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Dear Councilmembers:

I support Councilmember Item 21, Conducting Neighborhood-Focused Town Halls.

I believe too many areas of the City tend to be overlooked by city hall. Because HB does not have district elections, residents do not have specific councilmembers representing them. Some areas tend to be overlooked--at least that is the impression of many residents, in my view.

This impression first came to my attention about four years ago when my neighborhood in North HB got behind an effort to oppose a proposal to store cars on the abandoned Navy railroad right-of-way. Later, the neighborhood fought to maintain the size and shape of Franklin Park, as part of the residential development on the site of the old Franklin School. In both cases, I heard numerous residents express a belief that the city had forgotten about this part of town. (In another instance, I had to inform city staff that a part of our neighborhood had been left off of a proposed map included in the updated General Plan.) It is also my impression that the council and staff tend to be overly focused on the needs of downtown merchants and hotels, perhaps to the detriment of the rest of the city. (I do not begrudge the deserved attention paid to the SE area and Sunset Beach.)

Neighborhood townhalls do not have to be too frequent, but I do believe they would be very useful in connecting city leaders to residents, and be helpful in maintaining accurate communication.

Sincerely,

Dan Jamieson
Huntington Beach

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