

From: [Connie Garcia](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Beach Closure
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:58:16 PM

Dear Council Members,

Please follow Governor Newsome's mandate to close Orange County Beaches. I am a resident of Huntington Beach and want our beaches closed. Last Saturday I attempted to walk the path to the pier and it was very crowded. I don't agree with letting folks sunbathe on the sand either. I love enjoying what our beaches have to offer, however, not at the expense of someone's health. I am an owner resident living on 17th. Street. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Connie Garcia

From: [Rocky Tindage](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Concerned Resident
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:50:03 PM

As a resident of Huntington Beach, I urge each of you to make the Governor aware of all the efforts that our brave HB police officers, firefighters and lifeguards were doing to ensure that our citizens were safe by educating and enforcing practicing social distancing over the past weekends at our beaches. I believe the Governor is basing his unilateral decision to close the our beaches on erroneous information that he learned through the media and not from you, our city officials. The Governors actions targeting only Orange County beaches causes me great concern as a Huntington Beach resident. It would seem that notwithstanding the Governor's anthem that science and not politics would govern that these words are simply rhetoric in light. Please send the Governor a strong message that the citizens of Huntington Beach will not simply stand idly by as our liberties are trampled from afar. - Rocky Tindage

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Closure in Huntington Beach
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:05:58 PM

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

From: Justin Bruursema <justinb@macbox.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach Closure in Huntington Beach

Hello Mayor Semeta,

As a resident of Huntington Beach I was extremely disappointed (and angry) to see Governor Newsom's call to close all beaches. I cannot understand the rationale of this decision as the number of Covid 19 cases in our area do not support this action. If beaches were truly a threat, Huntington Beach should be the epicenter of Covid-19 as the beach has been open since the beginning. This is obviously not the case, and the beach is one of the few constructive outlets for many of the residents here. Please act against this decision in whatever way you possibly can as it does not seem to be reasonable and could easily lead to a very negative outcome.

Thanks,

Justin Bruursema
413 10th Street Apt. D
Huntington Beach, CA
92648

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beach closure
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:03:27 PM

From: Dan Ciscel <danciscel@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach closure

Mayor Semeta,

My name is Dan Ciscel and I am a business owner in and a resident of Huntington Beach. I am reaching out to respectfully urge you and the city council to resist enforcement of Governor Newsom's just announced beach closure. The math does not justify this extreme measure mandated by the state. I visit the beach every day to surf, ride my bike, and enjoy our beautiful coastline. While there are instances from time to time of people congregating in what has been deemed an "unsafe" manner, the majority of visitors are families or individuals that are more than adequately distanced.

The impact of the stay at home order has done irreparable damage to our local economy. The saving grace has been the wise decision to keep our beaches open. Please do not allow a politician in Sacramento that is only looking at a few select images take this away from us. We are not Surf City if we cannot surf.

I trust that you will use wisdom and common sense when addressing the mandates handed down from Sacramento. We cannot economically or emotionally sustain a beach closure. I ask you respectfully to not enforce this order.

Sincerely,
Dan Ciscel
Business owner and resident, Huntington Beach

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Closure
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:04:47 PM

From: outlook_71956CA6D2076AED@outlook.com <kauaisrfr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach Closure

Please do NOT support the enforcement of this. We are Surf City and fought hard for this title.
Please, Do NOT make surfing illegal in HB.
30 year home owner in HB and avid voter.
Thank you
Darrin Hainer

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Closures
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:08:30 PM

From: Brian Ross <bross375@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Lyn.Semata@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach Closures

Hello Mayor Lyn Semeta,

I am one of your constituents in the city of Huntington Beach. I live on main street above the Dirty Dog Wash.

The news this morning is that Governor Newsom is closing all beaches, targeting ours as some scapegoat to blame and punish. This makes me upset. I surf at the beach regularly, it has become the one thing that keeps me healthy in both body and mind this last month. I don't know what the right thing to do about this is, but I wanted to reach out because I'm sure I'm not alone and our community's frustration should be expressed.

Our community loves our police department, and I believe that enforcing this order will lead to a lot of pent up frustration and increased confrontations. Perhaps we could seek some compromise with the state government that we will ticket those resting on the beach but not those exercising on it? It seems fair to me, since those exercising have an easier time social distancing.

