

**From:** [Jeannie Bird](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** Beach closures  
**Date:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 6:51:57 AM

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While I realize that people are antsy to get back to normal, I wish you would stop wasting our tax \$\$\$ to support an untenable position on the beach closures. The governor's state emergency order overrides the local governments. You are also being a really bad example for the citizens by not obeying the law.

Jeannie Bird  
92649

**From:** [Shirlee Krause](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS FOR MAY 4, 2020 MEETING  
**Date:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 4:41:57 PM

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May 3, 2020

Dear Mayor and City Council:

You are the governing body of our beautiful City of Huntington Beach. We elected you to serve and protect us. Because of your awesome responsibility, I am entreating you to please follow the recommended safety measures mandated by our Governor to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in Huntington Beach and all surrounding communities.

Additionally, please abide by the pandemic emergency declaration to "close all beaches and city parks" that began May 1, 2020. This includes your enacting and enforcing of the California's State-wide, "Stay-At-Home closure policies," including, but not limited to, all metered parking spots at local beaches and recreational areas.

Please also follow the Orange County Health Officer's Order, which temporarily bans all public gatherings, with specifically noted exceptions (Emergency Regulations, dated March 17, 2020) that also requests "Closure of all County parks, beaches, and recreational facilities."

Once again, last weekend showed crowds packed on bike paths and failure of social distancing per the Governor's orders. Of the many people interviewed, many weren't even from Huntington Beach, but instead from San Bernardino, Culver City, Chino and portions of Los Angeles! These people obviously have no regard for their catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus!

Also, the large crowds of demonstrators in both occasions consisted of many people from out-of-town and an organized group which is prowling the State. These people are endangering the health and safety of our residents. Very few demonstrators or onlookers were wearing masks.

This is an unacceptable and exceedingly dangerous situation!

Please keep our beaches and parks CLOSED until a vaccine is available and working, and until the level of infections are minimized and near ZERO!

Right now, private apartments, condos and mobilehome park clubhouses and pools have been shut down to protect our citizens from exposure, together with

schools, houses of worship, and nonessential businesses. Please follow this lead and close the beaches as well.

We need your protection NOW. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Shirlee A. Krause

Resident of Huntington Beach since 1981 (intermittent resident of Santa Ana)

**From:** [Patti Kerr](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** City Counsel Comments for May 4, 2020 meetings  
**Date:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 9:35:49 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

You are the governing body of our city. We elected you to serve and protect us.

Please follow the recommended safety measures mandated by the Governor to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in Huntington Beach and surrounding communities. Please abide by the pandemic emergency declaration to close all beaches and city parks that started May 1, 2020.

Please support the enacting and enforcing of the California's State-wide, Stay-At-Home closure policies—including but not limited to all metered parking spots at local beaches and recreational areas.

Please follow the Orange County Health Officer's Order, which temporarily bans all public gatherings, with specifically noted exceptions (Emergency Regulations, dated March 17, 2020) which also requests Closure of all County parks, beaches, and recreational facilities.

Last weekend showed crowds packed on bike paths and failure of social distancing per the Governor's orders (many interviewed were from San Bernardino, Culver City, Chino, and portions of Los Angeles) obviously with no regard for their catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus. The large crowds of demonstrators in both instances were made up of numerous out-of-town people also and an organized group prowling the State. These people are endangering the health and safety of our residents. Very few demonstrators or onlookers were wearing masks.

This is unacceptable.

Please keep our beaches and parks closed until a vaccine is available and working, and until the level of infections are minimized and close to "0".

Private apartment, condo, and mobilehome park clubhouses and pools have been shut down to protect our citizens from exposure, along with schools, houses of worship, and non-essential businesses. Please close the beaches also.

Please protect us.


Thank you,

Patricia Kerr

Huntington Beach resident since 1983

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**From:** Travis Pritchett <travis@travispritchett.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 7:50 AM  
**To:** MyHB  
**Cc:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Re: ¶ Status Updated -MyHB-#289873 Contact an Executive -

No time for this. There will be folks protesting today!

