying

From: Mark Leuschen <markleuschen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 1:47 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Special Group Flag Flying

City Council Members:

I couldn't help but notice that we are flying flags on our city grounds representing specialty groups... I don't recall the vote that allows that, but since it's obviously O.K., I'd like to submit a Union Carpenter Flag to be flown on our Government Flag Poles.

Union Carpenters built most of our city, including the homes we live in, buildings we work and shop in, bridges we drive on, sewer and water treatment plants we rely on. Union Carpenters have contributed much more to our city than any number of LGBTQIRST groups combined. And yet we are left without recognition and mostly forgotten, lost heroes, one might say, dirges in the dark... We have bled, died and have become physically disabled during our lives of commitment to long lasting quality infrastructure for our city.

For these reasons, I would like your approval and instruction for submitting the flag of our dedicated Union Carpenters to be proudly flown over our city buildings.

Thank you,
Mark Leuschen
Union Carpenter, retired

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:05 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please Remove Rainbow Flag

From: M Johnson <mkjohnsonx2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:00 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please Remove Rainbow Flag

Hello,

Please remove the Rainbow Flag flying at our city buildings.

Thank you,
Michelle Johnson

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: wmcsr@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:11 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Flag Proposal

Dear Council Members

I am deeply troubled by the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance, love and hope, not division. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

William T. McCroskey
8115 Baymist Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA

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Moore, Tania

From: Hélène <helenesisneros1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:09 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Please be compassionate

& keep flying the Pride flag. Thanks.

Hélène (619) 850-3814

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:24 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: ed giardina <edgiardina@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:13 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

As a HB homeowner, business owner, teacher, LGBTQI parent and friend to so many in the community, I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. STOP with the SUPER obvious low hanging fruit extremist performance art. DO real CIVIC governing NOT religious moralizing... HB heavily relies on tourism and your antics make our city look backward, ignorant, boorish, intolerant, and prone to playing extreme right-wing politics. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. DO better...

Sincerely,
Ed Giardina

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:24 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow flag at City Hall

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

From: Sherrey Hollander <quantum_sherrey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:35 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow flag at City Hall

I am just writing to express my support of the removal of the rainbow flag at City Hall .The only flag that should be flown at City Hall are those representing the entire population of Huntington Beach!
Thank you for your support representing the majority of Huntington Beach citizens!
Sherrey Hollander
40+ Year resident of Huntington Beach
714-847-0129

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:25 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags At City Hall

From: Bart Hollander <barthollander@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:40 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags At City Hall

I completely agree with the statement below:

A city councilman has proposed eliminating this tradition, and it will be discussed at the Tuesday meeting. As a taxpayer and resident, I personally object to preferential treatment of one group at the exclusion of others. I feel it is divisive, and the only flags raised on government property should be those that represent ALL of us... city, state, county, country, and the POW MIA flag that recognize those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Respectfully,
Barr Hollander
760-390-3820

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:25 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Proposed Flag Ordinance

From: wmcsr@aol.com <wmcsr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Proposed Flag Ordinance

Dear Council Members

I am deeply troubled by the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance, love and hope, not division. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

William T. McCroskey
8115 Baymist Dr.
Huntington Beach CA

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:25 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Request to Keep the Pride Flag on Display in Huntington Beach

From: Alica Huerta <ahuerta31@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Request to Keep the Pride Flag on Display in Huntington Beach

Dear City Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for keeping the pride flag on display in Huntington Beach during the month of June.

Removing the pride flag from display would send a harmful message to our LGBTQIA+ residents and the wider community. It would indicate that our city does not support or accept them, which goes against the principles of inclusivity and equality that make Huntington Beach such a special place to live.

I strongly believe that displaying the pride flag during June helps to promote diversity, foster understanding, and show solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community. It is a simple but powerful symbol of acceptance and respect, and it sends a message that everyone is welcome and valued here in Huntington Beach.

I urge you to vote in favor of keeping the pride flag on display in June, and to stand with our LGBTQIA+ residents and allies in promoting a more inclusive and accepting community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alica Huerta

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Focus on supporting and lifting

From: Isabella Ford <issyford@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Focus on supporting and lifting

If Councilmember Burns is really interested in showing love and support, then he should remove his request to remove the rainbow flag. Showing support is not a divisive action. Removing the support is 100% a divisive act. Flying a flag is the simplest act of support our community can show.

Below is snippet from the Daily Pilot that prompted my email.

From the Daily Pilot: "The City of Huntington Beach should avoid actions that could easily or mistakenly be perceived as divisive," Burns stated in a [staff report](#) explaining his reasoning for the request. "[We] are one community with many different cultures and people. All are equally valued members of our community, and none are to be treated differently or discriminated against."

Isabella Ford
714-308-0660

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: Mark Tonkovich <marktonko@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

I just want to let you know I support ending the raising of the Rainbow flag. I feel it is preferential treatment to a group that does not represent the majority of our constituents. The flags raised should represent the community as a whole such as the US Flag, State or City. Military should also be allowed.

Thank you,

Mark Tonkovich

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Trevor McKay <trevmckay7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:56 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Trevor McKay

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please continue to fly the Pride flag

From: Amy Wojkowski <awojkowski@hbuhsd.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 4:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please continue to fly the Pride flag

Good afternoon Council members,

As a teacher at Edison High School, I am acutely aware of how government policy that visibly affirms the inclusion of all citizens had a direct effect on the core beliefs of our youth. Acceptance and tolerance are admirable virtues that should be modeled at every level of government. Just as we take the time to celebrate Black History and Latinx Heritage, we should all join in celebrating the diversity in our LGBTQ community.

No matter our race, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexuality, we deserve to feel like valued citizens in our Huntington Beach community. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Pride flag be flown during Pride Month to continue celebrating the differences and similarities that make this city such a great place to live and educate our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Wojkowski (she/her)
Edison High School
Spanish Teacher
WASC Self-Study Coordinator
(714) 962-1356 x55205
[Need help now? www.tutor.com/subjects/spanish](http://www.tutor.com/subjects/spanish)



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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

From: Susan Allen <smacats@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 4:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Dump the rainbow flag.

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: City Council meeting on Tues Feb 7

From: lorak@aol.com <lorak@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 4:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council meeting on Tues Feb 7

To the 7 city council members,

Please vote to continue to fly the pride flag during pride month this June.
This is a matter of supporting your whole community.

Thank you,
Carol Keane
Huntington Beach 92646

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:27 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: city council agenda

From: Richard Morris <rlmorris@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 4:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: city council agenda

To the Huntington Beach City Council:

I support flying the pride flag during the month of June for Pride Month. The Pride flag is a symbol of hope for many of your constituents and should be displayed by our city.

Richard Morris
Huntington Beach resident--92646

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow 🌈 flag

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

From: Pam Kerwat <p.kerwat@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow 🌈 flag

Please take the rainbow flags down. Do we fly flags for Girl Scouts, Methodists, or surfers?
No! Why are we flying one for gays?
Take it down.

Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:28 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please be compassionate

From: Hélène <helenesisneros1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:08 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please be compassionate

& keep flying the Pride flag. Thank you.

Hélène (619) 850-3814

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:49 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: LGBTQ Flag

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

From: Kim Karp <timkimkarp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 5:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: LGBTQ Flag

Please remove the rainbow flag from your flag pole. It's offensive and not because we are against the LGBTQ community, but because flying it wrecks of bowing to the woke minority.