Thank you for your leadership and the hard work you do.

Best Regards,
Brian Ross

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Beach closures
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:44:36 PM

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

From: Jeannie Bird <seabird214@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach closures

Please, please, please vote to keep HB beaches open with sensible social distancing protocols!

Jeannie Bird

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Parking
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:56:57 PM

From: Marty C. <marty200359@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:42 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Beach Parking

Dear Mayor,

As I am sure you are aware, today our state Governor directed Huntington Beach and Newport Beach to shut down. As I mentioned in my previous email to you, the decision to keep our beaches open disregarded not only the safety of our residents, but also disregarded the data, science, healthcare, and recommendations of our state government. My opinion is not out of fear nor panic. I have been embarrassed by our city, as our leadership has repeatedly continued to ignore our Governor's original directive. The focus of the HB city leadership right now should be on how to safely begin opening our businesses, not how to keep our beaches open. It is much easier to safely control customers in a business environment than it is to control massive crowds on the beach. Our city and state citizens have many other options for their health and well being within the scope of the state's guidelines, besides going to the beach. We will never know how many lives have been or will be affected by the lack of leadership and poor decisions recently coming from our city.

With that said, when the beaches do eventually open, please consider the impact on the HB downtown residential area if the beach parking remains closed. This situation forces the crowds to the downtown residential streets for parking, thus creating a number of issues for the residents, including no parking, trash, and gathering of large crowds to name of few.

I understand that this virus will continue to be a threat until a vaccine is available, but until then, we need to limit our risks as much as possible. Safely opening the economy will go much further to promote health and well being until a vaccine is available.

I am blessed to live one block from the beach, but the beach can wait.

Regards,

Marty Caproni
206 22nd Street HB

214 770-2851

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 12:51:44 PM PDT, Marty C. <marty200359@yahoo.com> wrote:

Please see my email below to Mr. Rouda. I have also attached a clip from my front porch security video from this morning. I have hours of time stamped security video that I have held from sending to the local media to avoid further community embarrassment, however if the parking situation is not addressed this will be one of my next steps. Please address this issue.

Dear Mr. Rouda,

I am requesting your assistance with getting change to the COVID19 policy in Huntington Beach. My city has left the beaches open while most cities (at times all cities) are adhering to our Governors guidelines and closing their city and state beaches. Although I believe it is unsafe to leave the beaches open, based on the data, science, healthcare, and state government recommendations; I am willing to stay at home to avoid the crowds in Huntington Beach. However, the city of Huntington Beach has closed the beach parking which has forced the crowds into the downtown residential area where I reside in an effort for them to find parking. I have security camera footage that will reveal how bad this issue is in front of my house 7 days a week. I have submitted several emails and made numerous calls to the city leadership to no avail. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Best regards, Marty Caproni 214 770-2851

Marty Caproni
214 770-2851

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Close our beaches!!!
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:07:47 PM

From: Kathy Johnson <travelingkath@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Re: Close our beaches!!!

Dear Mayor,

I have heard that Governor Newsom has issued an executive order to close ALL beaches in California starting this Friday, May 1st. I wholeheartedly applaud and agree with his decision based on what I saw last weekend in HB (see email below). I believe he has made the tough but correct decision to protect the people of California and Huntington Beach when you and the city council failed to do so. I truly hope that you and the city will honor and enforce this order and keep people away from our beaches and downtown streets.

As a resident who is extremely concerned about the spread of the virus in our community due to the ridiculous and nationally embarrassing debacle last weekend, I will be driving by the beaches and downtown this weekend to make sure the city and police are enforcing the closure of the beaches. It is unfortunate that I as a resident do not trust you and the police to enforce this order and feel like I need to take it upon myself to document whether you are doing your job to keep me and our community safe.

Please do what is right for our safety!! Do not listen to outsiders who just want to use our beaches, violate the rules, spread the virus and then leave! We do not owe those people a good time at the expense of our lives!! You owe your residents a duty to protect our safety - remember that! I certainly will at election time!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Johnson
resident of Huntington Beach

From: Kathy Johnson <travelingkath@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:18 PM

To: Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>

Cc: CFikes@surfcity-hb.org <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>

Subject: Close our beaches!!!