On 2020-04-30 16:55, MyHB wrote:

--- To post a comment reply above this line ---

MyHB  
Status Changed - #289873

Work Order #289873 status has changed from new to resolved.

Staff Note:

Thank you for your message. If you intended for this message to be submitted as a formal public comment or supplemental communications for tonight's City Council Special meeting on the subject, please resubmit it to [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HBpubliccomments](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HBpubliccomments) by 5pm for public comments or [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org) for supplemental communications. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 536-5227. Thank you.

Status  
resolved  
Work Order  
#289873

Issue Type  
Contact an Executive  
Subtype  
City Manager  
Notes

Please allow people to use the beach this weekend or any weekend going forward. People have the constitutional right to peaceably assemble and with 6 ft of social distancing this can be done. Look at the state of Florida as an example. You control the local beach not Governor Newsome. Don't have the cops try to arrest people and censor opposition. This is a free country.

Reporter Name  
Travis Pritchett  
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520-270-3110  
Report Submitted  
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Please do not change subject line when responding.

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beach Closure in Huntington Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:46:38 PM

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-----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:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:48:57 PM

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**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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: beach closure  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:58:33 PM

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

From: Elissa Warantz <e.warantz@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:40 AM  
To: Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: beach closure

Dear Council Member Carr: I am writing to thank you for voting against the decision by the council to file a lawsuit challenging Governor Newsom's beach closure order. I know this must have been a difficult position to take, in the face of many loud and angry voices calling for the beach to stay open. But, as a Huntington Beach resident and business owner for the past 14 years, I think you made the right decision, and one that is in the best interest of public health — not to mention saving our valuable tax dollars for more important things. Thank you for having the courage to take this action. You have my support, and that of many of my friends.

Regards,  
Elissa Warantz  
3776 Montego Dr.  
Huntington Beach



**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beach closure  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:49:38 PM

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**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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: beach closures  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:55:30 PM

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**From:** Debra Brown <browni513@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** beach closures

Dear Mayor Semeta,

I am writing you to express my distinct displeasure regarding the April 30th Orders from Governor Newsom regarding the closing of Orange County beaches including state, county and local beaches. The Orders were devoid of any rationale or justification as to how they will protect Orange County residents from COVID-19. Specifically, it is unclear how the Orders will help “flatten the curve” or achieve any other governmental objective regarding COVID-19. I live on Huntington Harbour in Sunset Beach. The Orders have severely impacted my constitutional rights.

I understand that all levels of government - local, state and federal - have a role to play, particularly in a time like now when there is a pandemic. However, the Constitution makes clear that even in a situation like this, the government does not have carte blanche to act - even when the government purports to act in the interests of its residents. A government’s police powers are not without limits.

From, Gostin LO. Public health in a new century. Part II: Public health powers and limits. JAMA. 2000;283:2979–84

*The Constitution allocates public health powers among the federal government and the states. Federal public health powers include the authority to tax, spend, and regulate interstate commerce. These powers enable the federal government to raise revenues, allocate resources, economically penalize risk behavior, and broadly regulate in the public's interest.*

*States have an inherent authority to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the people, termed police powers. Police powers enable states to preserve the public health in areas ranging from injury and disease prevention to sanitation, waste disposal, and environmental protection. The Rehnquist Court has emphasized the limits of federal powers and the primacy of states in public health issues affecting local concerns.*

*Finally, the Constitution safeguards individual interests in autonomy, privacy, liberty, and property. The Supreme Court often defers to public health authorities in matters of public health, but **engages in strict scrutiny if government interferes with fundamental freedoms** or discriminates against a suspect class. Provided that they act justly and reasonably to avert a serious health threat, the Court should cede to*

*agencies the power to act for the communal good. (1)*

Governments, including local governments, cannot act without justification even during a state of emergency. Here, it is impossible for the residents of Orange County to know whether the Governor has any data or other justification for its actions because we do not know specifically why the Governor felt so compelled to close all beaches except that citizens came to the beaches last weekend. The news release regarding the April 30th Order failed to provide any explicit justification for the closure and instead seemed to rely solely on the “governor’s stay-at-home order” as its rationale for the beach closing.

