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I'd like to correct some of the text in the Issue statement, and recommend that the **HBCC not approve the activity**

Huntington Beach has positioned itself as a wasting city resources on activities that do not align with the needs of the local community.

The description of Article XI is somewhat accurate.

As one of 126 charter cities in California, Huntington Beach has the disadvantage of governance that is extreme and unresponsive to local priorities. The council majority does not have a large amount of popular support, with council members typically having less than 53% of the popular vote.

By joining with other charter cities, Huntington Beach can expand its extreme and costly lawsuits with other parties. These smaller cities are hoping to join lawsuits that the smaller cities cannot afford. Why should Huntington Beach pay for those cities when they can't afford it?

If the HBCC wants to pursue this, remember that it is a great opportunity to raise money, and help pay for the wasteful lawsuits.

Huntington Beach is not the 51st state in the union, as pointed out by a Judge in a recent meeting.

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This communication is in support of the following items listed on the agenda for the Huntington Beach City Council meeting in April 15, 2025.

Agenda Item

18. #25-313

An ad hoc committee to familiarize and evaluate various entities that contribute to, support or involve the city — but are not necessarily governed or compensated by the city — is a good practice. This can highlight the many advantages the city and its residents gain from traditional community and volunteer efforts and organizations. It may also reveal where city governance and outside organizations may overlap or fail to operate in concert.

19. #25-295

A better organized, collaborative association between Charter Cities in California is long overdue. Done properly such effort could strengthen the unique rights granted to Charter Cities under the California State Constitution.

Such association may support better local governance such areas as:

- Zoning, Planning and Development
- Law Enforcement
- Municipal election administration

This collaborative association might also serve as a resource for other California cities attempting to become charter cities or considering such option for their municipalities.

Thank you to all of the city council members and city staff who work so diligently for Huntington Beach and its residents.

Very best,
Ann Palmer
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