Dear Mayor Semeta,

I was shocked and appalled at what I saw this weekend in HB. Not only were the beaches crowded with way too many people who were NOT social distancing and NOT wearing masks but all of the streets within many blocks of Main Street were crammed with people. I drove past the beaches all the way down PCH and through the downtown streets to drop off a dinner to sick friends near downtown and it was unbelievable how many people were not 6 feet apart at all and not wearing any masks.

Our beach is one of the only ones open and everyone knows it and many people are coming from ALL OVER LA County, inland Orange County, etc to descend on our city and violate all social distancing rules and spread the virus in our city! This is outrageous! You and the city council are supposed to work for US, the residents and protect us and not to provide recreation for people all over the state to come here and violate the rules and put our lives in jeopardy! There are not even many of our businesses open so we don't even get a local benefit to all this danger. You do not owe a duty to these outsiders at such a dangerous time, you owe a duty to YOUR residents and instead you re endangering them and my family!

Most of the local residents I know and have spoken to did not even try to go to our own beaches this weekend because they were overrun with outsiders not social distancing. I want you and the council to CLOSE OUR BEACHES down like Newport Beach is proposing to do as well for the next several weeks. How much worse will this be if they close down and we don't? Then everyone will descend just on our beaches and we will have a spike in the virus. We are being called the Florida of California now, who left their beaches open during spring break and then saw a spike in their virus numbers. We are a laughing stock now, as we should be for such poor decision making.

Please close our beaches now! I am a very active citizen and voter and will remember and remind others what you all decide to do on this issue once election day comes again for you and the City Council, so PLEASE do what is right for YOUR residents not for the yahoos who come here and break our rules and spread death in our city!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Johnson
Resident of the Estates of Seacliff, Huntington Beach

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Governors lock down on beaches
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:30:06 PM

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

From: John Carter <john.carter0007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Governors lock down on beaches

I'm embarrassed after living here over 20 years that we can't follow simple guidelines . We should have closed beaches earlier. Hopefully the city council can follow rules so we can open soon and not spend lo summer like this.

John carter

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Idiots On Our Beach and On Our Council.
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:00:49 PM

From: Michael Canas <coachcanas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Idiots On Our Beach and On Our Council.

I'm a heart patient and a cancer patient. My family has been SIP for 6 weeks. What good is that going to do if you let a bunch of morons pack our beach. HB was just called out by the governor for what you and the rest of the council allowed. Its easy, No one on the beach! What are you a trump voter! This is life and death.
My family has lived in HB for over 75 years and this is one of the stupidest things I've ever seen. Close the damn beach!

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Letter Regarding the Current Beach Closure
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:29:00 PM

From: Andrew Richmond <richmond1508@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>; Hardy, Jill <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>; Brenden, Patrick <Patrick.Brenden@surfcity-hb.org>; Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>; Delgleize, Barbara <Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org>; Peterson, Erik <Erik.Peterson@surfcity-hb.org>; Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Letter Regarding the Current Beach Closure

Members of the Huntington Beach City Council:

I am a 20 year resident of Downtown Huntington Beach. I learned last night that our Governor has decided to close Orange County beaches as a result of the crowds at our beaches last weekend. While I am disappointed that he has made this decision, I am not surprised. I have watched the crowds grow over the past several weeks to an overwhelming size.

I live on Pacific Coast Highway and have a clear view of the beach area from 13th to 17th street. This area has not historically been crowded as there is limited parking and it is far away from the amenities found closer to Main Street. We have two single use bathrooms in the area that were never intended to serve large groups of people congregating on this section of the beach. Incidentally, the bathrooms do not have any soap for people to sanitize their hands. Over the past several weekends there were thousands of people gathering on this section of the beach. This is clearly the result of the public parking being taken away from tourists, forcing them to park in my neighborhood on the numbered streets.

The residential streets from 6th Street to 22nd Street have been flooded with tourists who took up all of our local neighborhood parking as a result of the public parking being closed down. This has made it difficult for residents to find parking spots near our home. On April 16th the City issued a press release, published on www.HBready.com, where it stated "Please do not park in any nearby residential neighborhoods, as parking throughout the City has been limited due to residents staying at home during the Order. The Huntington Beach Police Department will also add additional patrols in the neighborhoods near the beaches to assist with parking and overcrowding issues."