I have NEVER met anyone heterosexual or otherwise who is against this group....but don't appreciate being forced to accommodate their demands in order not to offend them.

We live in an American city in the United States of America! The American flag represents all groups of people who enjoy the freedoms of the USA, regardless of sexual preference, gender identity, religion, political beliefs, etc.

Please stop singling out a specific group!

Thank you!
The Karp Family

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:50 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the Pride Flag!

From: Vanessa Bloom <vanessaembloom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag!

Dear Council Members,
Please do not stop flying the pride flag June! As a beach town, this city should feel welcoming to everyone and the LGBTQ+ community is part of Huntington Beach. There is no reason to stop flying the flag as it's been done for years now without issue and makes LGBTQ citizens and visitors feel accepted.
Sincerely,
Vanessa Bloom

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:51 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow flag on city government property

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

From: Patricia Frangente <pfrangente037@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow flag on city government property

We feel that to fly the rainbow flag is honoring one group of our city over another and further divides us as a people. Only national, state, city, and other government flags should be flown, in our humble opinions. We can see flying flags that honor heroes that put their lives at risk for our country and city, but please do not segregate us by individualized segments and flying flags honoring them. There are too many groups out there to select just the rainbow flag.

Thank you,
Patricia and Fredrick Frangente
16522 Trudy Lane
Huntington Beach 92647
714-846-9276

Sent from my iPhone
Patricia Frangente

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:53 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please keep the pride flag up

From: Khue <the_khue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 11:03 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please keep the pride flag up

You need to keep the pride flag up at city council. Removing it shows that you are not welcoming to the LGBTQ+ communities, and that will hurt many who live there and deter people from visiting.

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:53 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Raise the Rainbow Flag high this June!

From: Eitan Schechtman-Drayman <eitans@uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:28 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Raise the Rainbow Flag high this June!

Dear city council members,

I am writing this letter to request that you keep raising the Rainbow Flag this June, as you did over the past few years. As a member of the LGBTQ community, it is important for me to express how important this small, symbolic gesture is. Seeing the flag raised over institutions such as city hall makes me feel safe. I'm 41 years old, and spent my youth in the closet, fearing the repercussions of coming out. Back in the '90s, there was little representation for gay guys like me, and little hope that we can live a joyful life. Thankfully, we've progressed quite a bit since then - but kids today still deal with homophobia, prejudice and unaccepting families. For them, seeing that flag raised high brings light, hope, and a feeling of acceptance that is incomprehensible for someone who hasn't walked a mile in their shoes. It makes them feel that the future could be bright. I know. I've been there. Even for me - now a father of two, together with my husband, and a professor at UCI - seeing the flag raised high brings comfort, confidence and reassurance. To my elementary-school-aged kids, it projects acceptance of their family and pride in who we are. It's quite remarkable how such a small symbol can give hope and reassurance to so many, including many transparent communities such as LGBTQ youth that are experiencing hardships and challenges on a daily basis. You have the power to continue sending this message of confidence and reassurance. Please don't abuse that power. Please make HB safe for the the LGBTQ community members by raising the flag again this June.

Eitan

Eitan Schechtman-Drayman, PhD

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag 🏳️🌈🏳️🌈🏳️🌈

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

From: Sarah Milligan <siren417@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag 🏳️🌈🏳️🌈🏳️🌈

Dear Council Members,

I do not agree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. We treat kindness and acceptance to our kids. We want to be good humans. Let us be the kind and loving community that we pride ourselves to be. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sarah Milligan

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Organization or Political Flags Flown Should Not Be Flown In Front of HB Government Buildings

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

From: Rob Francisco <rob@francisco.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Organization or Political Flags Flown Should Not Be Flown In Front of HB Government Buildings

The ONLY flags that should be flown on HB governmental buildings should represent HB city, California state and/or the USA. NOT any organization or political party.

Rob Francisco
(949)929-2461 mobile

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COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: City Council Agenda Items February 7, 2023

From: Linda Moon <lsapiro048@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:42 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Agenda Items February 7, 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)



Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council Members:

I have been a resident and homeowner in Huntington Beach for 48 years and maintained a law office in Huntington Beach for 40 years until my retirement. I have followed the work of the City Council for many years. I have serious concerns about several items on the February 7, 2023 agenda. I urge your careful consideration and measured approach in moving forward with these proposals. Of greatest concern to me are the following:

Item 11, An ordinance raising political campaign contribution limits beyond the inflation standards previously established will result in an unfortunate scenario in which only candidates with wealthy and corporate supporters can possibly be elected. This is a recipe for council corruption and the elimination of diversity on the city's governing body. I urge you to vote NO on enactment of this ordinance.

Item 12, An ordinance prohibiting anonymous reports against businesses and requiring identification and public disclosure of reporters, will be intimidating to the public and have a chilling effect on legitimate reports regarding potentially dangerous Code violations. The public should not be made to fear retaliation or retribution for reporting dangerous conditions or be required to submit to public disclosure of their identity and address. The City Code Enforcement employees can quickly determine whether reports are valid or frivolous. The ordinance language makes an upfront assumption that all reports are wrongful. The opposite should be true. Code enforcement practices should best serve the residents, employees and customers, not make them targets and endanger the safety of reporters and their families. A member of the public providing information for investigation by a city agency is not the official "accuser" as the term is used in criminal prosecution. The City itself would be the complainant in a Code Enforcement action and would be charged with making its own investigation. The reporting person is not even an official witness, only a reporter. Only if the City itself finds a violation of a Code would any action be taken against a business. The ordinance as written will only have the effect of discouraging legitimate reports. I urge you to vote NO on enactment of this ordinance.

Item 30, A proposal by Councilmember Burns to allow only government and POW/MIA flags to be flown at City buildings is obviously targeted at the Pride flag allowed for a few weeks of the year. The council action allowing the flying of the Pride flag was a small act, intended to show compassion and demonstrate that Huntington Beach is a welcoming safe place for all. The flag was perceived by most residents as a minor unthreatening symbol of acceptance. An ordinance disallowing the Pride flag, however, would have far more

significance than the action authorizing the flag, as it sends a clear message of rejection and discrimination. Whatever your feelings about the Pride movement, this ordinance will result in the City being publicly branded as discriminatory and unwelcoming. I urge you to reject this proposed ordinance.

Item 31, Authorizing the City attorney to take all actions necessary to challenge the requirements of AB9 and SB 10, will most certainly result in unnecessary significant cost to the city. Huntington Beach does not exist in a vacuum. Like it or not, we are part of the State of California and subject to its housing laws. Most of the council members have had little education, to date, regarding how and why housing mandates exist. We have already paid millions of dollars to fines that could have gone to good use in our city for defying housing statutes. Continued defiance will not be productive or in the best interests of the residents of Huntington Beach. The argument that more housing in Huntington Beach is incorrect and uninformed. We have had an increase in our city's population and there is almost no housing availability for workers needed in the city, or anyone earning less than \$100,000 per year. The existing population has also created the need for housing for households it created. The children who grew up in your homes become adults needing their own homes, adding to the number of household dwellings required. You want your children and grandchildren to remain here in Huntington Beach so they will need housing. Allowing for Duplexes, Accessory Dwelling Units and subdivision of residential lots is the least impactful way to increase available housing without drastically changing the character of our neighborhoods. If you do not want to allow high density residential construction, you need to at least accept the minor impacts of the new state legislation. I urge your rejection of this item.