To date, I have seen no empirical data that would justify the “draconian” actions authorized by Governor Newsom. I would like to see the empirical data and analysis of why the Orders were required and why my (and your constituents’) rights were so restricted. If the empirical data supports the closing of only Orange County beaches, and impeding on my right and the rights of other residents to assemble and associate, then I’m asking that you simply provide that information. Further, if the data supports that decision, don’t you think you should share that information with other states? If the data does not justify the Orders, as I suspect it does not, then Orange County must examine how the Order can be more narrowly tailored so as to protect its residents’ rights without a complete ban on the Orange County beaches being open to the public..

Since the federal government did not revoke the Constitution, I would like to understand why Governor Newsom felt he could. (It should be noted that the sheriff of Humboldt County did give an interview that he would not exercise the “police state” powers but the order still exists.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing the actions taken by the Orange County Supervisors to address the Governor’s Orders discussed herein. I have an inherent need to understand why my rights have been infringed upon. I also desire to better understand how what was done served to better the residents of Orange County as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration as a fellow Bruin,  
Debra A Brown

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beach Closures  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:42:56 PM

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**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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beach Parking  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:53:10 PM

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**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](mailto: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](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beaches  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:59:34 PM

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

From: Shelley Colangelo <[shelleycolangelo@icloud.com](mailto:shelleycolangelo@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:26 AM  
To: Delgleize, Barbara <[Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Barbara.Delgleize@surfcity-hb.org)>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <[CFikes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:CFikes@surfcity-hb.org)>  
Subject: Beaches

Dear Ms. Delgleize,

Please do not encourage extremists from both sides from all over Southern California to come here to protest without proper social distancing and during this pandemic.

I saw from a patients' tv the protesters fighting etc for their right to go to the beach as my patient is fighting to get healthy and get out of the hospital. It was disturbing.

I love the beach too but support our Governor on this. Let's open up our hospitals as we are doing now for everyone. Start opening up businesses safely.

I went to the ICU for surge training and have total respect for what they do. I saw Covid 19 patients on ventilators-it is real! We have been good and there as been no surge don't risk this for the beach. Not worthy of a lawsuit!

Respectfully and from a distance,  
Shelley Colangelo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cautious opening of beaches and businesses-  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:40:21 PM

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**From:** Bobbi Ashurst <bobbiashurst@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Cautious opening of beaches and businesses-

Cautious opening of beaches and businesses- There should be a designated time for surfers only, AM is usually workable, 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM.....Let's consider establishing a Beach Concierge...Beach goers will be channeled through a booth in several locations, they will be required to wear masks, and socially distance. (This would provide a money making opportunity with the selling of masks in a booth at the beginning of the line) At the booth, their temperatures will be checked, ideally they would be given a virus test, they are then provided with a water-proof bracelet, the kind given at bars and events, and given instructions on available areas to set up and how to socially distance...

The concierges could be a way to employ those who are not able to work yet or on a volunteer basis....

Business must require masks to enter, limit occupancy, and employees must be masked.

This may all seem draconian but had there been some level of leadership earlier on, in Huntington Beach, none of the drastic measures would have occurred.

Instead of continuing to flip off the state, perhaps we should consider communication first.

It seems Newsom has been able to work with Trump despite their differences....what a concept,

Sincerely....

