



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A NO CONFIDENCE VOTE IN MAYOR PRO TEM TITO ORTIZ, AND REMOVING HIM FROM THE MAYOR PRO TEM LEADERSHIP ROLE

On December 7th, Council Member Tito Ortiz was selected unanimously by his fellow council members to serve in a leadership role as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Huntington Beach. Unfortunately, Mr. Ortiz has failed to perform at a level expected for this position and has demonstrated little commitment to serving in the role with honor and dignity. His unprofessional demeanor and poor judgement have raised concerns among residents, local business owners, and his fellow council members. The Huntington Beach community expects local elected officials to take their governing responsibilities seriously and we whole heartedly agree.

Included in the City Council manual is an article from the Institute for Local Government, titled “*The Ethics of Speaking One’s Mind.*” In part, that article reads as follows:

“When one works in the public sector, and particularly as one moves up the levels of the organizational hierarchy in the public sector, one becomes less and less a ‘public citizen’ and more and more a ‘public servant’ ... Being a public servant may constrain your activities in many ways, including the open expression of personal views. Having the right to engage in an activity doesn’t mean exercising that right is necessarily the best course of action.”

Based on the way Mr. Ortiz has chosen to conduct himself during his time as a public servant, we are asking that the City Council consider the following:

- Issue a City Council vote of no confidence in Mr. Ortiz as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Remove Mr. Ortiz from his current leadership role as Mayor Pro Tem, and identify another member of the City Council to serve in that position.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We recommend that the City Council vote to do the following:

1. Conduct a City Council vote of no confidence in Mr. Ortiz.
2. Remove Mr. Ortiz from his current leadership role as Mayor Pro Tem.
3. Identify an alternate member of the City Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of this year.