Item 32, Restoring remote public participation in City Council meetings is essential to allow the public the opportunity to address the council, other than in person or in writing. Many residents, including me, are unable to address the council in person, for numerous reasons. In my case, I care for my 99 year old mother and cannot expose myself to any viruses that may be present in the council chamber. Other residents have transportation, employment, disability and child/elder care responsibilities that make in person appearances impossible. You have all championed expansion of the public's right to speak at council meetings. I urge you to support restoration of remote participation.

I hope the City Council will fully deliberate and consider the need for, effects and ramifications of the above proposals, with the focus on serving the best interests of the City and its residents.

Sincerely,
Linda Sapiro Moon

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Tuesday 2/7/2023 City Council Agenda

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

From: Thomas Brown <tbrown@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:44 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Tuesday 2/7/2023 City Council Agenda

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

To Huntington Beach City Council,

I would like to express my thoughts on select items on the 2/7/2023 agenda. Agenda Item No.: #30(23-109)

A NO vote on Item 11:

This item refers to a final vote to increase the limit of campaign contributions from an individual. The current limit of \$620 per individual would be increased to \$5500 per individual, which would represent a significant increase. An increase in campaign contribution limits can be seen as unfair to poor citizens because it gives more power and influence to those who have more money. When individuals with financial resources can make larger campaign contributions, they have the potential to shape election outcomes and have their voices heard more loudly than those without similar financial resources. This can lead to a situation where the concerns and interests of the wealthy are prioritized over those of the less fortunate, creating an imbalance of power in the political system. For this reason, an increase in campaign contribution limits can be seen as a threat to the principle of political equality, as it gives more weight to the opinions of the wealthy, and less weight to the opinions of the less fortunate.

A No vote on Item 12:

Banning anonymous code enforcement reports could violate the First Amendment right to free speech and discourage individuals from reporting code violations out of fear of retaliation. The measure also carries a significant risk of litigation, including a lawsuit from the ACLU, which would result in significant legal costs and resources for the organization.

Instead of a ban on anonymous reporting, it may be more effective to consider alternative solutions that preserve the benefits of anonymous reporting, such as implementing robust whistleblower protection policies.

A NO vote on **Item 30:**

Banning commemorative flags on city flag poles goes against the principles of diversity and inclusivity that our city prides itself on. The Pride flag, which was the reason for the introduction of this ordinance, symbolizes the struggles and victories of the LGBTQ+ community and is a symbol of hope and acceptance. By banning it from being flown on city flag poles, we send a message of exclusion and disregard for the rights of marginalized groups.

Instead of suppressing the display of certain flags, we should embrace the rich tapestry of identities and perspectives represented in our city.

A YES vote on Item 32:

Item 32 is a commendable proposal that aims to make council meetings more accessible to a wider range of citizens. The practice of remote access via Zoom, which was discontinued recently, has proven to be beneficial in increasing civic participation during the pandemic. It has provided an opportunity for those who are unable to physically attend public

meetings, as well as those with busy schedules, to take part in important discussions and decision-making processes. By resuming this practice, the city council would demonstrate its commitment to promoting transparency, inclusivity, and participation in the democratic process. Overall, I strongly support Item 32 and believe it will have a positive impact on the community.

Thomas Brown
Huntington Beach Resident for 20+ years

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:55 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag Removal

From: Christian Reid <christianreid1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:19 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag Removal

To the Huntington Beach City Council members:

I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for 8 years. As a member of the LGBTQ community, it is very important to me that our city demonstrates its commitment to embracing diversity and welcoming all people, regardless of race, gender, age, or sexual orientation. Diversity is what makes us strong and allows us to be proud of the city we call home. When I heard that our city council may be acting to prevent the pride flag from being displayed this year, it was a reminder that our city contains people who would prefer to ignore or erase the diversity that makes our city beautiful. Sometimes our city gets a bad reputation from these few yet loud people who prefer to hate others rather than understand them. It is my hope and request that our city council does not empower and amplify these hateful actors with the erasure of our diversity. The HB city charter states that "ethics and integrity are the foundation of public trust." Ethics & integrity mean honoring everyone, even if they are different than you. It means defending minorities and those who have less privilege, even if it's uncomfortable. It means protecting everyone in our community equally, rather than exalting the voices and identities of the powerful few. With this in mind, I hope that city council will vote against this motion to bar the pride flag from flying, which only flies for one month out of the year.

Best regards,
Christian Reid

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: PRIDE flag

From: Bridgit Auer <bcauer@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:40 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I appreciate your time and dedication to serving our community. In a time when so many marginalized communities are under attack, I strongly urge you support and represent all community members by flying the PRIDE flag in June. I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Your support is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,
Bridgit Auer

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Regarding flying any flag other than our countries American Flag and the state of California bear flag

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

From: melody guiver <melodyguiver@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:07 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Regarding flying any flag other than our countries American Flag and the state of California bear flag

Dear Huntington Beach city council,
I am well aware that there's a long list of things that are in need of correction in the city of Huntington Beach.

It is my opinion that the only flags that should fly on the city's properties should be our country's American flag and the state of California Bear flag.

Any other flag favoring one group or another is extremely divisive in our small city.

Respectfully submitted
Melody Steelman
Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: kimberly White <kim.drenth@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:44 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

HB CC,

I am supportive I've flying the USA Flag and the California State Flag and no others in front of your building. No other non-inclusive flags should ever be there.

KimWhite Drenth
714-330-6286
Kim.Drenth@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the Pride Flag Flying

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

From: DULCE M PENA WING <dpwing@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:04 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag Flying

I live in HB, I bought a condo at Seabridge Village last year.

Keep the pride flag flying. It's important that our community embraces inclusion.

Thanks

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the PRIDE Flag!

From: Clover <cloverhealy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:47 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep the PRIDE Flag!

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Clover Healy

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: flag flying matter on agenda

From: Cathy Lyn <nomiddlename@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:47 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: flag flying matter on agenda

I feel that only government flags should fly on government buildings and lands.

Flying a flag for one group is exclusionary...if you fly one, you should fly one for every sort of group, and today, there are not poles tall enough for that.

We are all people, we are all the same, and should celebrate that equality, not highlight our differences.

Thank you.

C Brooks
Huntington Beach

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

From: Anthony Huerstel <aghuerstel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Please mark me for standard flags only..ie. U S flag, state flag, city or county flag and the POW MIA flag. Any other flags just arent appropriate and adds decay to the city.

Thank you,
Anthony Huerstel

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: SallySanders <sally_sanders@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:34 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear city council members.

My name is Sally Sanders and I am writing to say, it's very bigoted of you all if you don't keep the Pride flag for Pride Month. Are we going backwards here in Orange County?? It seems we are making progress, then someone decides LGBTQ+ people need to go back in the closet. We WON'T go back. Please do the right thing. Keep the Pride flag. It sends out a strong message to the community. What do you want that message to be?

Thank you.

Sally Sanders

Sent from my iPad

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:59 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

From: Maura Carr <mauracarr7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:43 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Maura Carr

Sent from my iPhone

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Larry Stern <Larry@ComDirectUSA.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:17 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Larry Stern

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Daniel Wilkinson <dandub@gte.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:17 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Daniel Wilkinson

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: regarding tonight's agenda

From: Mary Ann Celinder <macelinder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:20 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: regarding tonight's agenda

Item 11: I strongly oppose increasing campaign contribution limits. It would make it harder for unconnected candidates to run against those funded by special interests. The special interests would have more say about how their candidates would vote. It's setting them up for corruption. I also feel the council should be divided into parts of the city so the campaigns aren't city wide and areas could elect people to represent their part of the city.

