

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Fwd: "OC Beach photo: Real news sometimes stranger . . .
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:51:33 PM

From: Ron Steinbach Home <ronsteinbach2@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: "OC Beach photo: Real news sometimes stranger . . .

Ms. Semeta, See attached photos. To claim that a telephoto does not compress distances (i.e., social distancing) is an absolute falsehood.

Ron Steinbach

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Subject: Fwd: "OC Beach photo: Real news sometimes stranger . . .
Date: Sun, 3 May 2020 17:50:01 -0700
From: Ron Steinbach Home <ronsteinbach2@att.net>
To: fpine@scng.com

I just shot a progression of photos at 28 mm, 50 mm, 100 mm, and 135 mm. Note the effect on the red tile roofs, as well as the parked cars. The same compression happens to people on a beach.

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Subject: "OC Beach photo: Real news sometimes stranger . . .
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From: Ron Steinbach Home <ronsteinbach2@att.net>
To: fpine@scng.com

Frank, as a photographer I was shocked at your untrue claims made in the above entitled article.

You wrote in part:

" . . . while others claimed we used trick photography to make the beach look more crowded.

Neither of those things is true.

Photographer Mindy Schauer, who has worked at the Register for more than 20 years, shot the photo from the Newport Beach pier with a long lens because she wanted to get as much of the beach as she could to accurately depict the scene.

"It looks like a 'Where's Waldo?' beach scene with all these people," she said in a text to her editor."

Your claims are simply untrue. A telephoto lens distorts (i.e., compresses) distances by making the people appear closer together. Of course a telephoto lens shot makes the "beach look more crowded". Ms. Schauer claims that she wanted to "accurately depict the scene". That is not true either. If so, she would have used a 50 mm standard lens.

The fact that other photographers captured the same scene proves nothing. I could have shot the same picture with my 135 mm zoom lens, or perhaps using one of my larger telephoto lenses.

I have been involved in photography for over 50 years! I find Ms. Schauer's use of the term "long lens" interesting because it misleads the public. I have never heard that term used before. I suspect the reason is that most people are familiar with the sizes of lens being in millimeters, with 38 mm for wide angle, 50 mm for standard, and various telephoto sizes such as 150 mm, 200 mm, 250 mm, etc. (Just look at advertisements for cameras and lenses.)

I could not live with myself publishing an article with a fake news headline, which article includes serious false claims.

Liberal or conservative has nothing to do with your article: false is still false.

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Beach Reopening Plan
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From: Leslie Untener <moat0904@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Beach Reopening Plan

Honorable Mayor Semeta:

As a citizen of HB, the loss of the beaches for exercise and relaxation has been upsetting, especially on top of the existing circumstances. It would be nice if you could let the citizens know what you are doing to remedy the situation and when this might happen. Now is not the time to wage a battle with the Governor's Office, but use grace to find a workable solution for the betterment of us all.

It seems that the State beaches were not overly crowded even on the hottest days. Perhaps you start opening there first.

Thank you.
Leslie Untener
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Open all
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-----Original Message-----

From: henry flores <firemanhenry@hotmail.com>
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To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Open all

To counsel: Im a long time resident here in HB. I am on the front lines as a Firfighter paramedic. Do not try to make your tax paying citizens wear masks when out doors. This is not communist china or Russia. The Corona virus is NOT AIRBORNE! I repeat, IT IS NOT AIRBORNE! It is transmissible in the air. There is a huge difference. It does not replicate in the air. It does not multiply in the air. Coronavirus-19 is transmitted the same as the Coronavirus, that has been here for the last 60 years. It is transmitted the same way the common cold. Sneezing on someone. Coughing on someone. Kissing someone. It is not even transmitted thru sweat. Our 6' social distancing came about thru test of sneezing and coughing in a closed room. Education is foremost. It is a new strain so shelter your old and those with low immune systems. It makes no sense whatsoever that if you live with the old or you have a low immune system that me and my family should be required to where a mask out in public. Talk about being selfish. When you are in public you wear a mask. When you get home wash your hands nasty. When my brothers died of cancer their immunity was nonexistent! When those you loved went thru Chemo-therapy their immunity was nonexistent! I did not expect the community to start wearing a mask for my families benefit and neither did you. If your immunity is low protect your self but dont discriminate or show prejudice because my family is healthy and choose not to drink the kool-aid. Furthermore the models that were predicted and frightened everyone were overwhelmingly incorrect. 2.5 million deaths. Not even close. Open businesses and don't let government take away our constitutional rights! I think people need to revisit the battle of Lexington.

Henry Firefighter / Paramedic 25 years

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Please safely reopen the beaches
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:52:19 PM

From: Patrick Tierney <prtierne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>; Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please safely reopen the beaches

Hello Lyn Semeta,

I would love it if the city could put together a safe plan to open the beaches like San Clemente and Laguna Beach did, instead of focusing on legal action against the state for beach closures. Please seek compromise for the benefit of your residents.

I rode my bike to see the stretch of beach between the pier and 17th street on the weekend of April 25th. The number of people hanging out in close proximity and not wearing masks was disgusting and that upset me. It made me want to move out of the city. We are in a pandemic together, under a stay at home order. It does not seem reasonable to allow people to behave like they did. Some stretches of the beach were in fact mostly empty. However, the city seems to be ignore the areas that were in fact a problem.

Many of these people arrived from out of town. The residential neighborhoods were packed with cars, like a summer day. About a half mile east of the pier, I saw several cars park in my neighborhood that were clearly non-residents trekking to the beach.

Yes, it is their freedom to get each other sick, but it is also my freedom to not get sick from them.

Please consider closing the main street parking lots and limiting the number of people allowed on the beach. Please consider ticketing non-residents who drop off groups of people at the beach, then park in the neighborhoods. Please consider allowing residents to use the beaches for recreation activities. Please consider the health of Huntington Beach residents and not the freedom of visitors. Please help open the beaches back up safely. There can be a compromise.

Thank you for your service to the community,

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