**Bobbi Ashurst**  
**ph - 714-969-6400**  
**fx - 714-969-0549**  
**cell- 714-287-7302**  
[bobbiashurst@rocketmail.com](mailto:bobbiashurst@rocketmail.com)



**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Close our beaches!!!  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:43:49 PM

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**From:** Kathy Johnson <[travelingkath@hotmail.com](mailto:travelingkath@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Semeta, Lyn <[Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org)>  
**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy <[CFikes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto: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

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**From:** Kathy Johnson <[travelingkath@hotmail.com](mailto:travelingkath@hotmail.com)>

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

**To:** [Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org) <[Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org)>

**Cc:** [CFikes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:CFikes@surfcity-hb.org) <[CFikes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto: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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Closure of HB Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:22:16 PM

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**From:** Lewis Harrison <lewis@lhdesign.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Closure of HB Beach

Lyn,  
I have been a HB resident since 1982 and visit the beach almost everyday whether I'm running, walking or surfing. The problem isn't just social distancing while on the beach, it's trying to cross the streets and the other access areas to get to the beach. This has been made into a political issue which is shouldn't be. You should follow the advise of our Governor Newsom.

I don't know why you went into a closed session, this should be viewed by the community of Huntington Beach community to see where everyone stands.

Best,

Lewis

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**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: COVID 19/protests/beach closure  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:56:15 PM

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**From:** Susan Harpole <susanharpole@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** lyn.semte@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** COVID 19/protests/beach closure

Hello Mayor and City Council members,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach and I am very dismayed about the way there is a lack of coordination with state and local government, and how it is being played out in the news media as well. I really feel ashamed to have people defying the "Stay at Home" orders from our governor, and seeing the spike in the number of people infected with COVID19 today and yet, city council members in the beach areas/Newport Beach/HB think the beaches should be open and allow people to do whatever they want to, without being considerate of others' health. I wanted to go to the market tomorrow, and I would be wearing a mask, and be socially distant, but now I am even afraid to leave my home with all of this turmoil and I feel that this did not have to happen if the state and local governments were cooperating with each other. I agree with our governor, and Governor Newsom made a good call in shutting down the public schools early, and I appreciated that as a public school employee. This was not the case in having such an early closure in New York, and that state has suffered because of it. We do not want to make a bad situation worse, and I would expect that the HB City Council should be respecting the need to maintain the standards that have been set in our state by the Governor to protect the health of the public during the Pandemic.

From,

Susan Harpole, HB resident

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:58:02 PM

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

From: Richard Lioy <rlioy@icloud.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 12:27 PM  
To: Posey, Mike <Mike.Posey@surfcity-hb.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Freedom

Hi Mike. Saw you on television speaking about the freedom to open up the beaches. I was wondering why there are so many rules and regulations regarding the 4th of July parade in Huntington Beach. Is it because you want it to be safe and prevent people from being harmed? Makes sense. That's the same reason the Governor is acting on this virus crisis. Also do you respect the rights and freedoms of the people who don't want to be affected by non-believing freedom whiners. Is there any respect for all the front line doctors, nurses and others that are risking their lives to care for the infected population. Maybe there is some believe in their freedoms but it sure didn't come through in your interview. Of course this isn't as big a problem as someone taking away your right to get others ill. Oh yeah and not as important as the right to have plastic bags.  
Just my opinion. Don't forget to wash your hands.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Governors lock down on beaches  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:58:32 PM

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

From: John Carter <[john.carter0007@yahoo.com](mailto:john.carter0007@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:26 PM  
To: Semeta, Lyn <[Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org)>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <[CFikes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto: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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Governors overreach of powers  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:57:06 PM

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

From: Cathie Panis <cath4772@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:00 PM  
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Governors overreach of powers

Hi Lyn - you have my full support in fighting Governor Newsom in closing our beaches. Please give Michael Gates cart blanch to do his job.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Idiots On Our Beach and On Our Council.  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:50:29 PM

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**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:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:59:19 PM

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**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](http://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](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New Beach Closures  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:50:55 PM

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-----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](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Note from Charles Goldblum  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:46:30 PM

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**From:** Charles Goldblum <chuckgoldblum@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** 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:** Note from Charles Goldblum

Hi Lyn,

For me personally, the closing of our beaches is not so much an argument about a virus, it's about not wishing to be one of the only beaches open within a 70 mile radius and you sending tweets out to the public reminding the world that we are still open. It's about allowing people to overrun our neighborhoods, leave trash everywhere, and park in all of our residential communities.