Item 12: Anonymous reports would lead to fake reports. A person must be identified, though their ID should be confidential.

Item 30: Don't regress the progress we've made in accepting all. All must feel welcomed in our increasingly diverse population and feel comfortable to be themselves.

Item 32: I appreciate the opportunity to view council meetings via zoom. It increases transparency which is extremely important in city government. It's rare for me to have the chance to go in person. Anyone afraid of being on zoom is trying to hide their agenda. Keep our meeting accessible to all.

Mary Ann Celinder

21341 Fleet Lane
Huntington Beach Ca 92646

cell 714 504 8361

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 23-10930

From: delaine.bailey.1791@gmail.com <delaine.bailey.1791@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:26 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 23-10930

From: delaine.bailey.1791@gmail.com <delaine.bailey.1791@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:19 AM
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org.
Subject: Agenda Item 23-10930

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

City Council:

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

I am in support of Agenda Item # 23-10930.

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

I find the flying of the Pride Flag most offensive. This country was founded on Judeo-Christian values and homosexuality, et al, are not revered by God and are an affront to him.

By waving the 'pride' flag you are dishonoring the great majority of people in this country who believe otherwise, and we are the majority.

Personally, I do not care what type of sex anyone prefers, but why must you throw it in my face?

There is no reason to single out every special interest group by flying a flag at City Hall.

AGENDA February 7, 2023 City Council/Public Financing Authority - 23-10930. Submitted by Councilmember Burns

Request to prepare an Ordinance that limits Flag Displays at City Facilities to only the American, POW/MIA, State, City, and as needed, the County Flags Direct the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the February 21 Council Meeting that the City only fly or display on City property the American flag, the POW/MIA flag, the State of California flag, the Huntington Beach City flag, and, as needed, the County of Orange flag. If the ordinance is adopted, direct the City Manager to update Administrative Regulation (AR) 705: Citywide Flag Policy, accordingly.

There is no reason to single out every special interest group by flying a flag at City Hall. The majority of our country is Christian

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Shari Horne <sharilhorne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:32 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Shari Horne

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags on city property

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

From: Amy Ellsworth <ellsworth524@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:32 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags on city property

Hello,

I am emailing you to ask you not to fly the gay pride flag in city council or downtown. No groups should receive preferential treatment over other groups. These actions cause division amongst our community. Please only fly flags that represent ALL of us. The US, California and POW MIA flag. Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Ellsworth, RDN
South Coast Wellness
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Janice Burstin <jburstin@comline.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:37 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Janice Burstin

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Deborah Lelchuk <deblelchuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:38 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Deborah Lelchuk

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Urgent

From: Brenda Deranger <brenda.deranger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:40 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Urgent

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Brenda Deranger

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Judy Cawley <judycawley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Judy Cawley

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Yuval Dohn <yuvaldohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:43 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Yuval Dohn

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep the Pride flag flying in HB

From: Eva Shaffer <evashaffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:45 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep the Pride flag flying in HB

Dear city council members,

I am a long time resident of Huntington Beach, 57 years to be exact. I believe that you are doing our HB community a disservice by even considering to NOT fly the Pride flag. Especially during Pride month. I strongly urge that during tonight's meeting, you decide to keep flying the pride flag and support all of our citizens no matter what their race, culture, sexuality, gender, age, religion or ability.

Thank you,

Eva Shaffer

16651 Simonne Ln.,
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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Eva

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Support for Pride Flag

From: April Downs <thedownsfamily03@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:47 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Support for Pride Flag

City Council Members,

The recent news that CC is considering the removal of the PRIDE flag from the pier (during June) concerns me. As a resident of HB for more than 25 years, it is distressing to see the CC enacting such divisive, dismissive, and hurtful policies.

The Pride flag demonstrates inclusivity and connections with all people, including the members of the LGBTQIA+ community. To advertise to the world that HB is not inclusive and welcoming is a poor choice as we have worked hard to be a travel and tourist destination. The flag represents inclusivity, not division, and shows that Huntington Beach welcomes everyone. The flag flying in our city shows our sense of community and our recognition of marginalized groups.

As a proud ally of the LGBTQIA+ community, I support the PRIDE flying during June. The City Council is there to represent all HB residents, and forbidding the flying of the PRIDE flag demonstrates the exclusion of HB community members.

April Downs

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Brenda Siqueiros <brenda.s.pena@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:49 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Brenda Siqueiros

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Anne Gollay <gollay@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:56 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Anne Gollay

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: No more AGENDA issue flags in HB

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

From: Clif <hansoncw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:56 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No more AGENDA issue flags in HB

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Roz Vogelfanger <rozelliot@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Roz Vogelfanger

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:14 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Rainbow Flag

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

From: Cheri Johnston <cherijohnston15@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Rainbow Flag

I respectfully request that the only flags being flown at any of our City buildings be as follows:
American, State, County, City, POW & MIA.

Thank you ~
Cheryl Johnston
Huntington Beach Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:14 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag in HB

From: Allison Adams <allisonadams934@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:09 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Pride Flag in HB

Hello,

I am a Huntington Beach resident born and raised in Orange County. I am disappointed that there is even a discussion around not allowing HB to display a pride flag during June.

This is a vibrant and diverse community. ALL should feel welcome. It's a flag. Displaying it is not that big of a deal; however, removing it sends a very clear message to those in our community that LGBTQUI+ people are not accepted, welcome or SAFE here.

There are more important things to be worried about to make HB a great city. Please do your jobs and support ALL in your community.

Allison Adams
Huntington Beach, CA

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item # 23-109

From: Stephen Quinn <quinnindogtown@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:13 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item # 23-109

I wish to express my whole hearted support for Councilman Burns' proposal to do away with flags and other symbols which express ideologically divisive values. It is not the place of government, at any level, to pick favorites among groups, whether by race, gender preference, or religious beliefs.

We stand today at a crossroads, a time when the nation has not been so fragmented into seemingly irreconcilable factions since the Civil War. Do we really want our city government to engage in actions which can only increase the enmity among various groups?

The flags flying outside City Hall should tend to unite us, not divide us. There is no NRA flag, no Israeli flag, no Christian flag outside of City Hall. Similarly, there should be no flags endorsing or celebrating any particular race or gender preference.

Vote Yes on 23-109.

Stephen Quinn

714 401 3736

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Sharon Grosfeld <sharon.grosfeld@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:14 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Sharon Grosfeld

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Vanessa Bloom <vanessaembloom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep the Pride Flag!

Dear Council Members,

Please do not stop flying the pride flag June! As a beach town, this city should feel welcoming to everyone and the LGBTQ+ community is part of Huntington Beach. There is no reason to stop flying the flag as it's been done for years now without issue and makes LGBTQ citizens and visitors feel accepted.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Bloom

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Alana Roshay <alanaroshay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 6:27 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

February 4, 2023

Hon. Members of the City Council
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear Mayor Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember McKeon, Councilmember Kalmick, Councilmember Moser, and Councilmember Bolton,

The LGBTQ community draws strength, courage, and inspiration from each flag that flies in celebration of them. Such a simple action to demonstrate that Huntington Beach embraces ALL of its citizens!!

I support the LGBTQ+ flag being raised at City Hall. What a terrific and tangible way to demonstrate what a caring community can do to make ALL of its members feel welcome.