While this was a noble idea there was no real plan behind it to enforce this. I emailed the city on April 20th asking for clarification on how the City intended to enforce these parking restrictions. I received a response back from Sandie Frakes, City Manager, stating that "We can certainly understand your frustrations with visitor parking in your neighborhood. In response, we have strategically placed electronic sign boards on major streets leading to the beach which indicate "no beach parking".

To date none of these signs have materialized. I followed up asking for a response on when I could expect these signs and Ms. Frakes did not respond.

With the beaches now closed, we can expect the boardwalk to be even more crowded than it was before. The boardwalk in front of my house is barely ten feet wide. I routinely see people walking in tandem in both directions with bicycles passing through in between them.

There is no possible way for four people to be crossing through a ten foot boardwalk while being six feet apart from each other. People regularly congregate by the stairs and cross walks in large groups as well.

Teenagers show up to my neighborhood in groups of four or more in their cars to head to the beach. We can reasonably assume that these teenagers are not all families living under the same household. They clearly were not observing social distancing by sitting in the same car together on their drive to the beach. And on Tuesday night there were five separate groups of volleyball players playing on the beach by 15th Street with portable nets they brought with them to the beach. Volleyball is not conducive to social distancing.

Without dwelling any further on the issues that leaving our beach open has caused, I will address my main concern for addressing all of you today. I have no reason to believe the crowds will diminish with the beach being closed. Our boardwalk is a popular place to get exercise. We have posted speed limits of 5mph for bicyclists when pedestrians are present. In the 20 years I have lived here I have rarely seen a bicyclist follow this rule. Now we have battery and gasoline powered bicycles riding on the path along with large groups of pedestrians. There has been little to no enforcement of any speed limits or social distancing on the boardwalks that I have observed in my daily walks around the neighborhood. I was personally run over by a teenager several years ago who was not watching out for pedestrians while chasing a football across the boardwalk. I ended up with a fractured pelvis that left me on crutches for three months from that accident.

We need to control the crowds on the boardwalk. We need to eliminate battery and gasoline powered vehicles from the boardwalk and we need police presence to enforce the speed limits of bicyclists while the crowds are large. We also need to enforce the rights of residents to have reasonable access to parking spaces near their homes.

And regarding the beaches, I would have been thrilled to see the Council restrict beach access for the purpose of exercise only, as many other locations have successfully done. We simply do not have enough space on our beaches to accommodate everyone from San Diego to Los Angeles who wants to hang out at the beach all day long with their friends and family because their local beaches were closed. They could come here for exercise but be restricted from bringing chairs, coolers, tents, etc.

In conclusion, I hope the Council will reflect on the actions that led to this beach closure, as well as the impact the crowds have had on the residents of Downtown Huntington Beach, and come up with a proactive plan to address our concerns while finding a reasonable way to accommodate those who want to visit Huntington Beach during this pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Andrew Richmond

1508 Pacific Coast Highway

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Lockdown situation !
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:06:44 PM

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

From: Lenny Mawad <lenny.mawad@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Lockdown situation !

As we look towards May , what is the mayors position on the lockdown on beaches ? There has been zero communication from the mayor office .

Please let us know what your position is vis a vis the order by Newsome.

We are very opposed to the shutdown .

Thanks

Lenny Mawad
5691 Ocean terrace dr
Hb 92648
Cell 714-717-9499
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: New Beach Closures
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:59:42 PM

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

From: Thomas Niedringhaus <gotigertom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: New Beach Closures

Hi Mayor!

Thank you for keeping our beaches open through the “pandemic”. As a downtown HB homeowner, taxpayer and regular voter, I implore you to resist at all costs Governor Newsome’s latest dictate to close all OC beaches in retaliation for his subjects not obeying his commands to stay home and heading to the beaches last weekend (and to teach us all who’s really the boss here, and show us little people what happens when you don’t follow the Dear Leaders proclamations).

Not sure if you are running for re-election in 2020. How you handle this latest twist will determine whether or not you get my vote, and probably a lot of others. You are either part of the problem or part of the solution. Choose wisely.