When you and the City Council saw that all of the neighboring beaches from San Clemente up to LA were closed, you should have anticipated a surge in HB and put a plan in place to manage it. You did shut down the public parking which accomplished nothing. It just moved everyone to our neighborhoods while eliminating the parking revenue for the City.

You and the Council could have easily kept the beaches open for exercise while restricting access to people who just want to sit around and sunbathe all day long. I also live in Ft. Myers Beach FL and this policy on their beaches has worked well. I have nothing against sunbathing but HB simply does not have enough space on our beaches to accommodate everyone from San Clemente to Los Angeles who would like to sit around our beaches all day. With limited space, it needs to be shared in such a way that everyone has some access to it. Let people exercise as much as they want, but when they are done, time to go home and let other people enjoy it.

But you and City Council ignored the crowds and you ignored the Governor's comments. And now you brought this closure on yourself. I have no issue with Newsom's order. It had to be done. You and the Council just messed this up and someone had to clean up your mess.

Now, instead of working with the Governor's office to fix it, you and the Council want to beat your chests with a legal challenge paid for by the residents of HB. I am not impressed.

Best Regards,

Charles Goldblum  
1508 Pacific Coast Highway  
Huntington Beach, CA

p.s. Demographically, I am a registered Independent and by trade an airline pilot for Southwest Airlines. In

the 21 years I have owned my house in HB, this is the first letter I have written to City Government.

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OPEN  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:39:15 PM

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**From:** henry flores <firemanhenry@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Re: OPEN

San Clemente beaches and businesses are opened defying King Newsom. HB should also! OC has very few cases and for this we are wreaking our economy?? Really?? How about some back bone like San Clemente. San Diego has opened beaches. His words are ruining our economy because, "HE Says so" ?? The pursuit of happiness is in the constitution. He has no valid reason!

Henry

On May 4, 2020, at 11:55, henry flores <[firemanhenry@hotmail.com](mailto:firemanhenry@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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Henry

> On Apr 30, 2020, at 13:11, henry flores <[firemanhenry@hotmail.com](mailto:firemanhenry@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
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> Stop bowing down to King Newsome! What about the lives dying from no job? No money? Businesses CRUSHED NEVER OPENING AGAIN!! Stand Strong! THIS IS WHY THE CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN!!  
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> Henry

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OPEN  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:48:38 PM

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From: henry flores <firemanhenry@hotmail.com>  
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To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
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**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please Don't forget about Sunset Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:40:55 PM

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

From: Andrea Tandler <andreatandler@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:37 AM  
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@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>; governor@governor.ca.org; Reilly, Ryan <RReilly@hbpd.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Please Don't forget about Sunset Beach

I am writing to emphatically request and implore the city council to close parking on Pacific Coast Highway between Anderson St. and Warner Ave. in Sunset Beach during this crisis and even more so now that beach closures are mandated by Governor Newsom, just as you have done for parking in downtown Huntington Beach.

We have several neighbors in our short block that are essential workers, receiving chemotherapy, diagnosed with cancer and have underlying health issues. I feel our risk is greatly increased now because the city council sees the residents in Sunset Beach to be "less important" than those that reside in the downtown area. Creating crowds WILL spread this virus there is no doubt!

Adjacent closures - Bolsa Chica State Park, Seal Beach, etc. - have forced an extreme concentration of traffic in this neighborhood. Visitors, people who obviously have no respect for others by their very presence here, are not practicing social distancing or wearing face masks making for a situation where local residents cannot leave their home for the simplest of tasks.

I also ask that signs be posted along the green belt that borders North and South Pacific Avenues stating LOCAL RESIDENT PARKING ONLY.

Thank You for your consideration.