Sincerely,
Alana Roshay

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: kate healy <kate@jrdb.org>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 7:35 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: kate@jrdb.org
Subject: PRIDE Flag

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Tonight, I ask you to read the Declaration of Policy About Human Dignity, unanimously adopted by the Huntington Beach City Council on May 6, 1996. In this policy, they stated:

"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.... ... Remember that silence and apathy are the greatest allies of those committing hate crime."

That elected City Council in 1996, like you, were elected to serve as non-partisan representatives for our city. They, like you, were elected to represent *ALL* the people in the Huntington Beach community.

Tonight, there is an agenda item concerning ending flying the LGBTQ Flag during June, PRIDE month. As a City committed to treating everyone with courtesy and respect, it is your responsibility to stand against bigotry and those committing hate. How does this relate to the PRIDE Flag? The PRIDE Flag, like the MIA/POW Flag is a flag that represents ALL Americans. There are LGBTQ+ Americans in every political party, in every race, every gender, every culture, every religion, every economic background and in every neighborhood in Huntington Beach. Both the POW/MIA and PRIDE Flag are unifying flags that are flown to represent these groups, and that they are seen and are represented in our city. They are one of only a handful of flags that are meant to unify. And I ask, isn't now a time to unify rather than divide? Do not try and make this a partisan issue, nor a cultural war. Because it is not. <https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/education-culture-war-finds-new-target-pride-flags-classrooms-rcna2501> This is something that the majority of all Americans support- 78% of Americans support laws to protect LGBTQ+ citizens <https://www.hrc.org/press-releases/icymi-new-data-shows-support-for-lgbtq-rights-continues-to-tick-upward-in-contrast-to-onslaught-of-anti-lgbtq-legislation-in-states-across-country>

Flying the PRIDE flag is critical in supporting inclusive values for several reasons; it is still legal to fire an individual for identifying as LGBTQ in 26 U.S. states, hate crimes against the LGBTQ community are on the rise, LGBTQ youth disproportionately make up 40% of our nation's homeless youth, harmful transgender laws are being passed around the country that our youth are seeing. Removing the PRIDE Flag tells every LGBTQ+ person that Huntington Beach no longer sees them, includes them as someone to protect. LGBTQ+ youth will see this as their City no longer accepting them, they will see them as "less than" in the eyes of this Council. The risk of causing an LGBTQ+ youth in Huntington Beach to commit suicide, or the risk of people in Huntington Beach seeing City Council as approving bigotry behaviors and embolden them into harming LGBTQ+ people is reprehensible.

I encourage you to spend time educating yourself on what the city can do to be more inclusive- reach out the LGBTQ Center OC for further training and ideas... and read the attached article on advancing LGBTQ+ advocacy at the local level:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/lgbtq-rights/reports/2017/08/25/437280/advancing-lgbtq-equality-local-executive-action/>

Excerpt from the report:

"From protecting and supporting LGBTQ public employees to addressing the varied needs of LGBTQ community members and their families, city and county officials play a powerful role in advancing inclusive reforms and setting a model for other jurisdictions to follow in service of equality and civil rights. As detailed in this report, executives can shape the lives and livelihoods of their LGBTQ constituents across a broad range of policy areas and have the opportunity to create lasting partnerships with local service organizations, providers, and community leaders. Coupled with legislative action or as stand-alone reforms, administrative policymaking at the local level is a crucial tool in the fight for full equality for LGBTQ people and can spur positive change at the state and federal level that can lead to the implementation of these vital and long-overdue policies nationwide."

Thank you again for remembering that in 1996 Huntington Beach's City Council took a stance against bigotry and for inclusion. Thank you for remembering that the previous City Council included the LGBTQ+ Community equally in the Huntington Beach Community. Thank you for remembering that the Rainbow PRIDE Flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE Flag, to show the Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Kate Healy

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Kate Healy
she/her/hers

kate@jrdb.org

Moore, Tania

From: Eitan Schechtman-Drayman <eitans@uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:28 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Raise the Rainbow Flag high this June!

Dear city council members,

I am writing this letter to request that you keep raising the Rainbow Flag this June, as you did over the past few years. As a member of the LGBTQ community, it is important for me to express how important this small, symbolic gesture is. Seeing the flag raised over institutions such as city hall makes me feel safe. I'm 41 years old, and spent my youth in the closet, fearing the repercussions of coming out. Back in the '90s, there was little representation for gay guys like me, and little hope that we can live a joyful life. Thankfully, we've progressed quite a bit since then - but kids today still deal with homophobia, prejudice and unaccepting families. For them, seeing that flag raised high brings light, hope, and a feeling of acceptance that is incomprehensible for someone who hasn't walked a mile in their shoes. It makes them feel that the future could be bright. I know. I've been there. Even for me - now a father of two, together with my husband, and a professor at UCI - seeing the flag raised high brings comfort, confidence and reassurance. To my elementary-school-aged kids, it projects acceptance of their family and pride in who we are. It's quite remarkable how such a small symbol can give hope and reassurance to so many, including many transparent communities such as LGBTQ youth that are experiencing hardships and challenges on a daily basis. You have the power to continue sending this message of confidence and reassurance. Please don't abuse that power. Please make HB safe for the the LGBTQ community members by raising the flag again this June.

Eitan

Eitan Schechtman-Drayman, PhD

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Sarah Milligan <siren417@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:33 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag 🏳️🌈

Dear Council Members,

I do not agree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. We treat kindness and acceptance to our kids. We want to be good humans. Let us be the kind and loving community that we pride ourselves to be. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,
Sarah Milligan

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Fran Varga <fgioia@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:37 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Fikes, Cathy
Subject: Public Comments - HB City Council Meeting - 07/Feb/2023
Attachments: 2023-02-07 Letter to HBCC FAVarga.pdf

Dear Ms. Fikes,

Please see attached my letter to City Council with public comments for the meeting on 7/February/2023. I am **OPPOSED** agenda item #30, Councilman Burns' proposed ordinance which would ban the Pride flag from City property. My letter lays out the potential unintended consequences of the proposed ordinance, including a reputation of intolerance for our City, boycotts of city business, and the loss of the opportunity to host surfing events of the 2028 Olympic Games.

Please include my full letter in the meeting supplemental communications.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Fran Varga

508 18th Street

Huntington Beach, 92648

Email: fgioia@earthlink.net

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Frances A. Varga
508 18th Street • Huntington Beach, CA 92648

07/February/2023

City of Huntington Beach - City Council

Regarding: Agenda Item #30

Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council,

I wish to express my **opposition** to agenda item #30. If Mr. Burns' ordinance is adopted, it should apply to any non-government entity flags, including POW/MIA. Mr. Burns cannot single out one private organization for an exception, while others are prohibited. In fact, this exception exposes Mr. Burns' true objective, which is to ban the display of the Pride flag on City property.

Mr. Burn's rationale, is "the City of Huntington Beach should avoid actions that could easily or mistakenly be perceived as divisive". However, if the City does take this action, it most definitely WILL be perceived as divisive, and our community will be known for intolerance. This proposed ordinance would prohibit the flying of the multicolor Pride flag in June, which we have done for the past several years. Mr. Burns' ordinance will backfire, and get our City a lot of attention, and not the kind of attention that he wants.

This ordinance would most definitely lead to a negative perception of our City, and would imply that we are not welcoming of a diverse community. It also would likely lead to protests and boycotts of our local businesses, as has been the case with other local communities that have engaged in this type of culture war activity.