Thank you,

Tom Niedringhaus
111 20th Street

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Potential HB beach closure
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:36:38 PM

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

From: Joe Scholz <joseph.scholz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>; Joe Scholz <joseph.scholz@gmail.com>
Subject: Potential HB beach closure

Mayor Lyn

Please keep our Huntington Beaches and bike paths open !!!

Best regards
Joe and Lori Scholz
35 year HB residents and homeowner

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Subject: FW: Public comment regarding emergency meeting
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:34:06 PM

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

From: David Quesada <captaindavidquesada@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Hardy, Jill <Jill.Hardy@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Public comment regarding emergency meeting

I understand you have an emergency meeting at 5pm regarding Governor a-hole. Please consider your citizens. Not all of us are in the same boats. While some have smooth sailing with a large income and can safely sit at home as long as they want, others are weathering a dark and deadly storm. They are uncertain as to their future, jobless, hopeless, unable to pay rent or mortgages. As Huntington Beach citizens, we need to be able to de-stress and go to our beaches and the ocean. This is not something we caused. This situation was thrust upon us by our government. Please take pity on us by allowing us to use our beaches. Please have mercy on us and start opening the city. Please consider this my public input and you are welcome to read it to the council. In these trying times I'm not aware how the public is supposed to comment on these matters.

Thank you,
David Quesada

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Cc: [Brenden, Patrick](#); [Carr, Kim](#); [Delgleize, Barbara](#); [Fikes, Cathy](#); [Hardy, Jill](#); [Peterson, Erik](#); [Posey, Mike](#); [Semeta, Lyn](#)
Subject: FW: Sunset Beach
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:53:38 PM

From: Linda Fitch <fitchsunset@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Sunset Beach

Please know that you are putting Sunset Beach residents in a dangerous situation by leaving Sunset Beach open. Last weekend had so many non residents coming to our neighborhood that it was similar to the crowds of a holiday such as the 4th of July. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

The people on the beach in Sunset are not residents. They are circling in their cars trying to find a parking place, many even ended up across the street at Peter's Landing.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER BY CLOSING THE BEACH until the parking and state beaches are open. It is not safe to have only a few beaches open. It should be all or nothing so no specific neighborhoods are put in danger.

With deep concern,
Linda Fitch

A Sunset Beach Resident

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Surf closure.
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:58:44 PM

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

From: Kevin Tubbs <jettubbs@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Surf closure.

Dear Mayor Semeta

Please contact Gavin Newsom and refuse to follow his absurd abuse of power and keep Huntington Beach open for surfing.

I am a front line emergency physician with 30 years experience. Surfing is NOT a risk for COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin D. Tubbs

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: The Beach
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:11:32 PM

From: Susan Lipscomb <susan.lipscomb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:13 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: The Beach

Hello –

I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for over 40 years. I have always been proud of our City but this past weekend I was ashamed to see that in the midst of a global pandemic Huntington Beach is choosing NOT to close the beach. Closing the parking lots does not stop people from going to the beach as you have seen by now. It is appalling to see videos and pictures of the huge crowds gathered at the beach like any other time. The city posted that the police were warning people to maintain "social distancing" but it was very apparent that the warnings were largely ignored. It is impossible to maintain much separation with the amount of beachgoers gathered there this past weekend and in the future. LA County has closed all the beaches and is strictly enforcing the closures with police patrols and heavy fines.

Why wouldn't you wait until at least the quarantine has been lifted, currently scheduled for mid-May at the earliest, to open up the beach? I love to be at the beach like many others but at this time it is totally
NON ESSENTIAL!!

This is why we are all sheltering in place, avoiding crowds, and social distancing right now. Many are sacrificing much more than a day at the beach for the safety of everyone. All the health care and essential business workers are putting themselves at great risk to serve others. We all need to do our part by avoiding the spread of this virus and hopefully give the experts time to make it safe for everyone to gradually get back to normal.

It is just ludicrous for the beaches to be open at this time!

Our City should not be providing a gathering place for people which enables the spreading of the virus. Be the example in Orange County and **CLOSE THE BEACH!**

Why has it not been a priority as City Council for Huntington Beach to protect not only your citizens but all the visitors who are coming here because the beach is open?

I look forward to your reply and can only hope to see the City rectify this poor decision by doing the right thing!

Thank you.

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