Andrea Tandler  
16982 8th St  
Sunset Beach, CA

**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: Sunset Beach  
**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:53:38 PM

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**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](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sunset Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:53:53 PM

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**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>  
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A Sunset Beach Resident

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT of you, thank you!  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:00:30 PM

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**From:** Paul Marano <paul.barbie.marano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:17 AM  
**To:** Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of you, thank you!

Mrs. Mayor Semeta,

I am a life long resident of Huntington Beach, my parents moved here when I was 6 years old, and I want to tell you I have never been more proud to be a local than when I understood your willingness to defend our city against the far reach control of our California governor. I am in technologies at 3M Corporation and after +20 years in senior system controls I am now without sustainable work and filed for unemployment for the 2nd time in my life since I was in my twenties. Heartbreaking what I see happening to our nation, my father was a WWII vet and would be very dishonored if he could see what is happening.

I for one am proud of your stance for our city and it's beach, please keep up the fight to open our beaches and the rest of our communities. I know it is not easy, but thank you.

Sincerely,  
Paul Anthony Marano  
714-858-2800

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Surf closure.  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:52:13 PM

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-----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: Thank you  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:48:16 PM

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

From: Elizabeth Schroeder <elizabethschroeder1@icloud.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 5:16 PM  
To: Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Thank you

Dear Council Member Carr,

Thank you for voting against the motion to challenge Gov. Newsom's executive order closing Orange County beaches. It takes courage to stand up for principles in the face of vocal opposition, and common sense to listen to medical and science experts.

Yours,  
Liz Schroeder

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank You  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:54:32 PM

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

From: Simon Swart <simon.swart@woodlandsavenue.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 2:00 PM  
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>  
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Thank You

Lyn,

I dont write letter like this very much but I just wanted to thank you and the city go Huntington Beach for a rational response the Covid-19 crisis.

Managing social distancing and advising people, urging them to be responsible and stopping people from congregating in public areas while still allowing surfers in the water and people to exercise and run.

As a surfer and a professional executive I appreciate the balance between discouraging egregious and unsafe behavior and allowing people tp “Destress” and stay healthy in a responsible manner. I have been working from home for about 8 weeks now and social distancing and sanitizing, etc. - wearing a mask anytime in public etc but I run almost daily and surf whenever I can - doing both while managing safe distances.

Your Police department, Lifeguard teams and first responders have been amazing - friendly, civil, firm and part of the community.

The HB community leadership , law enforcement, lifeguards, firefighters, medics should all be commended.

My 25 year old daughter just moved into your community and I am happy she is in such a great community.

Thank you.

Simon Swart

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:52:02 PM

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**From:** Wendy Sheeran <sheeran330@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Kim,

Thank you for being one of two voices of reason in regards to closing our beaches. I am a 50 year resident of Huntington Beach. I was driving down Main Street and turned right on PCH last weekend and saw with my own eyes the swarms of people on Main and the North Side of the pier. These were not immediate families, but young groups of people looking for a good time. My daughter who was forced to move back home while attending her first year of college was in tears. She wondered if all the time she has been faithfully quarantining was all for not when she saw the hordes of others with such blatant disregard in regards to the suggestions of our health experts. She worried that this would delay her ability to go back to school in the fall. My father is currently in a nursing home and has been diagnosed with Covid 19. I am disallowed from seeing him. I wonder if the protestors were personally affected, if they would still have the attitude to disregard what we know in relation to this virus, just for a good time at the beach.

I do believe our beaches should be open for active use. My family uses the beaches daily for this purpose. From what I have personally noticed, the active users have been social distancing for the most part. I am hoping we get our beaches back soon for this purpose.

I read a Los Angeles Times Daily Pilot article and agree with your comments whole heartedly and will be voting for you and Barbara Delgleize in the future. Thank you for standing up and for recognizing what we as a city need to do for the greater good.

Sincerely,

***Wendy Sheeran***



**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Agenda Alerts](#)  
**Subject:** FW: The Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:40:16 PM

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**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.

Susan Lipscomb

[susan.lipscomb@gmail.com](mailto:susan.lipscomb@gmail.com)

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