Finally, the International Olympic Committee and the Los Angeles Olympic Games of 2028 will definitely take a pass on holding any surfing competition in Huntington Beach if we pass this ordinance that will ban display of the Pride flag. The LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games mission is to "celebrate our community's diversity and creativity and collectively design a Games we all want to be part of." Mr. Burns' proposed ordinance would disqualify "Surf City" from hosting any Olympic events.

Respectfully and with Best Regards,



Frances A. Varga

Email: fgioia@earthlink.net

Moore, Tania

From: Jacquelyn Akin <jacqfritzi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep flying the PRIDE flag!

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

BE INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE!

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Akin

19042 Foxwood Lane

HB 92648

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Marta Allen <flowersribbonsbows@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride Flag

The Pride flag is a symbol of love, equality, and inclusion that sends a warm welcome all people to our fair city. We are a vibrant and eclectic city that welcomes the world to our warm & sunny shores. In this time of hostility and division, we are a welcome place to play at our shores for all. Flying the Pride flag sends that message not just to members of the LGBTQ community, but all communities & their families. The town has some hostile and inhospitably history particularly some of the riots in the 1990's. Let's not allow that ugly history to define our beautiful community. In this town, we believe in kindness and love. The Pride flag represents that. It should continue to fly.

Thank you.

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Bridgit Auer <bcauer@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:41 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I appreciate your time and dedication to serving our community. In a time when so many marginalized communities are under attack, I strongly urge you support and represent all community members by flying the PRIDE flag in June. I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. Your support is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,
Bridgit Auer

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Moore, Tania

From: DULCE M PENA WING <dpwing@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:06 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Keep the Pride Flag Flying

> I live in HB, I bought a condo at Seabridge Village last year.
>
> Keep the pride flag flying. It's important that our community embraces inclusion.
>
> Thanks

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Clover <cloverhealy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:47 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Keep the PRIDE Flag!

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Clover Healy

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Moore, Tania

From: Brenda Deranger <brenda.deranger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:41 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Urgent

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Brenda Deranger

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Moore, Tania

From: Diana Lustig <dlustig7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:52 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: For the month of June

Hi there—I am writing to encourage you to keep the pride flag up during the month of June. As a resident of Huntington Beach for 22 years, I believe it's important to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community here in our home.

--

Diana Lustig

Owner and Photographer, Love & Latitudes

Freelance Designer

[Photography Website](#) | [Design Portfolio](#) | [Dribbble](#)

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Moore, Tania

From: Rose Sorooshian <rosesorooshian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:59 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: PRIDE flag

Dear Council Members,

I disagree with the decision to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach, and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep showing the PRIDE flag to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all who visit here.

Sincerely,

Rose Harrington-Sorooshian

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Haley Horton <haley.hrtn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:04 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

February 7, 2023

Hon. Members of the City Council
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear Mayor Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember McKeon, Councilmember Kalmick, Councilmember Moser, and Councilmember Bolton

Re: Letter in Support of Keeping the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

My family enjoys visiting the Bolsa Chica beach and park and the Huntington Beach Central Library nearly every weekend. We also participated in the Orange County AIDS Walk that was held by the beach a few years ago. While many news articles in recent years have featured HB negatively, with incidents of white supremacy groups meeting there and anti semitic fliers being distributed, our experience has been with the residents and businesses who are kind, accepting, and welcoming. We hope the city will continue to allow positive symbols of peace and equality, like the Pride flag in June, to be the official symbols of the city, and not the fringe or radicalized groups that try to make Huntington their playground.

I am so proud of the city of Huntington Beach for flying the LGBTQ Flag. My family and I support this effort to keep it flying in the month of June. I hope to always see the city supporting all of its diverse residents..

Sincerely,

Haverly Horton

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: Matt Ehrlich <matter89@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:28 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Pride flag

Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Ehrlich <matter89@yahoo.com>
Date: February 7, 2023 at 10:26:55 AM PST
To: City.Council@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pride flag

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. As a HB resident for most of my life, I want my voice to be heard that our community should be welcoming to all.

The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

I would respectfully ask you not to think of this as a political issue, or conservative vs liberal issue, but a statement about inclusivity.

Sincerely,
Matt Ehrlich

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Daedalus <orangefinsandfeathers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:55 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; Burns, Pat
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear Council Member Burns and the rest of the City Council Members,

I am writing to you today in regard to the PRIDE Flag that flies over City Buildings in June and your motion to only fly the American, Californian, City and POW/MIA flags, that's that you state are "equal flags that represent us all".

The PRIDE Flag is just such a flag. There are LGBTQ+ people in every family here in Huntington Beach, in every school here in Huntington Beach, in every neighborhood, every race, every religion, every political party, every industry, every economic background. I guarantee you that there are more of us who are LGBTQ+ or who have family and friends in the LGBTQ+ Community than those of us who were POW's, or with family and friends who are Missing in Action. BOTH flags should be flown! BOTH flags are unifying flags by your definition.

"People have asked if we can fly other flags, whatever they may be, and I don't believe that we should fly any other flags but equal flags that represent us all." -Pat Burns

YOU, Mr Burns, might not believe that the City of Huntington Beach should fly any other flags, however, YOU are only one person, a person elected to represent ALL the people in Huntington Beach in a non-partisan position. The Federal Government supports flying the PRIDE flag, because 78% of Americans support LGBTQ+ Rights. While you may speak for yourself and the noisey minority, the vast majority of the people in Huntington Beach see the PRIDE Flag as a unifying flag that represents us all- and as you state: "We're one community with different cultures, different people, and if anything, it's a unifying measure," What **IS** a unifying measure is continuing to fly the PRIDE Flag.

Council Member Burns, last City Council Meeting, you voted to end Zooming City Meetings, a move that literally took away the option for a Disabled Veteran to participate in **real time** during a City Council Meeting, do not pretend to care about Veterans when you obviously do not care to have them have a real time voice in your meetings at City Council. The hypocrisy of your actions are telling. You have already shown that you are an ableist, a sexist ("So many of the men gave all to give us the rights we enjoy today" – sir, my Mother in Law was proud to serve in the Army, a position where she outranked my Father in Law who proudly served in the Marines) and the fact that you have a problem not with the POW/MIA flag, but just the PRIDE flag shows that you are homophobic as well.

I ask the rest of the City Council to vote against this measure. You claim to want to Unify, then don't make the PRIDE Flag a culture/political issue... vote for what it is, a unifying symbol of a flag that represents a community that is reflective of all of us- it is LITERALLY a RAINBOW!

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Cari Swan <cswanie@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:33 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Support Agenda Items #30, #31, #33 and #34

Dear Mayor Stickland and Council Members,

I am writing in support of four agenda items for tonight's council meeting: **Items 30, 31, 33 and 34.**

In particular, I wish to share my thoughts on my support for Agenda **Item 30.**

I spoke against Councilman Kalmick's agenda item on May 3, 2021 in which he proposed create a Flag Policy thus opening the door to deep divisiveness and controversy. I would like to thank Councilman Kalmick for proving me right, once again. As I browse the comments sent as Supplemental Communications, it is quite clear that Mr. Kalmick created a completely unnecessary and divisive issue when he authored this action in 2021. When I spoke against this issue in 2021, I reminded city council that their role as leaders should focus on the ENTIRE community and that every single person in our great city is already solidly represented by the American flag, State and County flags. Since that time, I notice that many other cities have debated the issue and a significant majority of cities in Orange County have concluded the same thing: special interest flags other than the American flag, State and County are considered divisive.

I also observed that many of the Supplemental Communications are coming from outside the City of Huntington Beach, no doubt a result of the many social media campaigns promoted by activists throughout Southern California.

I urge a vote in favor of Agenda **Item 30**, along with 31, 33 and 34

Respectfully,
Cari Swan
Huntington Beach resident

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Russell Neal <russneal@ieee.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:48 AM
To: Cari Swan
Cc: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re: Support Agenda Items #30, #31, #33 and #34

Well said!

On Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 11:33 AM Cari Swan <cswanie@aol.com> wrote:

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Respectfully,
Cari Swan
Huntington Beach resident

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Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30(23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride flag

From: Matt Ehrlich <matter89@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:27 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride flag

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. As a HB resident for most of my life, I want my voice to be heard that our community should be welcoming to all.

The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

I would respectfully ask you not to think of this as a political issue, or conservative vs liberal issue, but a statement about inclusivity.

Sincerely,
Matt Ehrlich

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Agenda Item No.: #36 (23.109)

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item

From: Dylan Driver <driverdylan8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:32 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item

Please vote to remove any special interest flags including Pride flags from government buildings and sites.

We already see other towns battling to keep out religious flags and special interest groups out of our politics. Don't allow HB to become one of those.

Keep it simple HB no more drama. remove any flags that promote special interest groups.

- Dylan

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag issue

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

From: Marcia Morrell <morrell967@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:36 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag issue

Kudos for not bowing to special interest groups. We are all Americans, we are all Californians and residents of HB. We are not all members of special interest groups. That is a personal preference and can be expressed on our own property not Government property. My MAGA flag is at my home, wouldn't think of having it flown at City Hall

Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

Agenda Item No.: #30 (23-109)

Moore, Tania

From: Gaye Fisher <gfishkins@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item 30 New flag ordinance to ban flags to be flown on city flag poles

Dear Council Members,

I am deeply troubled by the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance, love, and hope; not division. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive, and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. I personally have a PRIDE flag displayed on my patio for all to know this is a safe place for all.

Sincerely,
Gaye Fisher
resident of HB 92647

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/7/2023

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Moore, Tania

From: cherivatkinson@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:10 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; brianjtipton@gmail.com; pastorgeorge@cumchb.org
Subject: No on Agenda Item 30- New Flag Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on Item 30- New Flag Ordinance. Huntington Beach has a reputation for great beaches, surfing and resorts but we are not seen as an inclusive community, and you have an opportunity to further the progress, that we have made, in becoming welcoming and being inclusive, or reversing this progress. By passing a New Flag Ban and not allowing the Gay Pride Rainbow Flag, to be flown, this would be a direct message, intended or unintended, to our LGBTQ community, that we are reversing Huntington Beach as a inclusive, accepting, and safe city for our LGBTQ residents. I urge you not to pass Agenda Item 30, and not to have this as part of your legacy as HB City Council Members.

Cheri Atkinson LCSW
HB Resident, and member of CUMCHB

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Moore, Tania

From: Steven C Shepherd Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:42 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM #30 (23-109) I OPPOSE Ordinance that limits Flag Displays at City Facilities

Dear City Council -
I strongly oppose Agenda Item #30.

Simply put, this proposal is little more than a meanspirited distraction. It lacks constructive purpose and fails to put forth an affirmative vision for our community.

This action would be divisive as hell, and it is insulting to suggest otherwise.

Steve Shepherd
Huntington Beach 92646

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Marina Tagger <marinata@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:05 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Marina Tagger

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: JANICE HOPKINS <janice.hopkins@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:33 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Please keep special interest flags away from our city buildings!

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Robin Smith <robinhallesmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:40 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposal to limit flag displays at city facilities. This proposal would end Huntington Beach's current practice flying the PRIDE flag in June, in honor of pride month. Flying the PRIDE flag sends the message all deserve to be treated with respect and free from hate and harassment. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit.

I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Robin Smith

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Andrew Einhorn <AndrewEinhornPT@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:41 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Andrew Einhorn

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:59 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Dear city council HB,

From: kkhatib <kkhatib@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:41 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Dear city council HB,

Please represent ALL people by raising only municipal flags and gov flags on our gov buildings. We do not need to single out groups with personal flags such as rainbow or ethnic flags. We are all included and we all count and you have been governing us well. Thankyou.

Karima khatib
6821 Glen dr.
Huntington Beach 92647

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:00 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Arnold Rachlis <arnoldrachlis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:46 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Arnold Rachlis

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:01 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Michelle Shahon <queenmeesh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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Sincerely,
Michelle Shahon

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:03 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Benjamin Hubbard <bhubbard@fullerton.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:50 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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Sincerely,
Benjamin Hubbard

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:03 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 23-109

From: Jeanne Paris <jeannemarieparis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:50 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 23-109

I am writing in support of Agenda Item 23-109 restricting the flying of flags on city property to only the American flag, the POW/MIA, State flag, City Flag and County flag.

Thank you.

Jeanne Paris
HB Resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flag Policy Discussion

From: Amy Streavel <astreavel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flag Policy Discussion

Dear Trustees of HB City Council -

I'm writing because I have heard that there will be a consideration to change the flag policy of Huntington Beach to restrict allowable flags to only civic standards and the POW/MIA banner. I don't think that I have to tell you that the only other flag that is currently approved that is outside of this policy is the rainbow LGBTQ Pride flag, and it doesn't take much to see that this is what this restriction is about. Don't do it. It's one thing to not approve it in the first place, but it's another to blatantly make it a point to remove it, and create policy against it. How does showing the residents of HB that we are a city that embraces everyone hurt you or hurt anyone for that matter? It doesn't. But it is a symbol of inclusion and does signify that all are welcome in this city, welcome to attend the restaurants, beaches, and many other wonderful amenities that HB has to offer. I ran the Surf City half marathon this past weekend and there were many runners and supporters who displayed the rainbow flag for LGBTQ folks in some capacity -whether it was socks, shorts, t-shirt, signs - and although I wasn't looking for it, every time I saw a rainbow flag or symbol - it made me genuinely happy! And for folks like me, my family and friends, tax payers, travelers and beachgoers - we pay attention to that. In fact, seeing a pride flag really does influence where and how I conduct my business or spend my money - I am more likely to go somewhere (even out of my way) if I know that they do not intentionally exclude any person.

Please take this into consideration and really think about what message you are sending to your voters and constituents, we rely on you to do what is best for the City of HB, let's show folks that we welcome everyone.

Thank you,

Amy

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please keep flying the Pride Flag in June!

From: BETHANY WEBB <bethwebb711@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please keep flying the Pride Flag in June!

HB City Council members,

As a 40+ year HB resident, home owner and the mother of two children raised in HB, the oldest of the two is member of the LGBTQ community. I implore you to continue to fly the Pride flag. You may be unaware of how such a small action creates such a big difference by extending a sense of inclusion and respect.

Please do the best thing for all your constituents.
Fly the flag!

Sincerely,
Beth Webb
Franklin Advantage
Cell 714-726-2160
Fax 714-378-0701
Bethwebb711@msn.com
DRE# 01278252
NMLS# 271520

Thank you for referrals of Friends & Family. I promise to provide the best service available.

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Camela Hadden <camela.hadden@abcusd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:55 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

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I urge you to reject the proposed ordinance to limit flag displays.

Sincerely,
Camela Hadden

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Richard Freeman <rick@2ndstbeauty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:03 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

Dear Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,
Richard Freeman

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Alex Igoudin <contactlane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:04 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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Sincerely,
Alex Igoudin

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flying Flags

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

From: Jo Heier <hoho92649@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flying Flags

Please only fly the 3 flags. American, California and Huntington Beach.
Any 'extra' flags just complicates the issue.

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: City Flags Proposed Ordinance Support

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

From: Ted Ross <tedross_0077@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Flags Proposed Ordinance Support

The city of Huntington Beach will consider limiting what flags are displayed on city property.

Councilmember Pat Burns has proposed a new ordinance that would only allow the American flag, California state flag and the city of Huntington Beach flag to be flown.

"Special flags or recognition flags of some sort that aren't governmental or representative of the community, as one, I don't believe has a space on our government flag poles," he said.

Burns said the only exception would be the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action flag that honors those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

"I as a Huntington Beach resident appreciate & support this proposal."

Ted Ross
Huntington Beach resident

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:19 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

From: Michael Minsky <akitot522@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:18 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Keep Flying the Pride Flag in Huntington Beach

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Sincerely,
Michael Minsky

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Moore, Tania

From: Laura Ehrlich <ehrllichx4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:20 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Do not vote to remove the Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach, and want to share my strong disagreement with the possibility of NOT flying the PRIDE flag in June each year. As you know, the LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. My husband, myself and my two children ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. We love Huntington Beach and how far along in acceptance and inclusion our city has come. Please do not set us back in time and cause our residents or those visiting us to think that Surf City is not a place they want to be. Thank you for your consideration and all you do for our community.

Laura Ehrlich
HB Resident for 40 years

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Moore, Tania

From: Laura Ehrlich <laura9212002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:28 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Do NOT remove the Pride Flag please

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach, and want to share my strong disagreement with the possibility of NOT flying the PRIDE flag in June each year. As you know, the LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. My husband, myself and my two children ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here. We love Huntington Beach and how far along in acceptance and inclusion our city has come. Please do not set us back in time and cause our residents or those visiting us to think that Surf City is not a place they want to be. Thank you for your consideration and all you do for our community.

Laura Grandy

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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Do not vote to remove the Pride Flag

From: Laura Ehrlich <ehrllichx4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:19 PM
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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Attn: City Council re: Pride Flag

From: murphysmum@aol.com <murphysmum@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Attn: City Council re: Pride Flag

Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council Members,

I've been a resident of Huntington Beach since moving here after college in 1966. I raised my son here and ran a thriving psychology practice for many years until retirement.

I was originally drawn to our community by what we all have been, our quality of life, but also the inclusiveness and acceptance of people from all walks of life. This was true in 1966 and I hope it remains true today.

We all know what a wonderful place Huntington Beach has been to live in and value what have been policies of acceptance of diversity, including race, religion, gender and sexual orientation to name a few, embraced through our Human Relations Task Force as well as our City Councils. This diversity is what makes a community interesting.

I've been made aware of a plan to abolish the practice of flying a rainbow flag during Pride Month. As Huntington Beach, is a destination resort and known as an accepting, fun focused, and welcoming community, it flies in the face of reason to publicly remove this symbol of acceptance of all. Do we really want our City know for bigotry?

This issue is now making local news, is a "hot button" topic, and will certainly make national news if the flag is removed. Is that the image of our city we want to be presenting? Will that kind of statement draw commerce to our city? I don't think so.

I haven't even touched upon the residents here who will be personally hurt if the flag is removed because, as Council Members, I'm not sure if you're mandated to care for citizen's feeling. However, you were elected to work for the better good of Huntington Beach and I hope you'll put any possible personal biases aside and leave the flag alone. It hurts no one; it benefits many.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Janed Sax, Ph.D.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: flags flown at City Hall

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

From: LINDI MITCHELL <mlindim@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:26 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: flags flown at City Hall

Please vote to discontinue and ban the flying of any flags at any government facility other than the official U.S., State, and/or City flags. Any deviation from this for one specific group above another is not fair or appropriate. If it must continue, then rules need to be such that ANY person or group is allowed the same right.

Thank you.

Lindi Mitchell
Huntington Beach resident 36 years

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: LGBTQIA+ Flag

From: Yadira Rosas <yareth88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: LGBTQIA+ Flag

To who it may concern:

The removal of the pride flag sends a message that our city does not support or accepts its LGBTQIA+ residents. Furthermore, flags with hateful connotations are allowed to fly through our city freely while the one that stands for love and acceptance is at question. Please take into consideration what this would mean to your community.

A Huntington Beach resident,

Yadira Rosas

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags

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

From: ken maddams <kenmaddams@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags

Hi,
Please stay with traditional US, State and city Flags.
Thank You, Ken Maddams
Sent from my iPad

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:54 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Pride Flag

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

From: Lisa Waldbaum <dharmadoodle@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Pride Flag

Dear City Council Representatives,

I doubt that my writing this will have any effect on your decision. I haven't found the voting block of 4 to be too concerned about what their constituents have to say. Especially those that didn't vote for them.

But, I am writing to express my support of flying the Pride Flag during Gay Pride Month.

With all the things in Huntington Beach that need your attention, it is ludicrous that this is an issue that you have proposed to address. Frankly, it's an embarrassment to the city that this is being put to a vote. I have to ask, why is this important to you? Why is it even an issue? What are you afraid of?

Huntington Beach is known for its family friendly beach vibe, but unfortunately it has a dark underbelly that many, including current members of the city council, refuse to acknowledge and/or actively participate in. Islamophobia, Antisemitism, White nationalism, Homophobia, conspiracy theories, QAnon, election deniers, NeoNazis, January 6th insurrectionists, Proud Boys, to name a few. Rabbi Einstein was heckled during his invocation, for God's sake. Did any of you even formally apologize to him on behalf of the city?

I am an Army vet and proudly led and served with many members of the LGBTQ+ community during my 28 years of service.

Fly the flag for our veterans and service members, for first responders, for public servants that work in your office, for our elected officials in local, state, and federal governments, for those that struggle and are discriminated against and marginalized every day. Fly the flag for them.

Respectfully,
LTC(R) Lisa A Waldbaum

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:56 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Flags in HB

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

From: Kristina Savage <babysavo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:49 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Flags in HB

Dear City Council,
Please only fly the US Flag, The State Flag, and the HB Flag. Any military flags(POW etc) should also be flown with pride of our military men & women.
The gay pride flag only represents a small segment of our community. Are you going to let the hells angels have their flag flying? What about white supremacy groups? And what about all the cancer survivor groups who want their flag flown above HB. I would love my Christian Flag to be flown too! When does the insanity stop?
Please stop the special interest groups from interfering with the standard flags that need to be flown.
Thank you,
Kristina Savage
20year HB resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item 30. 23.109 February 21 23 meeting

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

From: Dennis Pappas <ndoceanpappas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:00 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item 30. 23.109 February 21 23 meeting

Hello esteemed City Council Members;

I am pleased to write to you in response to the recommended action to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the February 21 Council Meeting that the city fly or display flags recommended in Agenda item 23-109. I love flags, I am a gardener so I love to display gardening flags, love lemons, Mary Englebreit, rainbows, nature, children, rivers but I do not want to see these flown at City Hall. I would like the City Manager to work with the city attorney to propose an ordinance to support agenda item 23.109.

Thank you, Patricia Pappas

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